

'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, I write this Newsletter to you at the end of what has been a week of beautiful weather, with the same forecast for the half term break, I hope you all enjoy a week of sunshine, happiness and joyous family time. Considering the increased number of sunny days we will hopefully see during the next half term, please ensure that your child has a water bottle and sunhat with them each day and has had sun lotion applied before coming to school (later in this Newsletter is our quick guide for staying safe in the sun). During Term 6, we always try to spend as much time as possible outside. Children will also continue to have their scheduled PE lessons each week, which are likely to be outside.

We are really excited about Sports Days, which will take place during June and even more so that they truly will be a full day event for all year groups. We are excited that you will be able to join us for the afternoons of the Sports Days too! We are also looking forward to welcoming you into the Academy for the Class Assemblies, where each class will be sharing and celebrating their learning from this academic year. The dates for both the Sports Days and Class Assemblies can also be found later in this Newsletter.

May has been a great month at Marine Academy Primary; with our Year 2 and 6 children completing their End of Key Stage Assessments and all of them showing incredible resilience and high levels of positivity; a super Coronation themed day at the start of the month and face to face Children's Progress Meetings. With over 90% of Parents/Carers making an appointment, it was our most successful set of sessions in recent years and the teachers had a brilliant time meeting with you in person.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Siobhan Meredith Headteacher Marine Academy Primary Newsletter May 2023

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 26th May – Last Day of Term 5 7th June – First Day of Term 6 8th June – 30 x KS2 children to watch 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' at the Theatre Royal Plymouth 12th June – Extra-Curricular Activities resume 12th June – EYFS Sports Day 13th June at 9:00am – Class RHR 'Special Gentlemen' Event 13th June at 1:00pm – Class RTG 'Special Gentlemen' Event 14th June – Lower Key Stage 2 Sports Dav 19th June – Key Stage 1 Sports Day 20th June – Aspirations Day 21st June – Upper Key Stage 2 Sports Dav 22nd June – Pre-School Graduation Photos to be taken by Jelly Images 23rd June – 10 x children from Debate Club to visit the Houses of Parliament, London 23rd June at 10:15am – Nursery Sports Morning 23rd June at 1:30pm – Nursery Sports Afternoon 26th June - Class RTG Class Assembly 27th June – Explorer Dome Workshop for Year 3 27th June – Year 5 to attend Taster Day at All Saints Academy Plymouth 27th June – Class RHR Class Assembly

20th July – Last Day of Term 6



Year 4 - What a fantastic term we have all had in Year 4! In English, the children have loved writing their innovated adventure story after reading their text 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. This text linked nicely with their History topic 'Vikings'. This topic has highlighted several opportunities for the children to recall their Anglo-Saxon knowledge from Term Three and it is evident that they are able to compare and contrast the different eras. Children have been really positive about their Computing learning this term. Our focus has been on creating a new game in Scratch, where they were able to create new sprites with infinite loops. In Maths, we have been focusing on decimals and the children have a thorough understanding of their place value, multiplication and division knowledge, which has been covered in previous terms. We are looking forward to all of the fun opportunities that will arise in the final term!

Year 6 - We are so proud of Year 6. They worked tirelessly to prepare and complete their end of Key Stage 2 Assessments and their commitment and effort were inspiring. To celebrate we had a Silent Disco and went to Mount Edgcumbe, where the children all enjoyed a day of relaxing and playing games. This term, Year 6 have also enjoyed their History learning about 'Twentieth Century Conflict'. They have looked into how WWI and WWII begun and discussed what they thought was most important in starting the wars. Next, we are really looking forward to enjoying Year 6's last term of primary school!

Year 1 – The children in Year 1 have had a fantastic month of May! The children had a wonderful time celebrating the coronation and enjoyed taking part in a range of outdoor learning activities. The children displayed super British values throughout the day and enjoyed tucking in to a whole school meal in the corridor. The children have continued to impress with their knowledge of the Ancient and modern-day Olympic Games. They learnt lots of facts about athletes such as Jesse Owens and Ellie Simmonds. The children were also able to compare and contrast the Ancient and modern-day Olympic Games. All of the children have been working really hard to prepare themselves for their Phonics screening checks which will take place in June. They have been reviewing all of the sounds they have learnt this year and undertaking practice papers to familiarise themselves with the format of the check. The Year 1 team are so proud of the excellent progress the children have made and can't wait to see them show off all they have learnt in June. The children have shown super resilience in their Maths lessons where they have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. In English lessons, the children read the story 'Stuck' and learnt facts about animals from the book, 'Creature Features'. The Year 1 team hope the children have a lovely restful half term and look forward to their final term. In Year 1 we have lots of exciting things happening in June, including Sports Day and the Class Assemblies.

