

'Where Stars Shine Brighter.'

...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.

Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary pupils,

January was a busy, eventful and fun filled month packed with learning and opportunities! Our mission is to provide an oustanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values. This means to us that we provide our children with a transformational education, in addition to having high expectations for exemplary manners and kindness. Our Marine Curriculum aims to proivide children with a range of events and experiences for your children to take part in and further develop as learners. In conjunction with this, we are really excited to plan a range of activities for the children to complete and take part in that links to their curriculum learning. We carefully plan curriculum experiences that enrich every stage of your children's education, ensuring they spend the appropriate amount of time learning each particular area of the curriculum but still accessing a wide range of activities that will develop their knowledge, cultural capital and personal development. We hope that you develop a feel of that throughout our Newsletters, as teachers continue to write short paragraphs full of information about the goings on in each year group, but also through our Facebook page.

This week, we have welcomed back our Assistant Headteacher, Miss Mitchell, and next month we welcome Mrs Reid back to her new role as Co-Head of School. Mrs Keeler and Mrs Reid are excited to be completing this role together and you will continue to see Leaders and other staff members thresholding on the external doors during Early Morning Learning each morning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such brilliant advocates of the Academy.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Siobhan Meredith Headteacher



Marine Academy Primary Newsletter January 2023

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd to 6th February – Year 6 Residential to Paris

3rd February – Year 6 Children not going on Residential to go to Plymouth Hoe

6th February – Year 6 Children not going on Residential to take part in a Roller Disco

6th February – Reception Storytelling Extra-Curricular Club to watch 'Room on the Broom' at the Theatre Royal Plymouth

7th February – Reception Trip to Mount Edgcumbe

7th February – Safer Internet Day

7th February – Class 6AW Trip to Plymouth Synagogue

8th February – Class 6DK Trip to Plymouth Synagogue

8th February – Some children from Years 1 and 2 to watch 'Room on the Broom' at the Theatre Royal Plymouth

9th February – Reception Vision Check

10th February – Mufti: Dress to Express Yourself for Children's Mental Health Week

10th February – Last Day of Term 3

20th February – First Day of Term 4

23rd February – Some Children from Years 5 and 6 to take part in Bettinson Cup Football Tournament at Saltmiss 3G

27th February – Some Children from Years 3 and 4 to take part in Girls' Football Tournament at Manadon Sports Hub

2nd March – World Book Day Week Commencing 6th March – Scholastic Book Fair



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Year 6 - Year 6 have had a wonderful start to 2023. In Art. we have been focusing on understanding abstract art, within drawings and sculptures and particularly the works of Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. We aim to create our own clay sculptures by the end of this topic. In Maths, we have completed a module on Ratio and have begun learning Algebra with introducing 'variables'. Our class book, 'Journey to Jo'burg', has also been really interesting and we have been learning about two siblings who are going on a journey through South Africa. Once again, it has been a fantastic start to the year and as a Year 6 team, are really excited to keep this up!

Pre-School - Pre-School have had a great start to the new year. We have welcomed many new friends and they have settled in well. The children are enjoying their new topic 'Yummy in my Tummy' and have completed some amazing learning. Puffin and Penguin Class have been busy making print with different food, trying fruit and vegetables and making their own fruit salad. We had a lovely visit from Becca Children's Books Story Play, who shared books about staying calm and being resilient. The children have blown us away with their Phonics learning and they are excited to carry on learning new sounds.

— WORK HARD, — BE KIND AND — AMAZING THINGS — WILL HAPPEN. —

Conan O'Brien

Year 4 – Year 4 have participated in a wonderful array of hands-on activities this month! From being set a challenge to create a tower within a budget in their English lessons, starting to make their own podcast in Computing and learning a new skill of weaving, to introduce their new History topic. We have had so much fun! Our Science lessons have been a hit this term, with the children conducting a range of experiments to examine how easy it is for materials to change their states. It has been a pleasure to see the children immerse themselves in their new topics, including our trip to Wildwood Escot. This trip was a fantastic opportunity for the children to retrieve their knowledge, from previous History topics across the years. During this trip, the children became blacksmiths, carved out 'Marine Academy Primary' in runes and baked bread.

