



# Marine Academy Primary Newsletter November 2022

*'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,

November has been an exciting month at Marine Academy Primary and I am so proud of how well the community pulled together to raise a huge **£3546.22** for Children in Need. November also saw children wear odd socks to kickstart Anti-Bullying Week and a really wonderful and respectful Remembrance Assembly, with each class making their own Remembrance wreath. This month also saw a large number of curriculum enrichment activities and opportunities to further develop our children's cultural capital, including children taking part in a range of sporting activities and festivals; Year 2 visiting St Budeaux Library; Year 3 completing a comparative study of St Budeaux and Calstock for their Geography Fieldtrip; Year 5 hearing a lecture from the country's first and only Professor of Social Mobility, Lee Elliot-Major OBE; Year 4 going on a Geography Fieldtrip to Burrator where they measured the depth of the river at different points and even more!

We have also had a number of visitors to the Academy over the last month as they are seeking support and guidance from our team to help them improve their schools as well as others who are visiting just because of the great reputation that the school has within the education sector. One visiting CEO of another Multi Academy Trust stated that the teaching he saw across the school was the best he had ever seen! All of the visitors always comment on how polite our children are, how well behaved they are and how happy children and staff are.

I am always extremely proud of our children and Team Marine and it is really heartening when others share such positive thoughts too.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Academy. Here's to a delightful December full of festive joy and wonderful learning!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For additional information about Christmas Dates please see page 11 of this Newsletter.

**7th December – Christmas Conversation Café, 9:00-10:00am**

**8th December – Turtle Class Christmas Craft and Singalong Afternoon, 1:30-3:00pm**

**8th December – 31 children from UKS2 to go to watch 'Sister Act' at the Theatre Royal Plymouth**

**9th December – Christmas Jumper Day**

**9th December – Christmas Carol Concert, 2:00-2:45pm**

**12th December – Christmas video filming**

**13th December – Reception Nativity: 'Baarmy Bethlehem' at 9:15am in the Hall. Parents of Class RHR children are invited to attend.**

**14th December – Reception Nativity: 'Baarmy Bethlehem' at 9:15am in the Hall. Parents of Class RTG children are invited to attend.**

**14th December – Christmas Lunch**

**15th December – Musical Theatre Extra-Curricular Activity to go to watch 'Aladdin' at Princess Hay Theatre in Torquay.**

**16th December – Last day of Term 2. Children can wear muffin to school for their Class Christmas Parties. The Academy will close at 1:00pm on this day and children can be collected from their normal collection points.**

**4th January – First day of Term 3**



# New *this* Month

**Year 6** – Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this term demonstrating resilience and determination to succeed in their learning. The children have begun their new topic of Local Fieldwork in Geography. In Maths, they started their fractions topic and are now confidently able to add and subtract fractions. In English, they have been enjoying their Beowulf topic, creating their own piece of creative writing. In Science, they have been looking at different Energy sources and can identify that energy cannot be made, destroyed but can be transferred. They have had an excellent start to Term 2 in all aspects of school.

**Reception** – Reception have continued to demonstrate that they are phonics superstars this term! We have begun writing during independent learning time and the children have been writing the most brilliant words and phrases. We have been labelling aliens, writing foods that aliens may eat on a picnic and have written lists of the various items we would take into space. This term we also had a very special visitor! The children were so excited when an astronaut visited our school! Together we learnt all about Neil Armstrong, created our own moon craters, launched a rocket into space and created our own Neil Armstrong timelines. What a brilliant second term. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the rest of the year.

**Year 4** – This term, we had a great day taking our Geography learning outside the classroom, where we conducted our fieldwork at Burrator Reservoir. The children were brilliantly behaved and it was amazing to see how much knowledge they had learnt. When we returned to school, we were able to analyse the data that we collected and drew a picture of the river. Following on from our trip, Year 4 have been innovating their poem based off their English text 'A River'. They have innovated the story by writing about their journey around Burrator Reservoir. We can't wait to read them! In Science, we have been exploring ecosystems, where the children persevered to be able to recognise organisms and microorganisms in certain ecosystems. In Design Technology, the children have been creating a moving Christmas card using levers and linkages. We are excited to design and make the moving cards and see our final product.

**Year 1** - November was another exciting, busy month in Year 1. The children enjoyed learning about the local area of St. Budeaux as part of the Geography topic, 'Location, Location, Location!' The children were excellent role models when visiting St. Budeaux library where they had the opportunity to each choose a book to take back to school. Everyone was well mannered with the staff at the library giving glowing reviews. The trip was a great way for the children to further explore the local area. Furthermore, the children learnt the key features of maps and had a go at designing their own aerial view maps of the school making sure to include a title and key. The month of November also included the annual Children in Need day. The children in Year 1 did such a fantastic job at raising donations and took part in a kick boxing boot camp. We would like to thank all of the families for your support in this great cause.

