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...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 and Nursery pupils, As always, I hope this Newsletter finds you safe and well.

For once, I find myself lost for words. It is not due to the exhaustion from what has been an extraordinary rollercoaster of an academic year and it is not because of the emotional drain from saying 'farewell' to our wonderful Year 6 children. It is simply down to the pride I have for both Marine Academy Primary and Nursery and the community that makes it such an incredible place to belong. All of this does not happen by accident. It is down to the dedication of the people around you, which is embodied in our teaching and support staff teams. It is also the people who continue making the same sacrifices every day - regardless of the challenges thrown their way - to keep each other safe, fed and clean. To the people who work relentlessly behind the scenes, our catering team, Playworkers, cleaners, Admin team and caretakers, I want to say 'thank you'! This year has also seen us record our highest attendance figures, which is testament to how safe you feel your children are at school. However, none of this would have been possible, and our children would not have had a wonderful year, without you and your support. We are incredibly grateful.





# Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter July 2021

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS...



#### Term 1

First day of school: 6th September 2021 (8th September 2021 for some new Reception children)

Last day of school: 22nd October 2021 Term 2

First day of school: 3rd November 2021 Last day of school: 17th December 2021 (at 1:00pm for Marine Academy Primary and Nursery) Term 3

First day of school: 5th January 2022 Last day of school: 18th February 2022 Term 4

First day of school: 28th February 2022 Last day of school: 8th April 2022 Term 5

First day of school: 25th April 2022 Bank Holiday: 2nd May 2022 Last day of school: 27th May 2022 Term 6

First day of school: 8th June 2022 Last day of school: 26th July 2022

Term dates are available here: https://www.marineacademy.org.uk/pr imary/term-dates

On both a personal and professional note, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the relentless optimism, dedication and unwavering support you have shown your children's class teachers and the Academy as a whole. This year has been difficult but, thanks to you, it has been significantly easier than it could have been. I really look forward to seeing everyone in September when children will return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September (some new Reception children have a start date of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – please check the

start date letter that was in the pack that you received during the New Reception Induction Events).

Have a wonderful summer and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

Headteacher





Reception – Wow what an amazing year our Reception children have had! We are all immensely proud of the children's progress in all areas of their learning. It has been wonderful to watch them grow, develop and form some super friendships. Our Reception children have learnt to read and write, all in one year! The children have become confident, friendly and well-mannered young people. This term, the children enjoyed releasing our butterflies after caring for them for 3 weeks! We have discussed their transition to Year One and we know that they will impress their new teachers just as much. We hope you all have an amazing summer!

<u>Pre-School</u> – This month the children had a superb talk from the RSPCA about how to be 'Animal Rescuers' and look after their pets. A huge thank you to Gary from Taekwondo, as the Pre-School children have had weekly sessions with him. It has been lovely watching them grow in confidence within themselves and their skills.

Thank you for all your support this year. We wish the children graduating Pre-School the best of luck in Reception. Have lots of fun- we will miss you!

To the children who are staying in Pre-School, have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Year 4 – Term 6 is always a busy but exciting term and we took part in some wonderful curriculum enrichment activities during July. After the children wrote some incredible persuasive letters to Mrs Meredith, they were given the opportunity to take part in the Aerial Adventure at Devon Cliffs in Exmouth. The children all showed such excellent perseverance and resilience whilst there. The following week, Year 4 went Bellboating. They were fabulous paddlers and had a wonderful day in the sunshine.

Year 4 have all been marvellous learners this academic year and we have had a brilliant time learning together. We hope they all have a super summer break and look forward to seeing them in September!

Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.

Conan O'Brief

## New this Vonth

Year 6 – The final month of Year 6 has been a fun-filled and busy one. Lots of learning has taken place, as well as lots of time spent with their friends, leading up to their final days. The children had an incredible time at their Forest and Beach extended day trip.

They enjoyed a range of activities such as, fire lighting and archery. They also enjoyed time on the beach, followed by fish, chips and ice-lollies. We are super proud of all the Year 6 children. Both classes never fail to make us smile and we will truly miss them.

Good luck and we hope your next chapter in life is just as fun!

Year 3 – What an action-packed term, term 6 has been for Year 3!

