



Marlborough Primary Academy

★ ★ Newsletter ★ ★

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER



Another week has whizzed by at MPA! I visited a few of the classes this week and was excited to hear that Sycamore class had already filled their 'bucket' with kindness and had won a prize of a sweet tub - well done to them.

There was some real determination observed with our Little Oaks pupils who were trying their hands at sewing this week. Some real perseverance was needed, and Kai was exceptionally proud that he had thought it was too hard, but then went on to create a lovely stitching pattern on his embroidery fabric.
Well done to Kai!

Also making a great show of determination are Y6. I visited their class this week, and they were keen to show how focussed they were on their learning. Mrs Kendall shared with me the progress they are making on their arithmetic scores. The Y6 group have gone from an average score of 18 to 27 in just six weeks! Some pupils have nearly doubled their scores, moving from scores in the teens to scores of 35+ in a few short weeks. Well done Y6.

Have the best weekend - Steph Macdonald



Recognition

Award



This week's attendance winner
are: Maple 97.3%

Whole school: 93.8%
this is below the
national average

We raised £81
for Children in
Need
Thank you so
much

ACHIEVER
OF THE
WEEK

Willows - Oscar
Maple - Daniel
Sycamore - Abigail
Hawthorn - Nordean
Beech - Krishnendu



Willows

This week we returned from lunch to discover a crime scene. On the carpet we found a pile of straw, a pile of sticks and a house made from bricks. There were also footprints. Upon investigation, we identified the footprints to be that of a wolf. A letter was delivered then from the office from PC Goat, which also contained a copy of the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children are slowly unravelling what they think happened through re-enactment and by attempting to build houses of sticks during outside learning. We will keep you posted of any updates!



Maple

This week Maple have been working incredibly hard to finish our math unit! Our next unit will be shape!

Maple have also had lots of fun with our new DT unit. This is looking at homes. This week we have been looking at different homes and thinking about who might live there. We then picked our favourite homes and wrote about them.

In history we have been learning more about how toys have changed. We watched some adverts about toys we did not recognise and then had a go at making some posters for the toys we had learnt about.

We have also enjoyed sharing a new book in class called Paddington's Postcards. We have really enjoyed reading the letters in the Jolly Postman stories and we also love learning about Paddington so this was the perfect book for us!



Little Oaks

This week we have practised a Diwali dance and made clay diyas, which we decorated with sequins and beads.

Our English work is continuing our work about the Great Fire of London and we acted out what it would have been like for families before writing about it. We wrote diary entries and also found out about what the fire service was like then compared to today.

We were proud of our sewing, where we tried making different stitches.

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

This week we have continued to focus on fractions. In English we are focusing on the Windrush and the taking a greater look at the end of World War Two and the impact this had on people.

This week we challenged ourselves and built bridges using paper and plastic straws. The children showed great resilience and communication skills.

Beech



In English, we have nearly finished our topic about the Windrush. We have been learning about why people emigrated to the UK and how they felt when they arrived. We are now preparing to write a diary entry from the perspective of a Windrush child using lots of emotive language, modal verbs and parenthesis.

In maths, we are continuing our learning about equivalent fractions, including how to add and subtract fractions by converting to the same denominator.

In science, we are continuing our learning about forces. This week, we focused on friction! The children showed their understanding of friction by pulling their shoes across different surfaces and used a Newton measure to measure the force that was needed to do so. They then wrote a conclusion from their results, describing the material that caused the most friction.

In topic, we have been learning about the physical and human features, the climate and the biome that make up South America.

Homework: Adding and subtracting fractions by using common factors and using informal and formal language worksheets.

Competitions: certificates and dojos for use of Edshed, TTRS and for reading at home!

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



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.



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>

Contact

If you need to contact

Phone number:

01752 567681

Website address:

www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk

Email address:

marlborough.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk



Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th December - Christmas Jumper day
 Friday 13th December - Christmas Fayre
 Tuesday 17th -18th December - Christmas Nativity
 Thursday 19th December - Christmas Lunch
 Friday 20th December - Last Day



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