**Pre-School** – Pre-School children are loving their topic 'Where's My Teddy?' There has been some fabulous collaboration in the 'Teddy Bears Picnic' role-play and great Themed Learning, where Puffin and Penguin children have ordered different size bears, talked about positional language and understood the different habitats that bears can live in. The children were very excited about our Christmas Craft morning. Thank you to everyone for coming; we hope that you enjoyed the morning as well! Just a quick reminder about applying for school. If you haven't applied already, please be sure to apply as soon as possible, and be aware that if your child already attends Marine Academy Pre-School, it **does not** mean that you automatically get a place in Reception. You can apply online at <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/apply-school-place>. Any questions or queries do not hesitate to ask, and we can help you with the form.

**Year 3** – This month, Year 3 have engaged in lots of new topics! They have been busy learning all about Villages, Towns and Cities and they even worked collaboratively to design their own city. In Science, the children are studying different forms of rocks and can now identify the three main types by classifying them based on their properties. Earlier in the month, the Year 3 classes were very respectful when they attended the Remembrance assembly in the hall and were able to retrieve lots of key facts about Remembrance Day including why we have poppies. The Year 3 remembrance wreaths looked amazing! It has also been a busy month with a visit to Vue Cinema to watch 'Where is Anne Frank?', where the children were able to retrieve their knowledge from Year 2 History lessons. Super!

**Year 5** – Year 5 have continued to make super progress this term and have been producing learning of a high standard across all subjects. In Maths, the children have completed their Statistics unit and have now moved onto Multiplication and Division including factors and multiples. In English, the children have learnt about the text 'Gulliver', where they have practiced their emotive writing, complex sentence structures and descriptive language, before writing their own voyage stories. In Geography, they have started investigating 'Informal Settlements' and considered what informal settlements are, where they are located and why they exist. The children have been able to advance with their Physical and Chemical Changes Science unit this term, by utilising their knowledge from and making links to the Changing States unit they studied last term! In DT, the children have created amazing water filter designs in preparation for building their own water filters at the end of term.



**Year 2** – The children in Year 2 have worked hard in Science this term. They've been learning how to stay happy and healthy; physically and emotionally and were so respectful during Remembrance Day and other key events such as Odd Sock Day for Anti-bullying. In Maths, the children have been super enthusiastic, finishing their addition and subtraction unit and moving onto shape. In English, the children have been using the book 'Daisy Doodles' as inspiration for their own fantasy stories. As well as usual focus of interesting writing and handwriting, they have been learning how to use exclamation marks and the conjunctions 'and' and 'but'. We are looking forward to their final stories! Our Geography topic 'What a wonderful world' has unlocked some amazing prior knowledge about weather and the children have been learning a really catchy song about the continents of the world. I am sure they have delighted you with this at home and it is stuck in your heads as much as it is ours! We can't wait to read their Geography essays. We have some incredible Home Learning projects, and we love hearing how you continue to spark their interests in all subjects outside of the classroom. We cannot wait for you to see some of the fantastic Christmas cards the children have been making in Design Technology and we hope you add their Christmas decorations to your own trees with pride. Thank you for all your continued support as always, the Year 2 Team.

**Nursery** - Turtle Class have made a great start to Term 2. We have enjoyed learning about this term's rhyme 'Hey Diddle Diddle' and have been practising it with Makaton every day. So far, we have also made cow hats and decorated plates for the dish that ran away with the spoon. We also started the term by taking part in the 'Day of the Dead' day where we did the skeleton dance and made Day of the Dead masks. The children in Turtle class also made a poppy each, which was put together to make a class wreath for the remembrance assembly. Last week was World Nursery Rhyme week where we took part in different activities based on different nursery rhymes. This included a fishing race in PE for '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive' and counting the dogs for 'BINGO'. The children also took part in a taekwondo session led by Gary, where they used their listening ears very well and showed great kicking movements. We have started practising our Christmas songs and are looking forward to hosting our Christmas craft afternoon on Thursday 8th December. Please can we remind parents that if they and their child who does not usually attend a Thursday afternoon session would like to come that they complete the online form by Friday 2nd December. Thank you for your support.

