



Marlborough Primary Academy

★ ★ Newsletter ★ ★

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER



We had a lovely return to school on Monday, with pupils excited to start the new term's learning.

On Tuesday I launched a new class reward system linked to the text 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?'. The pupils have been told that every time they are kind, polite or helpful, they will be given a cube to put in their class 'bucket', and once it is full, the class get a reward. Pupils will choose the reward they would like, and it could be anything from a games afternoon to a baking session in school! This new system is designed to encourage all children to be kind and courteous at all times (even when no one is watching) to ensure behaviour in and out of the school is positive. We reminded the children that being kind makes us feel good and we all deserve to have the very best day at school always!

There are some lovely events and activities coming up at Marlborough so please do check the newsletter for events that may involve your child/ren. We will now be sending our newsletter weekly to share all of the lovely things that happen at MPA so please look out for an edition each Friday.

Have the best weekend – Steph Macdonald.



Recognition

Award

This week's attendance winners
are: Sycamore

Whole school: 95.2%
this is above the
national average



ACHIEVER
OF THE
WEEK

Maple - James
Sycamore - Bonnie
Hawthorn - Lyla
Beech - Amelia



Willows

The children have returned refreshed and enthusiastic for the new term.

We have had a fantastic busy week. We started the week creating bonfire art using natural materials, as well as making firework pictures using black paper and chalks. In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes, with the children looking for circles and triangles within the environment. We have explored the Hindu celebration of light 'Diwali', making clay Diya lamps to decorate and learning a celebration dance.

During our outdoor learning session, the children enjoyed a variety of activities, including making bird feeders and collecting natural materials to make potions and perfumes.



Maple

This week Maple began to learn about Remembrance Day. We found the Cenotaph on Google Earth and then watched some of last year's Remembrance service in London.

We then had a go at making some Poppies in class! We will share a lovely story on Monday in class called Poppy Field by Michael Morpurgo.

We have also had lots of fun exploring the new range of books in our reading area! There are some beautiful winter stories – appropriate for the coming season!



Little Oaks

This week we have started reading a book about the Great Fire of London. We learnt about some of the jobs people did in London at the time.

We also started learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We acted out the exciting story using special masks, which was great fun.

In Science, we used salt, sand and jelly and tried to dissolve them in cold and hot water. Then we ate some yummy jelly!

We are so excited to have our whiteboard in class and we have drawn lots of pictures on it already.

Sycamore

This week, we borrowed an amazing 360-degree camera from Market Hall.

This is part of a project we are taking part in called the Barefoot Project.

We are using the camera to create footage for a film to be shown on the dome screen.

Sycamore have also made a song and created artwork too. We're looking forward to inviting our families to see the film on 26th November.



Hawthorn

We have started our new literacy module based around a book called 'The Place for me', which explores the Windrush generation and the events that followed World War Two.

In maths we are looking at improper fractions which had been challenging to begin with but now the children are showing greater understanding. This week we have looked at South America and thought about where our continents and oceans are.

In science we have started to look at forces and use our scientific vocabulary. This week we completed an experiment to identify which objects would create the biggest crater, which the children enjoyed.



Beech

A great start to term 2! The children have been super motivated this week and have shown great focus in all their learning.

In English, we have started our topic about the Windrush. We have been learning all about Floella Benjamin and Olaudah Equiano - two heroic figures in history helping to abolish slavery and shed light on racism faced by the Windrush generation. We have been learning key vocab such as: prejudice, racism, plantation, abolish, colony and empire. Test your child at home to see if they can put them in a sentence!

In maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions, including how to compare fractions. The children have found this quite tricky, so here's a link for some extra practise:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbqkvwx#z4ch3qt>

They can also practise on SATs bootcamp!

Our key vocab: fraction, part, whole, unit fraction, compare, equal to

In science, we have started our learning about forces. This week, we focussed on gravity by dropping objects into flour. The children showed their understanding of gravity and its effect on weight well, along with being about to accurately measure the 'craters' they made with the different sized objects

Our key vocab: push, pull, magnet, air resistance, water resistance, friction

In topic, we have started to learn about South America. We can find the 12 countries that make up the continent in an atlas, and we began to learn about its physical and human features.

Our key vocab: physical features, human features, equator, temperature, climate, the Andes

In RE, we have begun our topic about Islam. We have been looking at the Qur'an and why it is important to Muslims.

Our key vocab: Qur'an, Muslim, surah, Allah, sacred, harmony, peace

Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35 am and will close promptly at 08:45am. Children in Yr1-6 should be dropped off at the gate, where adults are available should they need support getting into class.



End of Day

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:10pm and close promptly at 3:20pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers.

Absence

If your child is off school please call the school number 01752 567681 and press 2 to report the absence. Can this be done first thing in the morning.

Payments

We have a number of outstanding payments due for school clubs/dinner money and trips. Can you please make sure these are paid promptly via the Teachers2Parents app, by phoning or coming in to the main office. We are happy to arrange a payment plan if you are unable to pay in full straight away.

For outstanding club payments - we will be unable to book further sessions until payments are up to date .

For outstanding lunch payments - you will be asked to provide your child a packed lunch until payments are up to date



Contact

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Clubs

Breakfast club - starts at 7:45am and cost £2 session, please use main reception to access the club.

After school club - Monday to Friday 3:15pm to 5pm, spaces are booked and paid for on School money. Session are £5 per children or £4 each for siblings.

FSM

If you think you should be receiving free schools meal and not yet applied please use the following link;

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniform.

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named.

Lost property is help behind reception if you are missing any uniform.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 11th November Anti-Bullying week
 Tuesday 12th November Odd sock day for
 Anti Bullying week
 Friday 15th November - Children in need Mufti day - £1
 includes Pudsey biscuit



MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES 2024-2025

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					Dec-24				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
	Jan-25					Feb-25					Mar-25					Apr-25				
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
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	May-25					Jun-25					Jul-25					Aug-25				
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Public Holiday School Holiday School Inset Day