Year 1 - January has been a month full of lots of exciting learning in Year 1. The children have loved learning about Ancient Egypt as part of their ongoing History learning. The children have learnt lots of facts about the River Nile, pharaohs and what life would have been like in Ancient Egypt. The children did a fantastic job at comparing and contrasting items from the modern-day world to Ancient Egypt. Next month, the children will enjoy celebrating all of their learning as part of 'Ancient Egypt Day'. This month, the children have also displayed fantastic scientific skills as part of their Science learning. Many experiments have taken place, including testing which container was suitable for keeping an ice pole cold. The children also talked about what effect the sun can have on their skin and discussed how to stay safe from the sun. The children have continued to persevere with their Phonics learning. They have continued to learn new phase 5 digraphs and alternate sounds and have been working hard to include them in their writing and identify them when reading. In Maths, the children have enjoyed learning about various 2D and 3D shapes. As part of their Home Learning, the children found these shapes in their home environment. Miss Ullah was very impressed with the children's knowledge. During the children's English lessons with Mr Andrews the children have been practicing writing perfect sentences. There were many prizes awarded for super writing! Mr Andrews and Miss Ullah continue to be blown away with the children's perseverance and resilience and are proud of all of the children at the halfway mark of Year 1. We look forward to seeing more amazing learning during the month of February.

Year 3 – Year 3 have continued their amazing learning into 2023 with their new History topic the 'Shang Dynasty' and learning about light sources and reflections in Science. The children have been on a light walk around the school to find out what surfaces reflect light and surfaces that absorb the light. In Maths, the children have made excellent progress with their times table learning as well as understanding that not all numbers can be divided equally. The children can now share using remainders and explain why some numbers will have a remainder. In English lessons, the children have been creative in making their own dragon tales by reading non-fiction texts to make their own fictional text. Towards the end of the month, the children will find out more about different poetry techniques from the book 'Poetry Pie' by Roger McGough.

Year 5 – Year 5 have had a super start to 2023! Although their trip to Tintagel was curtailed by transport and weather factors and needed to be rescheduled, the children had a wonderful time visiting the theatre to watch 'Six the Musical'. This enriched their History learning about medieval monarchs and was a fantastic experience! The children have combined their English learning about play scripts and knowledge of the Battle of Hastings to write and perform a play script summarising its events. In Maths, Year 5 have been practising using column multiplication and applying this method to answer a variety of word problems. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone has been well received in Guided Reading with the children being sorted into one of the four houses and showing some excellent comprehension skills. The children have really enjoyed their Computing learning, where they have been programming micro-controllers called Crumbles, ensuring that sparkle lights and motor wheels can be operated. In Science, they have learnt about the life cycles and reproductive elements of plants and how metamorphosis occurs within the life cycles of frogs and butterflies.

Year 2 – The Year 2 children are so engaged with their History topic in Term 3. We really enjoyed our 'Great Fire of London' WOW. The children created their own mini pudding lane and burnt it down in the firepit. We have loved learning the '1666' song and have already produced some incredible fire art and London landscapes.

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During their Maths learning this term, the children concluded their shape unit. We have been so impressed with their mathematical vocabulary and ability to describe everyday objects by only speaking about properties of 2D and 3D shapes. During English, the children have looked at the book 'Little Red Riding Hood'. They have expanded their vocabulary and learnt some amazing adjectives whilst focusing on making their sentences even better using coordinating conjunctions. They have also focused on their punctuation and have learnt how to use commas and apostrophes!

The children are really looking forward to the next term and can't wait to start our new Geography topic 'Let's go to China'. We can't wait to hear about your Chinese research and see your flags so we can decorate the classroom.

Reception - Reception have had a wonderful first few weeks, immersing themselves into our new topic 'Shiver M'Timbers!' The children have taken on the role of a pirate in our brand-new role play area, as well as using recycling to create their own pirate equipment. We have been amazed by the children's ability to partition numbers and they have developed an excellent understanding of how numbers are made up. This term the children have shown great confidence in being able to form words, where the children have formed lists and labelled pirate scenes. The children have been able to follow instructions to make pirate maps and pirate hats. During PE, it has been great to see the children moving in different ways and creating their own dance routines. What excellent performers they are! We are so proud of all the children for being focused, determined and resilient learners. We are very much looking forward to our trip to Mount Edgcumbe where the children will become pirates on their own treasure island.

