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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary pupils,

March has certainly proven to be a busy month at Marine Academy Primary! As a whole school this month, we have done the following things:

- ★ We took part in World Book Day and it really was a day where everyone celebrated their love for reading. We really enjoyed seeing children in their costumes and their pyjamas but most of all, we enjoyed seeing the children's pure delight when sharing a book.
- ★ We raised £2471.59 for Comic Relief – a huge thank you for all of your support and contributions.
- ★ We participated in the Big Walk and Wheel fortnight and have really enjoyed seeing children being safe on their scooters and bikes when actively travelling to school.
- ★ Classes in Key Stages One and Two took part in some really worthwhile Geography fieldwork.

Outside of these brilliant fundraising, community and curriculum enrichment opportunities, we have been really celebrating the number of times that children read at home and log this on Boomreader, with Class 2JU being the champions three weeks in a row! Our children as a whole have also read more words in March in comparison to February. Well done!

We believe in two values at Marine Academy Primary:

1. Work Hard
2. Be Kind

These two values together ensure that 'amazing things will happen.' Our children and staff certainly embody these values day in, day out.

Have a really wonderful Easter break!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Siobhan Meredith
Headteacher

Marine Academy Primary Newsletter March 2023

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st March – Last day of Year 5 Swimming

31st March – FaTMAP to run Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Disco (2:00-3:00pm)

31st March – FaTMAP to run Years 3 and 4 Disco (3:30-4:30pm)

31st March – Last Day of Term 4

17th April – First Day of Term 5

17th April – Children due to join Reception in September find out which primary school they have been allocated

18th April – Year 6 to attend Literacy and Storywriting Workshop at Plymouth University

19th & 20th April – Year 6 Mock SATs

21st April – Parents/Carers to receive a letter with information about the Summer Fair

21st April – Some children to take part in a Football Tournament at Cranbrook Education Campus

24th April – 10 x Year 5 children to take part in a Sports session at All Saints Academy Plymouth

28th April – Muffi with a donation of chocolate in aid of the Summer Fair Tombola

1st May – Bank Holiday: School Closed

3rd May – Year 5 History Trip to the Barbican and Hoe

5th May – King's Coronation Outdoor Learning Day

8th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

9th to 12th May: Year 6 SATs Week



New *this* Month

Year 4 – During this term, we celebrated 'British Science Week', where we focused on 'Connections'. In line with this theme, the children explored where food came from, using food chains. We then discussed how we can increase the insect population and explored how Marine Academy Primary can support this. We even went on an insect bug hunt in our outdoor area! In Maths, the children have focused on fractions for this term. This has been a challenging topic but it has been a great opportunity for everyone to showcase their times table knowledge. In English, we have been reading 'A Walk in London' and the children have innovated this text to include historical places in Plymouth, which has been fantastic! To support our Geography fieldwork, we walked down to St Budeaux square, to interview members of the public, to ask them about internal migration. The children showed impeccable MAP Manners!

Year 6 – Year 6 have been working extremely well and it is lovely to see them growing in all areas. In Maths, we have been focusing on Statistics and Geometry. In particular, it has been great to see children mastering their skill of finding the mean of a set on numbers and being able to translate and reflect shapes. Reading has brought great conversation and debate to Year 6. The class book is 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and although we aren't at the end, the children have been predicting really well and showing maturity in being able to sympathise with some of the characters. Year 6 have also been taking SATs practice in their stride and have been inspirational in their attitude to pushing themselves further. Keep it up Year 6, you are amazing!

Year 3 – This month, the children in Year 3 have engaged brilliantly with their Geography topic "Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes". Earlier this month, the children watched their volcanoes erupt using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to replicate a life-like volcanic eruption. Furthermore, the children can explain how a volcano and an earthquake occurs and the short-term and long-term effects it can have on people's lives. In Maths, the children have shown fantastic learning to compare different lengths and measurements. The children solved real-life problems involving converting millimetres to centimetres and centimetres to metres. More recently, the children have thought about fractions by finding equivalent fractions of one half and one quarter. They have taken part in some great Science learning where they have explored the different parts of a plant and cut open fruit and vegetables to explore seeds when learning about seed dispersal! In English, they have enjoyed making their own characters for their own fictional stories and have become professionals at using similes! In Year 3 everyone has had lots of fun taking part in World Book Day and Red Nose Day. We loved seeing everyone's costumes and the children helped to raise a fantastic sum of money for charity.