Every single one of the children has persevered like true Marine Academy warriors and shown great resilience and determination amidst the heat, the pandemic and the inevitable concerns about changes the end of a term brings.

Ms Bell and Miss Newell are so proud of you all - and with a mixture of sadness to say goodbye and excitement to watch you flourish in Year 4 - we wave you on and wish you the best Year 4 can offer. You are going to be awesome and we can't wait to watch you become even better versions of yourselves next year!

We hope you have enjoyed Year 3 as much as we have! This term

We hope you have enjoyed Year 3 as much as we have! This terr alone we have done so much: beatboxing, Gruffalo workshop, Sport's Day, bikeability as well as all our Maths, English and Geography learning. We wish you a fabulous summer and we'll see you in September! Hasta Luego.

Nursery – This term all of the children have really enjoyed exploring our topic, Rumble in the Jungle. They have shown how creative they are when making their own jungle animals, using lots of different materials including paint, tissue paper, feathers and even making their very own snakes to take home using salt dough. The children have spent lots of time outside, both in the garden and on the field. The children enjoyed going out to look for jungle animals as well as pretending to be different animals. We finished the term with our sponsored Big Toddle where we are so proud to raise over £1000 and want to say a massive thank you so much to everybody that helped us to get to such an amazing amount! We are also very excited to be moving into our new classroom in the Primary building and can't wait for you all to see it in September.

Year 5 – What a fantastic month it was for Year 5!

There has been amazing learning happening together with new skills gained and great fun taking place! The children completed their Position and Direction learning in Maths and adventure and expedition writing in English. In Geography, the end of topic essays about Energy and Sustainability, showed how well the children understood the information and how responsibly they will be able to look after their environments. In Science, the children took on the role of forensic scientists and conducted experiments and investigations to help solve mysteries.

We have also been lucky enough to get out and about on trips this month, including Taster Days to Marine Academy Plymouth and All Saints Academy Plymouth and a fantastic day for the Sail GP event at Tinside Lido. All children have also advanced their bicycle riding skills by taking part in Bikeability, everyone did well and received a Level 1 or 2 certificate!

We've now come to the end of Year 5 and will be sad to see the children leave us but wish them the very best of luck in Year 6. We would also like to wish all the children and their families a wonderful, fun-filled summer!

Year 2 - This year seems to have flown by and so too has the last month of this academic year. In Maths they did fantastically well when learning about time then moved on to exploring volume, length and mass. The children used their knowledge from a range of subjects, but especially Maths, in Design and Technology when using a recipe to measure ingredients and bake delicious cheese straws. To see how pleased and proud they were eating them warm was a delight. In Geography, the children showed us all their knowledge about food miles, farming and climate driven imports in detailed essays. They have been busy all the way to the end of term so deserve a good rest. Thank you for all you support throughout the year and thank you for your kind words and well wishes at the end of the term. While Miss Vickers is ecstatic to be following 2JB to 3CC, the rest of the team are feeling forlorn the year has come to an end. It has been incredible to see your children grow as people and learners and we look forward to keeping updated with all their successes in Year 3. Have a fabulous summer!

Year 1 - What a fantastic term for the Year 1 children! We have enjoyed learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour in Maths. In English, they have focused on information texts. The children innovated and produced their own information text! To consolidate their learning about our Wonderful Weather the children have produced some super essays, displaying all the wonderful things they have learnt this term. In Design & Technology, we even had a go at making our own bruschetta. The children were amazing, following some tricky instructions to create their delicious treats. In Science, we were super practical this term, designing and building appropriate shelters and rafts which the children tested in water. We hope the children have a fantastic summer. We would just like to say a huge well done for the effort and perseverance shown by the children this year!



#### WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?



From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults too.

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#### IN-STORE FITTING

Avoid the queues and book your in-store measure and fit appointment online now at www.clarks.co.uk

Choose Clarks Plymouth and a time slot that suits you.

Plus, take along your child's most recent pair of Clarks shoes, and they'll check if they're still a good fit.

#### QUIET IN STORE FITTING?

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment.