Nursery - Turtle Class have had a great start to Term 3. We welcomed a lot of new children at the start of January and have enjoyed learning out new topic rhyme 'Little Bo Peep'. The children have been taking part in different sheep themed activities, including making a sheep with different materials and going on a sheep hunt. The children have enjoyed taking part in more sensory experiences which has included the very exciting arrival of our sand tray for the outdoor learning area. We have also started our regular welly walks. The children have loved exploring the academy's outdoor area and have used their listening ears very well during these walks. Please can we remind our parents to bring named wellies and a change of clothes which can be kept in nursery for when they are needed, so the children can take part in more outdoor learning experiences. Thank you for your support.

Update from the Marine Academy Parliament

This month, the Marine Academy Parliament met with Mrs Ashton, our Catering Supervisor, to discuss the Summer Term Menu. The Parliament Representatives collected ideas from the children in their class, taking their responsibility very seriously, and shared them with Mrs Ashton who was very impressed with their suggestions.

During the most recent Academy Parliament meeting, the team were busy hatching plans for Random Acts of Kindness Day and Pancake Day, with more details to follow soon!





Recommend A Recipe!

We would love it if you could try these recipes at home and send in a picture of you eating the recipe with your families or a food review to <u>primary@marineacademy.org.uk</u>

Asaro Potato Porridge Recipe

Also known as mpoto mpoto, this West African favourite is usually made with yams. This variant uses a combo of sweet and white potatoes in a rich, spicy sauce to make a quick, easy and low-cost dinner.

A HEALTHY
OUTSIDE STARTS
FROM THE
INSIDE.

***ADBERT UNION
FOOD MATTERS**
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Prep: 20 mins

Cook: 30 mins

Serves 4



Ingredients

- 1 scotch bonnet pepper
- 1 medium chopped onion
- 2 red bell peppers, deseeded and chopped
- · 300ml water
- 425g sweet potato, peeled and cut into cubes
- 425g white potato, peeled and cut into cubes
- 2 teaspoons red palm oil
- 1 tablespoon ground crayfish (optional)
- 1 small (5g) lower-salt stock cube
- 80g kale, washed
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, peeled



Method

1. Add the scotch bonnet, onion and red pepper to a food blender with 300ml water, and blend to a smooth paste.

Information: For a richer, saucier consistency, add tinned tomatoes to the blended pepper mix.

2. Pour the blended ingredients into a large pot, then add the white potato, sweet potato, palm oil, stock cube and crayfish (if using). Top up with more water until the potatoes are covered by about 3cm.

Information: Yams and sweet potato can be used in place of white potatoes.

- 3. Cover the pot and boil on a medium-low heat for about 20 minutes, or until the potatoes are soft enough to mash. The mixture should be quite loose and saucy.
- 4. Lower the heat and use a wooden spoon to gently crush the potatoes and combine with the sauce.

Information: The potatoes do not have to be totally smooth – the chunks add extra texture!

5. Stir in the kale and allow the mixture to simmer for 3 to 5 minutes.

Information: Spinach makes a good substitute for kale. Frozen leaves work well too.

6. Gently create 4 wells in the mixture and add the hard-boiled eggs. Serve hot and enjoy!



Holidays During Term Time

We want all children to understand the value of good attendance and to strive to have this through developing or maintaining healthy attendance habits which when learnt young, will stand them in good stead for the rest of their school career and working life. We have recently seen an increase in the number of families taking holidays during term time. We recognise that it is often expensive to take a holiday during school breaks and that is why some parents may ask for term time leave for their children. However, it is important that parents carefully consider the implications of taking their child out of school during term time.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force on the 1 September 2013. The amendments make it clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you choose to take your child out of school for a holiday during term time which has not been authorised, you may be liable for a fine from Plymouth City Council. For further information on penalty notices from Plymouth City Council please use the following link.

You can find a link to our absence request form here:

https://www.marineacademy.org.uk/primary/term-dates

Thank your continued support.