Work Hard, Be Kind and Amazing Things will Happen!

Year 1 – The month of March was another exciting one in Year 1. The children enjoyed riding the Ocean City Tour Bus around Plymouth as part of the Geography topic, 'To Plymouth and Beyond!' The children took in all of the sights of the city and were able to talk about the key landmarks. The children were super roles models throughout the day and were a credit to the Academy. The month of March also saw the return of 'Comic Relief'. The children did a fantastic job raising lots of money and had fun along the way. They looked great in their red muffin and voted superbly in 'The Masked Singer: Teacher edition'. Mr Andrews is still on a high from winning! There have been many opportunities for great learning this month. The children have really impressed the adults in Year 1 with their Geographical vocabulary and are able to recognise different types of housing. In Maths, the children have been learning to count in 2s and 5s and have started to solve number problems relating to these. In English, the children learnt all about the Chinese New Year and then created their own information pages about Easter. The children became super Scientists during British Science Week! They expertly investigated what the number of insects in our outside area was. The children were able to use their observation skills to do so. It has been another fantastic term in Year 1. All the staff wish the children a restful Easter. We cannot wait to return for the Summer term where the children will be learning about the Ancient Olympics as part of the History topic, 'Significant Sports Stars'.

Year 5 – Year 5 have enjoyed a range of great experiences during March. A highlight has been their swimming lessons at the Life Centre and it has been absolutely wonderful to see the skills progression and resilience that they have demonstrated. Alongside this, the children have had an enjoyable visit to Bellever Forest to complete some Geography fieldwork and a lovely open-top bus tour through Plymouth to complement their English learning. In English, Year 5 have learnt about a range of letters and written their own persuasive versions about combating climate change. In Maths, they have been making excellent progress through their fractions topic, where they have been finding equivalent fractions, converting between improper and mixed formats, as well as adding and subtracting them. In Science, the children have enjoyed British Science Week and their learning about forces. It consisted of designing an experiment to investigate the effects of air resistance and using Newton meters to weigh a range of objects.

Year 2 – What a wonderful term Year 2 have had! The children have been continuing their exploration of China in Geography. They had made excellent links when comparing the Chinese city Kunming to Plymouth; in Maths, they have been learning about measure and in English they have been writing letters and stories using the wonderful book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. As a treat for writing such amazing persuasive letters to Mrs Meredith, she graciously accepted our request for a trip to Dartmoor Zoo. Well done Year 2. Your letters must have been amazing to receive such a wonderful reward!

We were overwhelmed by your amazing responses to the Science Home Learning. We genuinely loved looking at all your posters, photos, and video clips. We just wanted to say we are so grateful for your engagement on the Boom Reader app. Your comments about your child's reading really supports the sessions we are doing in school.

Pre-School – The Pre-School have blown us away with all of the amazing learning they have been doing throughout our topic 'Dinosaur Detectives'. They have made their own dinosaur footprints using different coloured paint, been dinosaur detectives and found different dinosaurs in the outdoor learning area and even made their own class dinosaur eggs. It has been wonderful to see the amazing learning they have created and the great perseverance they have shown during their independent learning time challenges especially when making and decorating their own dinosaurs. We have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and Red Nose Day and the children were amazing at their plank challenge! The children have blown us away with their Phonics learning and have applied this during their learning time at our Sound of the Week table. In Maths, the children have been adding one and counting backwards which they have done with such confidence it has been amazing to see! We are very excited to welcome new friends after Easter! We would like to wish all of our Pre-School children a Happy Easter and are looking forward to seeing you after the Easter Break and learning all about 'Are We There Yet?' our new transport topic!