To do this, contact Clarks Plymouth on 01752 266 447

Opening hours, Mon to Sat 9.00am-5.30pm Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

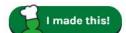




Here is another teacher recommending a yummy, healthy recipe for you from the Change 4 Life website to try at home. We would love it if you could try these recipes at home and send in a picture of you eating the recipe with your families or a food review to <a href="mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk">primary@marineacademy.org.uk</a>

#### Blueberry and banana smoothie recipe

Make a delicious smoothie with fresh or frozen blueberries blended with bananas and semiskimmed milk.



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Prep time
5 mins

Cooking time
None

Effort
Super easy

Serves
4

#### Ingredients

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

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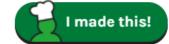
2 small ripe bananas 400ml semi-skimmed milk

75g blueberries (fresh or frozen)

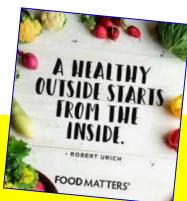
Nutritional information



- Tip the blueberries into a blender and slice in the bananas.
- Add the milk. Whizz together for a few seconds until smooth and blended, then pour into 4 glasses. Serve at once.



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#### **Online Safety**

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to further support your child to be safe online. If you have any questions or queries then please do contact a member of the Primary Admin Team or email

primary@marineacademy.org.uk to arrange a time to virtually meet with Mr Ferry, our Computing and Online Safety Leader. He will always be more than

happy to help you out!





**TikTok Introduces Family Pairing** 

More than ever, families are turning to internet platforms like TikTok to stay entertained, informed, and connected. That was, of course, happening before COVID-19, but it has only accelerated since the outbreak began and social distancing brought families closer together. The embrace of platforms like TikTok is providing families with joint tools to express their creativity, share their stories, and show support for their communities. At the same time, they are often learning to navigate the digital landscape together and focused on ensuring a safe experience. TikTok have now introduced Family Pairing to support this. Users should not begin their creator journey before 13 and are introduced to a wider array of app options for download, making it a critical time for teens and their families to learn about digital literacy and smart online behaviour. In addition to Family Pairing, TikTok already offers a number of resources to support users on this journey, including educational safety videos and parental guides like our Top Ten Tips for Parents. They also encourage parents to talk with their teens about the code of conduct outlined in our Community Guidelines to help them understand what responsible community behaviour looks like, how to identify and report content that may be in violation, and what it means to be positive digital community members.

Family Pairing allows a parent to link their TikTok account to their child's and set controls including:

- Screen Time Management: Control how long your child can spend on TikTok each day. In addition, TikTok has collaborated with top creators to make short videos that appear right in the app and encourage users to keep tabs on their screen time. These fun videos use the upbeat tone our users love while offering a suggestion to take a break and do something offline, like read a book.
- Restricted Mode: Limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate for all audiences. Even without Family Pairing enabled, parents can help their child set Screen Time Management and Restricted Mode by visiting the app's Digital Wellbeing controls at any time.
- Direct Messages: Restrict who can send messages to the connected account, or turn off direct messaging completely. With user safety in mind, there are many policies and controls in place for messaging already – for example, only approved followers can message each other, and they do not allow images or videos to be sent in messages. TikTok will now be taking those protections one-step further as it relates to younger members of their community, and automatically disabling Direct Messages for registered accounts under the age of 16.





#### **TikTok Family Pairing Feature Launch**



#### **Free School Meals**

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, we are committed to helping you to access this provision. A Free School Meal is a statutory benefit available to school children of families who receive other qualifying benefits. If your situation has changed recently and to see if your child is eligible to receive free school meals please click on this link: Plymouth City Council Free School Meals. If you are not currently eligible, including if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, please check your eligibility online as soon as possible if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals. If you need additional support as your circumstances have recently changed then please contact us and we will try our best to help you!

#### Year 4 Bellboating

On Monday 20th July, Year 4 went Bellboating at Oreston Quay.

The children had a super time and showed great teamwork as they all rowed together to take part in races and challenges!



#### **Sports Days**

Sports Days at Marine Academy Primary were different to usual this year. The children took part in a carousel of activities, including: scooting, field gun, football, basketball, taekwondo, athletics and maypole.

The afternoon was taking part in races in our classes, cheered on by the other classes in our Key Stage.

The winners for Sports Day this year were....

#### **Red Team!**

A huge well done to everyone who took part, the staff were blown away by the children's growth mindset!



The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you ll go.