Reception – What a wonderful month the Reception children have had, learning all about 'Splendid Safari'! The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Paignton Zoo, where they learnt some new facts about African safari animals. During Themed Learning, the children have learnt about the differences between England and Ghana, as well as creating safari animal patterns. It has been great to see the children become confident writers, creating their own mini books and posters. Their reading and writing progress has certainly impressed us. The children have increasingly enjoyed the outdoor space this month, role playing in our cafe, acting in our theatre and using their imagination skills in the mud kitchen. It has been an excellent term and we cannot wait to learn something new in our 'Ready, Steady... Grow' topic.

Year 5 – Year 5 have had a super month of great learning across the curriculum. They have visited the Barbican and Hoe to explore the Tudor buildings and historic Plymouth landmarks, in order to complement their History learning about the city of Plymouth. In addition, the children have learnt about some famous explorers with links to the city, how the city has been fortified and the impact of the Blitz during World War Two. In English, Year 5 have written some fantastic innovated stories about the retrieval of a magic item based on the wonderful book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. Also, they have produced well-presented tourist guides about the best places to visit and activities to do in Plymouth. In Maths, the children have concluded their fractions learning by finding fractions of whole numbers and applying their skills to answering word problems. Some further highlights during May have included the children programming a quiz on Scratch, writing some creative poetry about the effects of plastic bags on marine life within SMSC and successfully reflecting on the various stages of human development in their Science lessons.

Year 2 – The Year 2 team have been so proud of the children's attitudes and resilience, this term. Their perseverance has been inspirational throughout SATs, and the amount of Dojo points we have been awarded, has been amazing! In English, the children have been recounting their trip to the zoo. I am sure we will have plenty of new personal best to share and prizes to give. The children have been equally amazing in Maths and have wowed the team with their knowledge of time. In Science, the children have performed many exciting experiments, to do with plant growth. The children are looking forward to continuing to care for these over the holidays. We have all loved our History topic this term. Lots of the children really enjoyed our VE day party and we are looking forward to producing some creative writing next term, based on our emotions around evacuees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure being able to talk to so many of you during parents/careers



Pre-School - What a lovely term the Pre-School children have had. They have enjoyed the topic 'Are We There Yet?' where they have made boats, hot air balloons and talked about different travels they have been on. Next term the children who are graduating Pre-School will start practising their assembly and looking forward to transitioning into Reception. After half term Puffin and Penguin children are looking forward to learning about pets in their topic 'Animal Rescuers'. We love to see the learning your child has done at home, so please upload any videos or photos of their learning, achievements and adventures onto their Tapestry, to celebrate it together. We hope you have a lovely half term, and we look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 7th June. Any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact us on yearpreschool@marineacademy.org.uk

Nursery - Turtle Class have had a super term and have enjoyed learning about our topic rhyme 'Round and Round the Garden'. It has been great to see the children use the Makaton and sing very well during Rhyme Time. We enjoyed celebrating the King's coronation by taking part in the outdoor learning day and completing other activities such as making crowns and making the King's quiche out of playdough. The children also did some lovely paintings of leaves and teddy bears to start our topic. During themed learning we have been planting seeds and it has been great to see some plants grow well. We have also decorated biscuits and had a teddy bears picnic as part of our welly walks. We have been very lucky that that good weather has allowed us to use the outdoor facilities more. We look forward to next term where we will learn a new nursery rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock'. We wish you all a good half term and thank you for your support.

Year 3 – This term has been amazing for Year 3! They had the best Ancient Greece themed days where the children all looked great dressed up! The day was so much fun and the children learnt so much all about Greek inventions and Greek myths! The children in Year 3 have enjoyed learning all about inventions during their English topic. They can now recall lots of facts about Louis Braille and they can write their own non-fiction portfolios! Well done on a great term Year 3!

Update from the Marine Academy Parliament



The Marine Academy Parliament would like to say a massive thank you to all students, parents, and carers who donated cakes and contributed to the cake sale held during Dementia Action Week. We are immensely grateful for the role you play in making our school community amazing! With thanks to your generosity, enough money was raised to enable us to buy musical instruments for the residents of Butterfly Lodge Dementia Nursing Home, which will be delivered by the choir on their next visit.





To place your Preschool or Primary uniform order, visit www.brigade.uk.com/parents or pop into The Schoolwear Shop on Mayflower Street to make your purchase.