### Academy Parliament

The Academy Parliament have enjoyed their weekly meetings this term, discussing ways to improve our school. The children have come up with some wonderful ideas and can't wait to see their impact. This month, the Academy Parliament organised Children in Need for the school. The day was extremely successful and raised a record breaking, £3546.22. Thank you so much to all of our families for your support, we couldn't have done this without you. A big thank you too to Martial Arts Self-Defence Academy for supporting with our fundraising bootcamps all day!



# Healthy Eating

## Recommend A Recipe!

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 [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk)



## Winter Warmer Vegetable Soup



### Ingredients

- 400g mixed raw vegetables, such as carrots, onions, celery, parsnips, green beans
- 600g potatoes
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1400ml vegetable stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Equipment

- Hob
- Large frying pan
- Sharp knife
- Chopping board
- Peeler
- Ladle or large spoon
- Bowls (one per person)
- Hand blender (optional)

### Method

1. Carefully, roughly chop the vegetables using the knife. You can make them as chunky as you like!
2. Peel and chop the potatoes into cubes.
3. Fry the vegetables and potatoes in the olive oil for a few minutes until they start to soften.
4. Cover the vegetables with the stock and leave to simmer for 10 to 15 minutes until the vegetables and potatoes are tender.
5. You can either leave your soup chunky or you could use a hand blender to make it smooth.
6. Season your soup with the salt and pepper and then ladle into bowls to serve.
7. Enjoy!

Makes approx. 5 servings





# ARE YOU ONLINE SAFETY AWARE?

## Online Safety

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to further support your child to be safe online. This month's focus is 'Cyber-Bullying', which is defined as 'ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online'.

Cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms - such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them.

Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health. In this guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child's online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact our Computing leader, Mr Druce, by emailing: [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) FAO: Mr Druce.

### TOP TIPS



Adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should the need arise, should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

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### 1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online - as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

### 2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people you know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

### 3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

### 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems - and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

### 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

### 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on), by allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

### 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question - ideally with screenshots to support their complaints. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

### 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

### 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

### 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger - or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying - then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

### FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.  
**Childline:** talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at [www.childline.org.uk/get-support/](http://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/)  
**National Bullying Helpline:** counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting [www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html](http://www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html)  
**The NSPCC:** the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at [www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/) and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.







# SPORTS CALENDAR

## Sports Events across the World in December

- ★ 2022 Fifa World Cup Qatar
- ★ Cycling: 2022 UCI Track Champions League – round four
  - ★ Boxing: Tyson Fury vs. Derek Chisora
- ★ Cycling: 2022 UCI Track Champions League – final round
  - ★ PDC Cazoo World Darts Championship
- ★ 2022 Fifa World Cup Final: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- ★ English Premier League 2022-2023 season resumes: 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Digital Leaders



Marine Academy Primary's newly appointed Digital Leaders have started to set up new devices, support staff with their subject knowledge and convey important e-safety messages - they are looking forward to many more exciting opportunities throughout the year.



CHRISTMAS SMILES IS BACK! It is especially hard to have a parent deployed at this time of year and Little Troopers have organised many things to bring a smile to the faces of military children this Christmas. They'll begin the festive season by sending 2,200 Build-a-Bears to children experiencing deployment over Christmas Day. The best way to get all the information for our Christmas Smiles programme is to sign up to their newsletter and social media channels. See [here](#) for more information.



#### HIGH FIVE — CHRISTMAS CRACKER CAMP

Get your little helpers in the festive spirit. With High 5's Christmas Cracker Camp! A 5-day Christmas Cracker Camp is the perfect way to get into the festive spirit, with Christmas-themed sports, arts and crafts and seasonal fun! Join our holly jolly Christmas camp from 19th-23rd December at Widey Court, Mount Kelly, Stowford, Plymouth College and Pomphlett. Plus, there's extra merriment at Plymouth College from 12th - 16th December! More information can be found [here](#).



#### WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE (WAC) SUPPORT FOR SERVING FAMILIES



WAC funding will be available to all eligible Service families with children aged 4 to 11 years, who are in school in the UK. If eligible, Personnel can claim up to 20 hours per week of funding for each child that is attending before and after school care during term time. To find out how to claim and FAQs please visit: [here](#).



#### 9 Fun Ideas for Family Winter Walks

- ★ Stop on a walk and take a picnic with a flask of soup or a chill.
  - ★ Play winter walk I Spy.
- ★ Go on a scavenger hunt for wintry items such as holly or evergreen leaves or colourful berries.
  - ★ Spot winter wildlife.
  - ★ Find animal tracks.
- ★ Hunt for weird fungi on or around trees.
  - ★ Build a den.
  - ★ Go on a welly wander.