Dr. Seuss

## We Are Readers



### Number of Words Read This Month:

Jacob (5AD) 437,340

2 Aidan W (5AD) 237,210

Jay (5LI) 237,197

Ryan (5LI) 194,613

5 Ava M (6AW) 132,606

6 Isla (5AD) 124,429

7 Reece (6AW) 110,739

8 Owen (6AW) 93,156

Jamie (5LI) 90,741

Isobel (5AD) 88,557 The total number of books and words read by children on Accelerated Reader this year is an amazing....

**11,861 books** and **61,820,592 words!** 



## \*SUPER READER

#### SHOUT OUTS!

Another awesome month of reading and quizzing on Bug Club and Accelerated Reader! Well done to these superstars!

Elysia (RAF), Sofian (RHR), Ava-Rose (1MM), Lucy (1SA), Peyton (2JB), Lottie (2CW), Bear (3EB), Amari (3JN), Jacob (4AJ), Gracie-May (4LG), Freya R (5AD), Kaleb-Lee (5LI), Toby (6DM) and Reece (6AW)! Well done everyone!

We have SIX new Word Millionaires! Big congratulations to Aiden H (4AJ), Isla (5AD), Abigail (6DM), Leo (6DM), Lily-Mae (6DM) and Reece (6AW)!

And we also have another Word Millionaire!
Well done to Aidan W in 5AD!

## Virtual Holiday Club

In-Person Hub

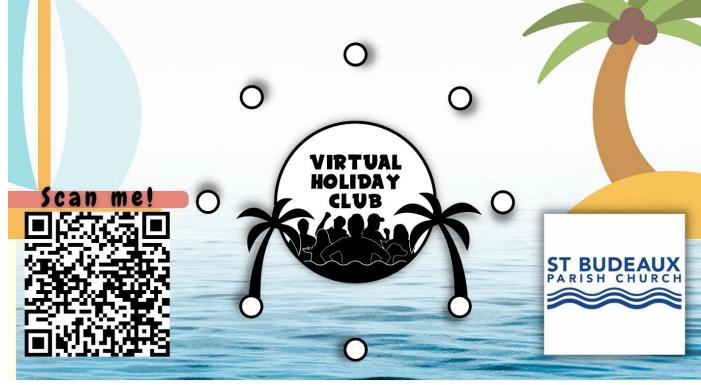
A Summer Holiday Club for children aged 7-11 09.30-12.00 from 9th-13th August St Budeaux Parish Church Community Hall, PL5 2HN



For more info or to book a place, visit:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/virtual-holidayclub-in-person-hub-tickets-158886360381

Or scan the QR Code below



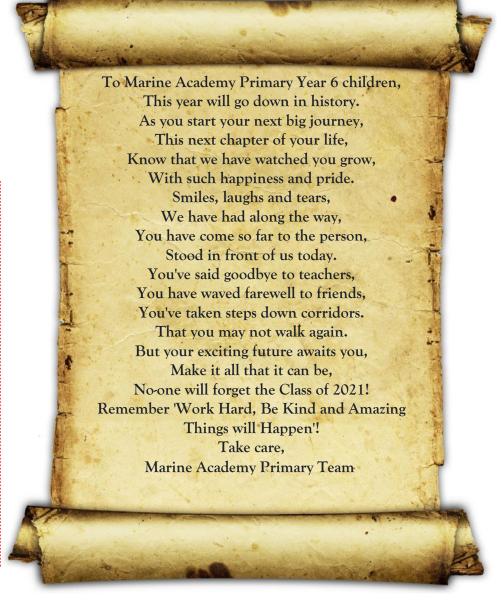




Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!

On the final day of Term 6, Marine Academy Primary said a final farewell to the Class of 2021. There was ice cream, a bus trip, a three-course meal and more! The children had a great afternoon together and it was brilliant to reflect on their time at Marine Academy Primary. Many of this cohort were part of the Reception Classes that joined in September 2014, which was Marine Academy Primary's second year of existence! Each and every one of them are incredible individuals, fantastic role models and have been a pleasure to educate. We are proud that we have been a part of their journey so far and wish them the best of luck for their time at

secondary school and the future.



Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

Our earth is very special. These activities will help you reflect on how we can make it a better place.

Imagine you're a reporter.