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

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Number of Words Read This Month:

Ava (6DK) 173,175

2) Lola-May (6DK) 156,679

Silun (5AD) 134,713

Sophia (3MM) 128,390

5 Vladimir (5LI) 107,802

Amelia-Jayne (6DK) 89,828

Joseph (3CC) 86,657

86,832

Rhuber (6AW) 75,679

Hadley (3MM) 71,676 The total number of books and words read by children on Accelerated Reader so far this year currently stands at...

4,218 books and 21,471,861 words so far this year!



SUPERREADER

SHOUT OUTS!

It has been an amazing month for reading and quizzing! Well done to these superstars who have been reading lots!

Beatrice (RHR), Evie (RTG), Martha (1SU), Hugo (1SA), Noah (2JU), Scarlett (2CW), Kane (3CC), Ava-Rose (3MM), Lyla (4LG), Archie (4NH), Harley (5AD), Koby B (5LI), Jack C (6AW) and Max (6DK)!

Big congratulations go to Aashna (6AW), Silun (5AD), Joshua (6AW) and Harry (6DK) for becoming our latest Multi-Word Millionaires!

Well done to all of you - wear your badges with pride!





Online Safety

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to support your child to be safe online.

If you have any further questions or concerns about e-safety, please contact our Computing leader, Mr Druce, by emailing: primary@marineacademy.org.uk FAO: Mr Druce.

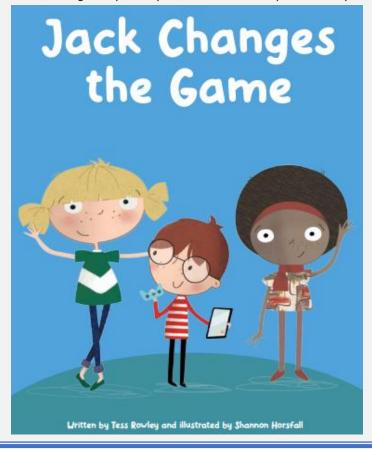
Game Finder is a new (free) service available from Taming Gaming which reflects on various aspects, such as 'How old is your child?' and 'What devices do they have?' and then provides a recommended list of suitable games. It is very helpful!



https://www.taminggaming.com/gameFinder



The following website https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers has some excellent resources to support with reinforcing online safety, including videos, fact sheets and e-books based on a range of issues like personal information and ensuring that you fully know and trust the person that you are interacting with.









WORLD WARCRAFT

WHAT ARE
THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into
a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood
movie adaptation _ but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent
iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion.
This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game — as well
as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game, Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played only probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Wacraft's developers, Bilzzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around 65D.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play, it's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcroft Is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcrott is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be warcraft's in-agame cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still great it were to great out they still great it were to great out they still great it were to great were the sections.

POTENTIAL FOR

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new tern or weapon. It's also a game that Joesn't have a definite "end" poecause as soon as a player finishes eveiling up one character, they can start afters with prosther ans.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A DEWADE

If your child is excited about getting the next
World of Warcraft expansion, you could
consider using it as a reward for completing their
weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests') like
tidying their room or doing their homework. This will
demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the
game but will also help them to build good, productive

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a siscable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until tovel 20 for free, which is easily several hours worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in—game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive longuage, World of Warrott has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

warraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

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ource: https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2011/aug/28/world-of-warcraft-video-game-addict | https://worldofwarcraft.com/en-us/sta