## DID YOU KNOW?

4 in 10 girls loved sport and exercise, but have lost interest since primary school (Women in Sport 2022)



32% of young people do less than 30 minutes of activity a day

Children in KS2 are taking part in the Breaking Limits Programme in partnership with Sure. The programme aims to increase participation in sports and activities, removing barriers and stereotypes and increasing confidence! The children will take part in three topics; Confident Mover, Team Player and My Goals, My Choices.

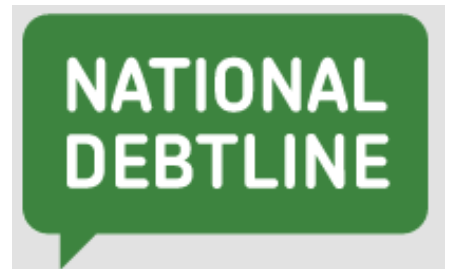
## TINY Happy PEOPLE

*Your words build their world*

[Tiny Happy People](#) is a website to help develop your child's language skills. You can explore simple activities and play ideas and find out about babies and toddlers' amazing early development.

### *Christmas Top Tips*

In the run up to Christmas there can be a lot to think about. If you're also worried about your finances planning ahead and seeking advice can help you to manage costs. The National Debtline have publishes Christmas top tips, to help ease your worries and help you to manage your finances during the festive season. There is also lots of free information on their [website](#), including over 50 fact sheets, to help you deal with your debt.



**Set your festive budget:** Setting a festive budget is probably the single most useful step you can take – but fewer than one in three of us do this. Make a list of the people you want to buy presents for, set a budget for each and stick to it. Plan ahead when it comes to your other shopping too; for example, on food, decorations and visiting family and friends.

**Keep paying bills:** Don't forget: in December you still need to pay your normal household bills, such as your mortgage or rent and your utilities. If you get paid earlier than usual, consider paying these bills as soon as you can, so you know that what you have left is what you can spend on Christmas.

**Spread the cost:** There are lots of good deals around at Christmas, so make sure you shop around to get the best price. You could leave buying your presents until later in the month as sales often start early. You could also spread the cost of Christmas over the whole of December by buying non-perishable food items earlier in the month.

**Resist borrowing more:** It can be very tempting to borrow money to pay for the cost of Christmas. Think about whether you can afford to pay it back. If you do decide to take out credit, check the terms and conditions and create a personal budget to make sure you can afford the repayments.

**Just buy for kids:** You could agree with your family and friends just to buy for the children. If you still want to buy for adults, you could consider doing a 'Secret Santa' so that each adult only buys one gift. Handmade presents are often cheaper and have that personal touch.

We know that sometimes it can be difficult to start a conversation about presents, but you may find that your friends and family are more than willing to go ahead with your suggestions

**Look out for free activities:** With the kids off school there is always pressure to keep them entertained. If you're not careful, the cost of keeping them busy will soon mount up. Find out if there are free activities in your area over the holiday period. They may be advertised online, in the local newspaper and community centres.

**Get advice now:** If you are worried about your debt, get free debt advice now. Don't wait until the New Year. The earlier you seek free debt advice, the sooner you can deal with your debt and ease your worries.



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



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## Number of Words Read This Month:

1	Ava (6DK) 218,843
2	Oliver T (6DK) 214,843
3	Sophia V (3MM) 204,839
4	Aashna (6AW) 164,330
5	Joshua (6AW) 138,127
6	Lily B (6AW) 134,523
7	Chase (6DK) 100,003
8	Oliver M (6DK) 97,745
9	Ewa (6AW) 87,998
10	Lola-May (6DK) 84,799

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

3,158 books and  
14,577,451 words  
so far this year!

**WOW!**



## SHOUT OUTS!

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

Marnie (RHR), Archer (RTG), Carter (1SU), Malakai (1SA), Kaylen (2JU), Nyla (2CW), Joseph (3CC), Ava-Rose (3MM), Kaleb (4LG), Elsie (4NH), Leyton (5AD), Koby (5LI), Lyla (6AW) and Levi (6DK)!

Big congratulations go to Rhuben (6AW) and Oliver T (6DK) for becoming our latest Word Millionaire!