As we move into the warmer months, please remember that gingham summer dressers are to be those described as navy (not blue), examples of which can be found <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>. Dark grey tailored shorts, the same colour as the school trousers, are also ok to be worn. Sandals are not appropriate for school and children are to continue to wear their school shoes with white, grey or black socks.



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>



Magic Wand Fruit Kebabs

Ingredients

Pineapple

Strawberries

Watermelon

Equipment

Chopping boards

Child-safe knives

Sharp knife (adult use only)

Star-shaped cookie cutters

Wooden kebab skewers

(blunt-ended if possible)

Apples

Bananas

Method

- Before the activity, prepare the wooden skewers by boiling them in hot water. This will stop them from splintering.
- 2. Wash your hands and put on an apron.
- 3. Next, wash the fruit.
- Then, an adult should remove the skin from the pineapple, watermelon and apple (optional).
- Cut the apple, pineapple and banana into chunks, and the strawberries into halves. Children can use child-safe knives to cut the soft fruit like the bananas, pineapple and strawberries.
- 6. Cut the watermelon into slices.
- Use the cookie cutters to cut star shapes out of the slices of watermelon.
- 8. Lay out the fruit pieces and carefully place onto the skewers. Children should be closely supervised for this activity, as the skewers can be very sharp. Model how to push the fruit onto the skewers, without putting their hands behind the fruit where the skewer will come through it.
- A star-shaped piece of watermelon can be the final piece of fruit placed onto the top of the skewer to finish the magic wand fruit kebab.

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 online safety, please contact our Computing leader, Mr Druce, by emailing: <u>primary@marineacademy.org.uk</u> FAO: Mr Druce.

Xbox Gaming Safety Toolkit

Many children will be using Xbox games consoles at home. Microsoft have put together a helpful and comprehensive toolkit for parents, children and young people, which includes parental controls, guidance for all ages, common safety risks, bullying, unwanted contact and more. There is also age-specific guidance (from 5 years upwards) and case studies. Please click the link that will take you to the PDF document: https://assets.xboxservices.com/assets/b1/00/b100259a-3152-4f0a-a194-5eb1e42db368.pdf?n=Australia Xbox-Gaming-Safety-Toolkit-v2.pdf

The online world and digital technology have become a significant part of our lives. Many experiences that young people have on the internet are hugely positive and uplifting but sadly, that's not always the case. Negative incidents online – such as disagreements with other users, stumbling across upsetting content or feeling left out by friends – can be intensely damaging to a child's emotional state. This poster has some useful tips for young people and trusted adults on how small, simple actions can help to protect our wellbeing when we're on the

internet.







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



First Aid Club: Calling all Parents/Carers!

Are there any Parents/Carers who...

have the skills and the passion to help run a First Aid Club
could give an hour of their time after school each week

If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please contact <u>Miss Codner</u>!





Parents and Carers are invited to join from 12:30pm for a picnic followed by races!

Class	Date	
Turtles	Friday 23 rd June	
Pre-School & Reception	Monday 12 th June	
Year 1 & Year 2	Monday 19 th June	
Year 3 & Year 4	Wednesday 14 th June	
Year 5 & Year 6	Wednesday 21st June	



AMAZING ARTISTS

We are incredibly proud of all our budding artists at Marine Academy Primary, as a fantastic project took place where children were asked to draw someone who inspired or helped them in school. The response was overwhelming: over 200 entries came in! This was just amazing.

Mr. Clennel-White then scanned all of them into his computer and sent them off to not one, but TWO high profile places: The Royal Academy of Arts in London and Sky Arts: Portrait Artist of the Year. We were incredibly proud to find out that three of our students have been lucky enough to be selected for showing on the Sky Arts channel later on in the year (details to follow when published). Their artwork was chosen from children's submissions across the whole of the UK: wow! The three successful artists are Jaxon Peard, Carter Stallard and Rosie-Mae Delacy. A huge well done to all three of them! You can see their incredible artwork on the next three pages.