Sports Events across the World

- ▶ Darts: 2023 Cazoo Premier League Night 1: 2nd February 2023
 - Ice hockey: 2023 NHL All-Star Game: 4th February 2023
 - Men's rugby union: 2023 Six Nations round one:
 - 4th February: Wales vs. Ireland; England vs. Scotland
 - 5th February: Italy vs. France
 - ★ 2023 NFL Pro Bowl Games: 5th February 2023
- Darts: 2023 Cazoo Premier League Night 2: 9th February 2023
 - Cricket: Women's T20 World Cup: 10th-26th February 2023
 - Men's rugby union: 2023 Six Nations round two:
 - 11th February: Ireland vs. France; Scotland vs. Wales
 - 12th February: England vs. Italy
 - > Hong Kong Marathon: 12th February 2023
 - 2023 NFL Super Bowl LVII: 12th February 2023
 - Tennis: Qatar TotalEnergies Open: 13th-18th February 2023
 - Tennis: ABN AMRO Open: 13th-19th February 2023
- Darts: 2023 Cazoo Premier League Night 3: 16th February 2023
- ★ 2023 UK Athletics Indoor Championships: 18th-19th February 2023
- Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships: 19th-25th February 2023
 - Tennis: Rio Open presented by Claro: 20th-29th February 2023
- ★ Darts: 2023 Cazoo Premier League Night 4: 23rd February 2023
 - * Athletics: Birmingham World Indoor Tour Final: 25th February
 - Men's rugby union: 2023 Six Nations round three
 - 25th February: Italy vs. Ireland; Wales vs. England
 - 26th February: France vs. Scotland
 - Football: 2023 Carabao Cup final: 26th February 2023



We are writing to ask you do something extremely important. We need you to help us take part in the Big Battery Hunt and recycle your used batteries. Did you know that over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year. That means that over 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites where they

take over a hundred years to decompose. This is outrageous! The chemicals in the batteries can pollute the soil and water, harming poor innocent animals and



endangering our lives too. Do you really want that? But it doesn't have to be this way! You can do your bit to help our planet by going on a Big Battery Hunt to find all of our used batteries and taking them to our local recycling point. We can return them to our local supermarket when we do the shopping. It's so easy! We hope you will agree that it is so important and so easy to recycle our used batteries. We are sure you are just as excited as we are to go on our Big Battery Hunt to collect and recycle as many batteries as we can find! Thank you, Marine Academy Primary's Global Citizens



Did you know the different materials from batteries can be recycled and reused in different ways?



Recycled steel can
be used by the
construction industry.
So your old battery
could end up in a
sky scraper!





The Academy have taken part in various sporting events this month. Children in Reception took part in multi skills with schools from across our learning community, children in KS2 represented the Academy at a football competition and at an inclusive football event. The Year 3/4 Football Team represented the Academy impeccably at Manadon Sports Hub for the Year 3 & 4 Football Cluster League, where they won all four matches and the league with 12 points!



Hello from FaTMAP!

What an end to the Autumn Term we had!

The Winter Raffle was a huge success. A big thank you to those wonderful people who donated prizes and to all of you that bought a number or two. We raised £327.55, which is amazing.

This academic year we are working to raise money to buy a complete set of Chromebooks with the intention of every child eventually having access to one. In the past we have also helped the Gardening Club out, supported the Year 6 leavers with ice creams and had a great summer fair for everyone to enjoy. All of your help, whether it's donating prizes, small change, attending events and supporting us goes towards that. Look out for further updates including a tracker for you all to see our total and target.



At FaTMAP (Friends and Teachers of Marine Academy Primary), we love giving back and supporting the school and children. Of course, we always welcome new members too; we don't need too much of your time as we only meet once or twice a term and you're free to help as much or as little as you can. The more members we have the more amazing our progress will be!

If you'd like to join or would like some more information please email: <u>Fatmap2021@gmail.com</u> Best wishes,

Victoria Ashton



Uniform

Don't forget if you need any items of uniform you can purchase them from The Schoolwear Shop Plymouth, who now stock our Pre-School uniform or Brigade. If you have any items of uniform that your child has grown out of and is in good condition, please let us know so that we can have a uniform give away towards the end of term.



In January, Years 5 and 6 visited Medifest; a science exhibition and careers fair. They had a lovely time trying out all of the amazing science experiments and finding out about careers in science and medicine. It was a brilliant opportunity to widen their horizons and give them the opportunity to realise their aspirations. The children all agreed that they had a fun, informative afternoon!

















Parking

Please can we remind Parents/Carers to park sensibly on the Campus grounds. We know spaces are at a premium and it can be challenging to find somewhere to park but please avoid parking on the pavements and blocking the dropped curbs in front of the Marine Academy Plymouth. In addition, please remember that if you exit from the Marine Academy Plymouth parking area onto Trevithick Road, that there is a no right turn sign in place. Over the coming weeks, this will be monitored by the police and could result in fines for drivers ignoring this signage.