Nursery – Turtle Class have had a very busy and enjoyable term. We continued learning our rhyme Humpty Dumpty and have been practicing the Makaton daily. During independent time we have been completing Humpty Dumpty puzzles, putting bandages on Humpty Dumpty and making Humpty Dumpty with paint and egg-shaped sponges. The children have continued to use our new sand tray and water tray well and have shared the resources beautifully. World book day was a very exciting day. The children loved dressing up and reading stories together with some Hot Chocolate. We also enjoyed exploring Red Nose day together and worked hard to make our own red noses with tissue paper. The children were also very proud of their Mother's Day cards. Turtle Class have also started having Music time on a Wednesday and the children have loved having a go with the boomwhackers. We are also enjoying Taekwondo with Gary and Spanish with Amy every week. We wish our children who are moving up to pre-school all the best and hope everyone enjoyed the Easter Holidays. Thank you for your support.

Reception – Reception have made such amazing progress this term and have shown super dedication to learning. During our topic 'Deep Sea Divers' the children have learnt facts, explored what it means to be a diver and shown care and understanding to look after our sea animals. The children have enjoyed taking on a role in our role-play aquarium, including being a diver or manager. They also thoroughly enjoyed their trip to The National Marine Aquarium and were impeccably behaved in a public space. The children have learnt all about 2D shapes this term, thinking about the differences and similarities, as well as identifying the properties of each shape. Thank you so much for reading with your child at home. It makes a real difference to their learning and confidence to read. We have loved observing the children reading to their friends during Independent learning Time, as well as writing independently! The children have taken part in many events around the school, including British Science Week and Red Nose day. Our highlight was most definitely our Mother's Day event. Thank you attending; it was lovely for our children to reflect and show an understanding for Mother's Day.

Update from the Marine Academy Parliament

Friday 17th March saw Marine Academy Primary come together to raise money for Comic Relief. We had: faces being painted; children (and staff) planking; a raffle with amazing prizes and finally The Masked Singer-Teacher Edition, where Mr Andrews was crowned The Masked Singer champion. On behalf of Marine Academy Parliament, thank you to everyone that helped to raise funds for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. As a school community, we managed to raise an impressive £2471.59.



This month, Marine Academy Parliament also enjoyed a trip to London. All of the children showed impeccable behaviour and were super representatives for our school.



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 primary@marineacademy.org.uk

Banana and Apricot Bagels



Such a simple idea – yet these fruity bagels taste so good!

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 2 mins

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 4 wholemeal bagels, sliced in half
- 80g low-fat soft cheese
- 40g ready-to-eat dried apricots, chopped
- 2 bananas, sliced

Method

1. Preheat the grill. Lightly toast the cut sides of each bagel.
2. Mix the low-fat soft cheese and apricots together and spread over the bagel bases. Top with sliced banana then sandwich the bagel tops in place.

If you cannot eat dairy, leave out the soft cheese. Mash the banana and spread over the toasted bagel, then sprinkle the chopped apricots on top.

ARE YOU ONLINE SAFETY AWARE?

Online Safety

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to support your child to be safe online and access the benefits that the internet has on offer. 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.