As we are keen to have more submissions from our pupils, we now have a dedicated email address for all Art and Music submissions from home. If your child has a fantastic piece of art they have created, or played an amazing piece on an instrument, you can now take a picture - or video! – and send it, along with your child's name and class, to the following email: primarymusic@marineacademy.org.uk

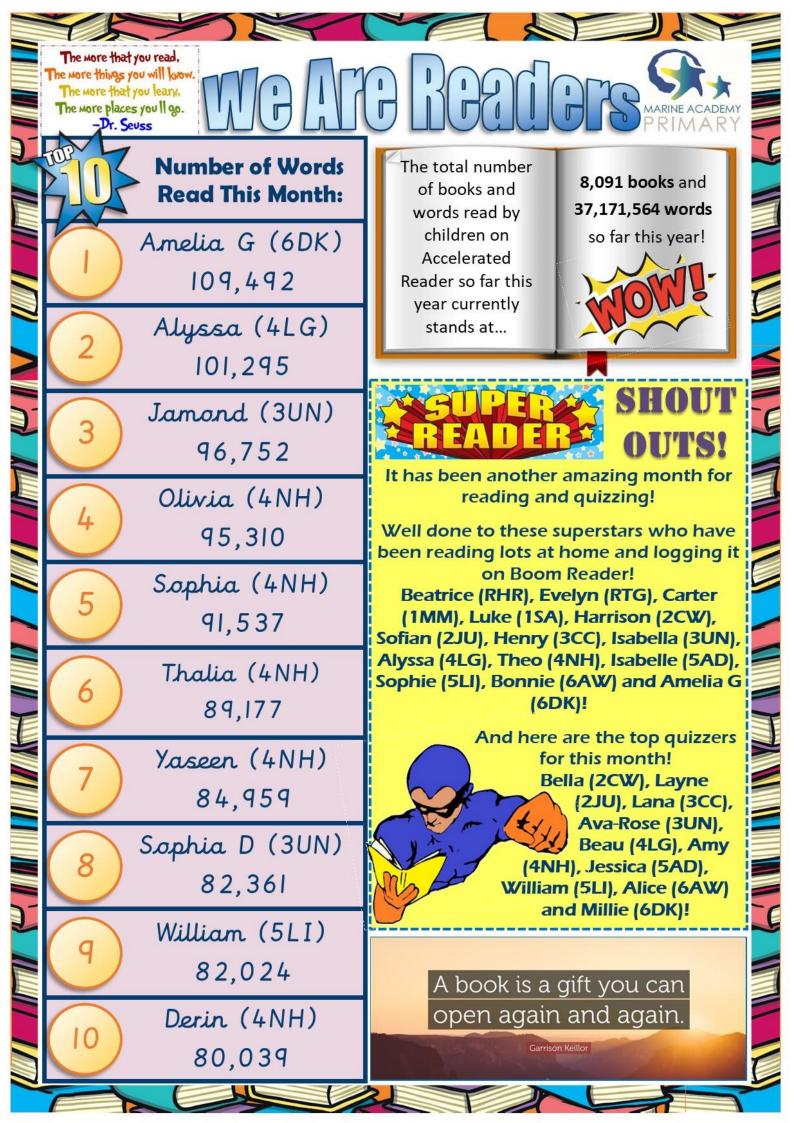
We can't wait to see and hear them!







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Gardening and Outdoor Learning

We are very lucky to have Ms Bell, Mr Porter and our volunteer, Mrs King, to help us in the Outdoor Learning Area. With their help the children have planted over 200 trees around the Marine Academy Plymouth Campus. There has also been plenty of fresh produce grown in our kitchen garden - in the prize box and children have enjoyed taking rhubarb home to make a crumble and oregano herbs to put on their pizzas. Delicioso!



We are immensely proud of our Running and Rounders Extra-Curricular Activity children! They took part in and completed the Schools Marathon Challenge, which involved them running one mile each week for twelve weeks and then on the same day as the Britain's Ocean City Half Marathon, they went onto Plymouth Hoe and completed their thirteenth mile. The children showed real dedication and had a fantastic time too! They were also excellent role models throughout the day. A big thank you to all of the family members who went along to support too!

STAY SAFE IN THE SUN Enjoy the sunny days while

HOW TO

staying safe and protected!

Wear a sunhat.

Come to school wearing a sun hat; wide brim hats that cover the ears and neck are recommended.

Bring sunscreen.

PRIMAR

Bring a named bottle of sunscreen to keep in your tray at school.

Stay hydrated during the day.

Always wear

Come to school with

sunscreen.

sunscreen already

applied; a broad-

spectrum SPF of at

recommended.

least 30 is

Make sure you always bring a water bottle to school.



UV Levels

We are moving into that time of year where the sun is shining, and the children spend increased time outside completing Outdoor Learning.