Can you write a news report from today? What is the major event you will write about? 2 Interview someone in your family about the world today, what will you ask? Write



3 Plant a seed! Plants can save

Plants can save the earth! Can you plant a tree that will last for years?



Clean up your \_\_\_\_ \_ \_ Quiz time!

patch of earth.
Go out for a walk in your area, collect litter that has been dropped and put in the bin. Don't forget a pair of gloves and a rubbish bag.

Can you think of ten questions about the earth today?
Try them out on someone! How many can they answer correctly?

What does the earth look and feel like today?

Can you write a short description? Include what you like and don't like. 7 Hello me! Write a letter to yourself to open in 20 years time.



Investigate!

How are we harming the earth at the moment? How can we change that? Write down what you discover.

9 Write a poem, song or rap to remind people to

remind people to look after the earth. Perhaps the title could be 'pollution

solution'

it be like to time travel? Write a story about it! Which year will you

Which year will you travel to? What does the earth look like then?

What would

| | Wild art!

Collect things from the garden and make a piece of art. A picture or sculpture from twigs or leaves, or something else. Upcycle!
Use Items from

your recycling to make something cool. A model, a piece of art or something else.



Write a diary entry of a

memorable day from this year. Make sure you include how it made you feel.



14 Should we celebrate Earth Day every year?

Or should every day be Earth Day? Debate and discuss with someone you know. 15 Ask a friend or family member to write a letter to you. Keep it safe and re-read it in



Draw, paint or make a model of what you think the earth will look like in



Take charge!
Can you be in
charge of recycling in
your house?



18 Favourite things.

What are they at the moment? Write a list. How much do you think they will change over time? Draw a self-portrait. What do you look like now?



20 Be thankful. Write a list

or draw a picture of all the things you're thankful for on Earth right now.



21 Start a scrapbook.

Collect things from this year to include in it. Photos, newspaper clippings, tickets. What else could you include? **22** Going for goals. Write a list of your goals for the future. What do you hope to achieve?



23 Eco-warrior!

Create a list of the rooms in your house and monitor how often the lights are used. Can you save electricity in any of them?

24 Design and make a poster of all the ways we can look after the



25 Make a time capsule.

You could include all of the things you produce from these activities. What else? Hide it away and don't open it for years to come.

#### Rhuben Plays for Plymouth Argyle Football Club

We are always exceptionally proud to celebrate the achievements of Marine Academy Primary children from outside of the Academy and are looking forward to doing this more from September, when we resume whole school celebration assemblies.

We were thrilled to hear about how Rhuben from Year 4 played against Liverpool and Everton Football Clubs with his Plymouth Argyle team.

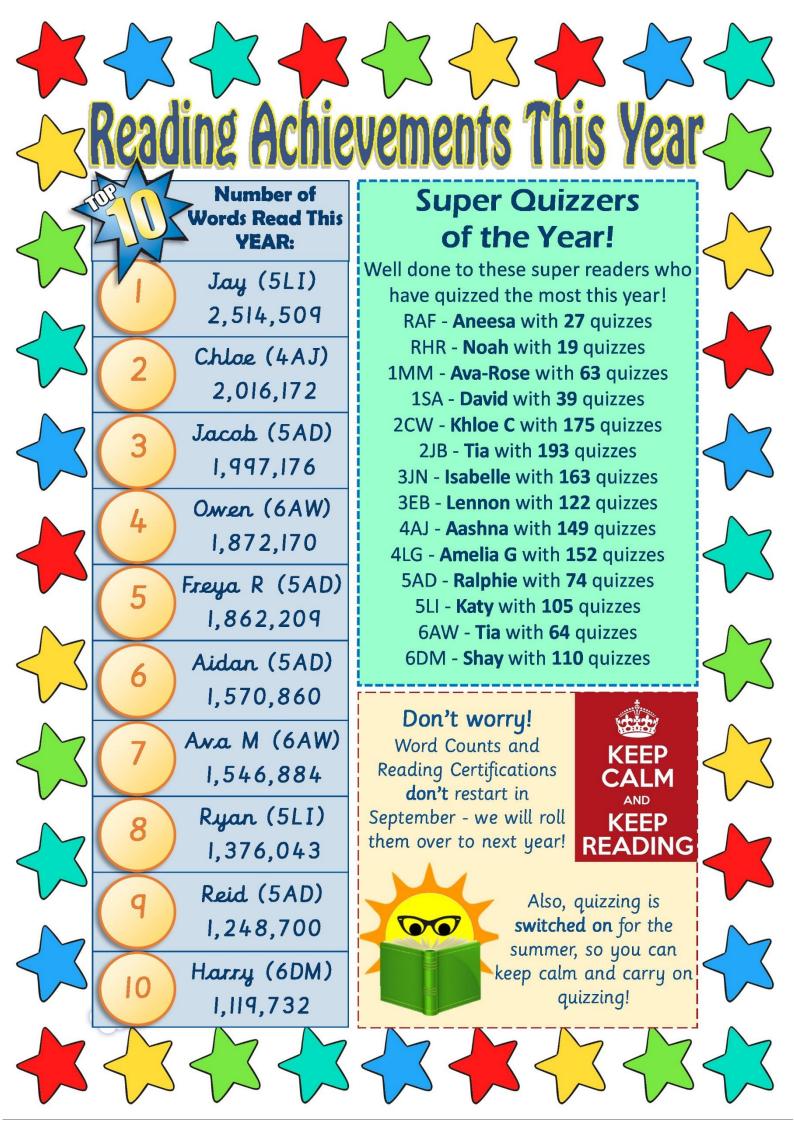
Rhuben had a great time away and it was such a fantastic experience for him and the team. Rhuben was even voted 'Man of the Match' when his team played against Everton Football Club. He was awarded this for how hard he worked throughout the match.