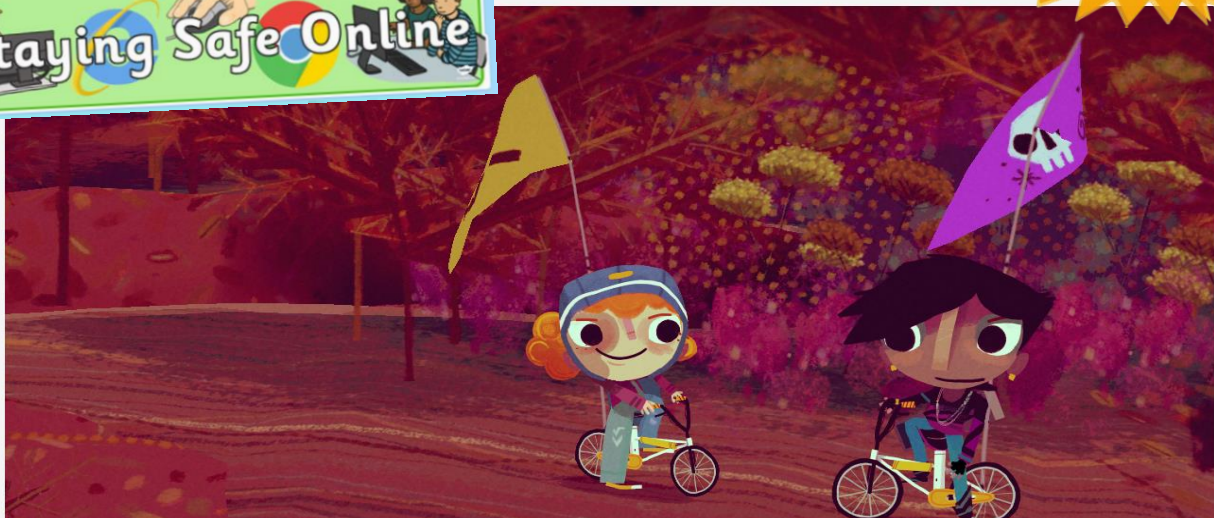
As much as there's a lot of discussion can talk about the negatives of gaming, playing games can be hugely beneficial in areas such as teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking and reading. This is particularly beneficial for those children who are reluctant to read. Andy Robertson has put together a great selection of games which you can view here:

<https://www.askaboutgames.com/news/great-video-games-that-get-children-excited-about-reading>

Great Video Games That Get Children Excited About Reading

By Andrew Robertson 16/03/2023 Video Game News

TOP TIPS



Vodafone have created an excellent free resource for parents/carers including information, YouTube videos and an interactive resource providing information about parental controls and safety settings. The link to these resources is here: <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting-pro/>
Whether you'd like to manage screen time limits, filter out harmful content or simply understand what the latest app or game is all about, our online safety experts have gathered all the facts for you.

Choose from a list of apps, games or devices below by clicking on the arrows to find out how to use their parental controls



Social media & messaging apps

Please Select



Games

Please Select



Smartphones & tablets

Please Select



Asthma Friendly School Award

We are working very hard to become an Asthma Friendly School! Miss Codner is our named Asthma Champion who is responsible for maintaining our asthma register, ensuring staff are trained and working with families to ensure children with suspected or confirmed asthma are supported at the Academy.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

We are an **ambitious** and **inclusive** school, **strengthening our community** through **excellent education**.



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. More information can be found here: <https://www.marineacademy.org.uk/primary/term-dates>

Updates from Mr Clennel-White about Design Technology and Music this Term!

Design Technology: The classes have had an amazing time studying Design and Technology this term, with Year Five exploring Geodesic domes and the tension / compression forces required to keep the structure safe down to Year One studying healthy diets and creating their own recipe for food. It has been a very productive, creative term indeed!

Music: Children have been working hard this term in learning their terminology for Music: quavers, crotchets, timbre, pulse... all are useful terms that help them to become amazing musicians, from rhythm work and percussion in EYFS through to Ukulele players in Year Three, all the way up to Djembe players in Year Five. Wonderful performers every one of them – well done!

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



TOP
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Number of Words Read This Month:

1	Chloe (6AW) 220,880
2	Sophia V (3UN) 180,646
3	Oliver T (6DK) 161,052
4	Derin (4NH) 123,874
5	Alyssa (4LG) 121,918
6	Zack W (4NH) 108,600
7	Sophia D (3UN) 106,802
8	Thalia (4NH) 105,246
9	Adeago (3CC) 102,651
10	Gracie-May (6DK) 93,760

The total number of books and words read by children on Accelerated Reader so far this year currently stands at...

**6,687 books and
31,081,070 words**
so far this year!

WOW!



SHOUT OUTS!