SAVE THE DATE



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	



Adventure Pl	ay Frame	Baby Area	Rope Bridge	
2 leve	d toddler are	a with Vortex Sl	ide & Ball Pit	
Wave Slide	3 Theme	d Party Rooms	Free WIFI	
Themed Too	ldler Play Vil	lage with Cars	Free Parking	
Spiral Slide	Transparent	Floors & Tunnel	Football Court	
Cafe with an excellent range or hot meals, drinks & breats				

Opening Times

Monday to Thursday 9am - 4pm Friday 9am - 5:30pm Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4:30pm

After School Meal Deal

£8.00 Every Friday from 4pm (term time only)

Meal Deal includes entry, a hot or cold meal from the children's menu and a cup of juice. Last orders 1 hour before closing.

Entry Prices

Weekdays: Under 12 months - £1.50 1 to 2 Years - £3.75 2 to 4 Years - £6.25 5 to 10 Years - £6.95 Adult - £1.25

Weekends, School & Bank Holidays Under 12 months - £1.50 1 to 2 Years - £3.95 2 to 4 Years - £7.25 5 to 10 Years - £7.95 Adults - £1.25

Private Venue Hire Available Please contact us for more information:

To Book a Play Session, Please Visit Our Website

WWW.DRAKES-DEN.CO.UK

Unit 22, Drake Mill Business Park, Estover Road, Estover, Plymouth, PL67PS



DENTAL BUDDY - NATIONAL SMILE MONTH

Dental Buddy is a free downloadable resource that provides dental professionals, parents, carers and oral health educators with easy-to-use tools to help youngsters take good care of their oral health. It includes everything you need to teach oral health education at home and in the classroom. The <u>Dental Buddy programme</u> helps to give children the best start in life by providing them with the tools for a healthy mouth. With Dental Buddy, children will learn:

- The importance of brushing your teeth for two minutes twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- The role sugar plays in diet and what a balanced diet means.
- Why everybody should visit the dentist.

38 hings

Well done to all of the children who have continued to work towards completing their '38 things' booklets. It has been amazing to see the level of commitment and determination the children have ploughed into the different activities. Thank you also, to all of the Parents/Carers who have supported their children in completing the activities; we have had some amazing positive feedback letting us know how much you have enjoyed them. We have already started to see some completed books from across the Reception to Year 6 year groups, which is fantastic. Please do not worry if you are not there yet as you still have more time and a great opportunity to complete some more over the half term break. If you do complete some over half term then please send photos to the Year Group email address or to our Facebook page. Please could all books be returned to us by **Friday 7th July**, whether they have been completed or not. Please remember that we will acknowledge **every** child's booklet and those who have completed them will receive special recognition during a Celebration Afternoon Tea on Monday 17th July, which their Parents/Carers will be invited to as well! You will of course, have the booklet returned to you as a keepsake of their wonderful achievements.



Spanish at Marine Academy Primary

What an exciting term! Some of our Spanish curriculum superstars took a trip in the minibus with Ms Bell and Mrs Webb for a Spanish Experience at Cranbrook Education Campus in Exeter. Cranbrook is another of the Ted Wragg Trust schools so in our family of schools.

There, they were lovingly received by the children and teachers, who wanted to learn all the Spanish songs the children at Marine Academy Primary already know. The children were courageous and performed in front of the whole school, singing beautifully the Spanish lyrics and using their Makaton gestures to support the learners. Ms Bell is very proud of them. Estupendo!

Here are some messages from the RNLI on how to stay safe in and around water.



to swim and bodyboard

This shows the lifeguarded area and is the safest place

Lifeboats **CTIVITY: FLY THE FLAG**

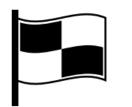
This flag shows an area for surfers, kayaks and other non powered craft. You should never swim or bodyboard here

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ACTIVITY: FLY THE FLAB

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You should NOT swim here



Lifeboats

Danger! Never go in the water under any circumstances when the red flag is flying

It is put up for many reasons but is mostly likely to be flown in bad weather such as fog and lightning

When this flag is flying you should NOT go in the water

CTIVITY: FLY THE FLAG

Lifeboats

SCAVENGER LIVING STREETS LET'S WALKTO SCHOOL Living Streets is the UK charity for everyday walking and the people behind the Walk to School campaign. Find out more at: LIVINGSTREETS.ORG.UK A doa Fountain Post box Robin Park bench Road cone Street light Gate Pedestrian Telephone Feather Twig crossing box Pebble Butterfly Brown leaf Flower Something Lifeboats Green leaf Duck Puddle smooth Something Squirrel A foot print Ladybird vellow Here is a half term walking activity challenge you

can do at home!

ACTIVITY: FLY THE FLAG