During their time away, Rhuben was also fortunate enough to meet Ryan Lowe, Plymouth Argyle's first team manager.

Here are some photos of Rhuben's successful weekend away. Well done Rhuben!





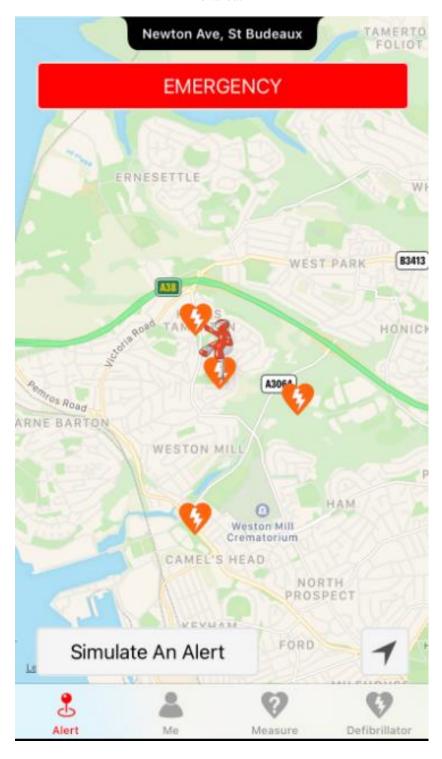




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The app pinpoints your location and will also show you any defibrillators around your location.

You can also enter any past medical history that might be useful if you were to become ill, the responder can then see the information. If you trigger an alert for an emergency you are witnessing, this information will not be shared.



## Summer Reading Bingo!

For recommended booklists themed by age group or topic, visit booksfortopics.com

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Read something you've read before Date Title	Read to someone older than you Date Title	Read instructions for something Date Title	Read a book that makes you laugh Date Title	Read in the park or on the beach Date Title	
Read before you eat your breakfast	Read on a Monday	Read on a rainy day	Read some non-fiction	Read a book written before you were born	
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Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_School \_\_\_\_\_







#### In case you missed it in last month's Newsletter...



#### Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

For this year's Challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes', which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live.

The Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. From Thursday 1st July, children can head to their local Plymouth library to collect a special Wild World Heroes pack. There is a medal and certificate for every child that completes the challenge! It is available in all Plymouth libraries from 1st July until 11th September. Children can also take part online through the official digital Challenge platform <a href="https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/">https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/</a>.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11 and those under 4 can take part in the Mini Challenge.

For more information, please watch this video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a>
<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">v=RvSJjL6uNOQ</a> or visit the website <a href="https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge">www.plymouth.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge</a>.

The staff at Plymouth Libraries look forward to seeing you this summer!

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Read while eating a snack  Date Title	Read a book that makes you laugh  Date Title	Read in your favourite reading place  Date Title

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