It has been another amazing month for reading and quizzing!

Well done to these superstars who have been reading lots at home!

Cohen (RHR), Evelyn (RTG), Carter (1MM), Luke (1SA), Alfie (2CW), Murphy (2JU), Kane (3CC), Sophia D (3UN), Marnie (4LG), Macie (4NH), Marcus (5AD), Sophie (5LI), Alice (6AW) and Oliver T (6DK)!

And here are the top quizzers for this month!

Bella (2CW), Hope (2JU), Bobby (3CC), Jamond (3UN), Beau (4LG), Kira (4NH), Effie (5AD), Koby C (5LI), Jack C (6AW) and Xavier (6DK)!



Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

Joseph Addison

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THEATRE
CAMP**



**THE SOAPBOX THEATRE,
DEVONPORT PARK**

*Free for children eligible for free school meals (Paid option also available)
Book at www.stiltskin.org.uk

Fit and Fed



Places where children can eat for free or £1 this Easter

Marks and Spencer

Kids can eat free if M&S cafes if an adult spends £5

Morrisons

Kids eat free all day, every day with one paying adult.

Dunelm

Kids eat free when an adult spends £4

Asda

Kids eat free when families who spend £4 in Asda Café

Beefeater

2 children get a free breakfast with one paying adult

Hungry Horse

Kids eat free with a paying adult

Bella Italia

Kids eat for £1 when an adult buys a main meal



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR
OUR ASPIRATIONS DAY!**



**MARINE ACADEMY
PRIMARY**

Making Aspirations Possible

This year, we will be holding our whole-school **Aspirations Day** on **Tuesday 20th June 2023**. The day is all about raising our children's aspirations for their futures and learning about a wide variety of jobs, what they entail day-to-day and how people get into them. The children will meet a variety of visitors, in school and virtually, who will talk to them about their careers and occupations.

Last year, we had a range of professionals visit to talk about their jobs and would love to do the same again! So, if you would like to come in to school on Tuesday 20th June and talk to some of the classes about your role, please complete the form to let us know, and we'll get back to you about it.

Thank you very much in advance for helping us Make Aspirations Possible!

20.06.2023
Save the Date

Our whole-school **Aspirations Day** will be on **Tuesday 20th June**.

Children will be invited to dress as what they aspire to be in the future, on this day.

Please complete this [form](#) if you are able to come into school or meet with the classes virtually to talk about your career or profession.



**MARINE ACADEMY
PRIMARY**

**Science FAIR
2023**

If your child would like to enter the **Science Fair**, they can request an information pack from their teacher. These will be available from Monday 20th March. We will hold our Science Fair during the week beginning Monday 24th April and the children can bring their entries into school at any time during the previous week - between Monday 17th and Friday 21st April.

SAVE THE DATE

YOU ARE INVITED



CLASS ASSEMBLY, 9:15-9:45AM

WATCH YOUR CHILD SHARE THEIR LEARNING FROM THIS ACADEMIC YEAR WITH THEIR PEERS IN THE HALL.

Class	Date
RTG	Monday 26 th June
RHR	Tuesday 27 th June
1SA	Wednesday 28 th June
1MM	Thursday 29 th June
2JU	Monday 3 rd July
2CW	Tuesday 4 th July
3UN	Wednesday 5 th July
3CC	Thursday 6 th July
4NH	Monday 10 th July
4LG	Tuesday 11 th July
5LI	Wednesday 12 th July
5AD	Thursday 13 th July
6AW	Monday 17 th July
6DK	Tuesday 18 th July

“ WHEN YOU CONNECT WITH OTHER DADS YOU DEFINITELY SHARE THE LOAD ”

A great opportunity to meet other dads and male carers and find out what services are out there for you and your child.

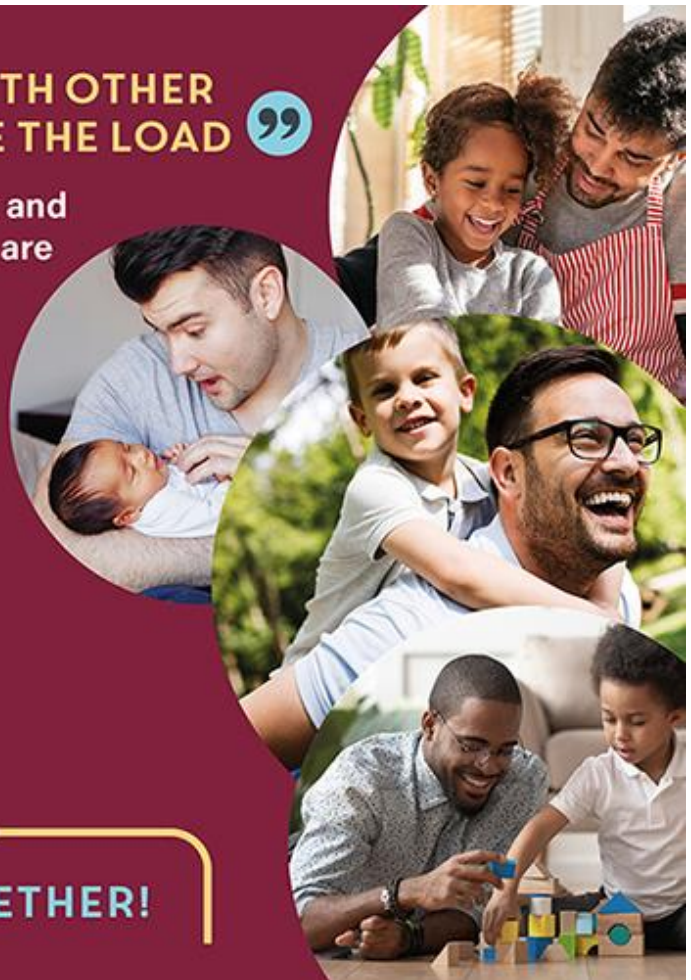
- Learn about your child's development, how to boost play & enrich your relationship
- Understand your child
- Appreciate how important your role is
- Hang out, connect & chat with other dads
- Receive parenting advice & support
- Feel good about yourself

Are you a dad or male carer with a child under the age of 11?

Tel: 07971094826

Email: GreenArkCC@actionforchildren.org.uk

**DADS! GET READY!
GET CONNECTED! GET TOGETHER!**



Easter Flapjack



Ingredients

45g brown sugar
145g butter
60g golden syrup
215g rolled oats
200g milk or dark chocolate or a mixture of both
1 x 89g bag of mini cream-filled chocolate eggs or 1 x 80g bag of sugar-coated chocolate mini eggs

Equipment

Large pan
20cm² baking tin lined with non-stick baking parchment
Wooden spoon
Glass bowl
Small saucepan
Microwave (optional)

Method

1. Wash your hands and put on an apron.
2. Preheat the oven to 180°C, Gas Mark 4.
3. Melt the sugar, syrup and butter in a large pan until melted, bubbly and caramel in colour.
4. Turn off the heat and add the oats, stirring well until everything is combined.
5. Press the mixture firmly into the prepared baking tin and bake for 20-25 minutes until lightly golden on top.
6. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.
7. Meanwhile, melt the chocolate in a bowl over a small saucepan filled with simmering water. Alternatively, melt the chocolate by placing the bowl in the microwave for short 20-30 second bursts on a medium setting. Be careful, as chocolate burns easily if overheated.



Easter Flapjack

8. Spread the melted chocolate over the top of the cooled flapjack.
9. Decorate with whole sugar-coated eggs or cream-filled eggs sliced in half (this is easier to do if you have placed them in the fridge beforehand). Alternatively, open the bag of sugar-coated eggs slightly and bash with a rolling pin, then sprinkle the smashed-up eggs over the top of your flapjack.
10. When completely cool, remove from the tin and slice before serving.

To make the recipe vegan, simply replace the butter and chocolates with a vegan substitute.