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







**Want to upgrade your home to stay warm and save money?**

**We can help!**

*It just depends what your home needs & what criteria you meet.*

*Some improvements we might be able to make are:*

- Insulating walls, floors & roofs
- Get rid of draughts
- Installing solar panels
- Replacing storage heaters or electric radiators

“PEC’s been an excellent support for me! I’ve had draft excluders, energy efficient lighting, lots of advice, contacts and insulation in my basement and attic – it’s made a tremendous difference, keeping the warmth in and the cold out.  
- Sofia

*Want to know if we can help you? Scan this code*



**About Plymouth Energy Community**  
We’re a charity & social enterprise.  
By helping you lower your heating costs and have warmer homes, we’re making a better future for our community and the planet.



**Last year we helped**



127 homes in Plymouth be warmer and save money



Residents collectively saved £47,535 annually



That’s more than £1.3 million over the lifetime of the measures

Registered Charity: 1183711

*Upgrade your home to stay warm and save money! Local charity Plymouth Energy Community (PEC) have partnered up with Plymouth City Council to launch their Future Fit programme: helping you lower your heating costs and have warmer homes, making a better future for our community and the planet. PEC work with trusted local installers to provide free home upgrades such as insulation, solar panels and heating systems. Want to find out if PEC can help you? With a few clicks you can see what your home needs and if you meet the criteria to get funding. Visit [www.plymouthenergycommunity.com/futurefit](http://www.plymouthenergycommunity.com/futurefit).*

**Sport at Marine Academy Primary**



*We have had lots of PE festival and events happening so far this year! Children have attended Football, Multi Skills, Cross Country Fun Run and Cyclo-Cross! We have lots to come, which is really exciting!*





**DATES**  
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## It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas

**Week Beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November** – FatMAP will be selling raffle tickets for the Winter Raffle each morning during Early Morning Learning, 8:30am-8:55am, from under the canopy outside of the MULA.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – from this day, the Christmas tree in the foyer will be made extra special as it will be decorated with the handmade decorations from all of the classes. In addition, each class will have a post box for the children to post Christmas cards into for their friends. Cards can be posted into the post box each day of the week and then they will be kept safely and passed out to children throughout the week. Please make sure that all cards are brought into school by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Pre-School Christmas Craft and Singalong Morning, 9:00-11:00am. Pre-School Parents/Carers are invited to attend Pre-School with their child to complete some Christmas craft activities and sing some festive songs (if your child does not attend during the morning session then you are still welcome to attend with them to Pre-School for the Craft Morning).

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – FaTMAP will be drawing the Winter Raffle live on Facebook at 1:00pm.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Conversation Café, 9:00-10:00am. Parents/Carers invited to attend a Christmas themed Conversation Café with the Inclusion Team in the MULA.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Turtle Class Christmas Craft and Singalong Afternoon, 1:30-3:00pm. Turtle Class Parents/Carers are invited to attend Turtle Class with their child to complete some Christmas craft activities and sing some festive songs (if your child does not attend during the afternoon session then you are still welcome to attend with them to Turtle Class for the Craft Afternoon).

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers with trousers and shoes of their choice on this day. We would like children to bring a non-perishable item to school with them please, which we will donate to our local Foodbank.

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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Carol Concert. Reception to Year 6 will take part in a Carol Concert at 2:00-2:45pm in the Marine Academy Plymouth Sports Hall. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend – please wear a Christmas jumper and come along for a festive sing song!

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – the whole school will be working together to film a video that will be shared with families at the end of term and get you truly into the Christmas spirit! Children are to wear their uniform on this day still but are to bring in a Christmas accessory (headband, tinsel or Santa hat) to wear as well please.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Nativity: 'Baarmy Bethlehem' at 9:15am in the Hall. Parents of Class RHR children are invited to attend.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Nativity: 'Baarmy Bethlehem' at 9:15am in the Hall. Parents of Class RTG children are invited to attend.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch. Please complete the [Microsoft Form](#) to order your child's Christmas Lunch by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. For those children in Years 3 to 6 having a roast dinner, it will cost £2.20 please (please make sure that this money is on your child's ParentPay account by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December). If your child is in Turtle, Puffin or Penguin Class then they are able to book a Christmas Lunch, only if they are already due to attend the lunch session that day, and pay the money directly to the adults in your child's class (if they do not normally have a hot meal).

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Musical Theatre Extra-Curricular Activity to go to watch 'Aladdin' at Princess Hay Theatre in Torquay.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of Term. Children can wear muffin to school for their Class Christmas Parties. The Academy will close at 1:00pm on this day and children can be collected from their normal collection points.





# CHRISTMAS MARKET

at Bull Point Barracks, 150 Foulston Avenue, PL5 1HN

## Saturday 10th December

Stalls hire available for private individuals and small businesses.

11am for stall holders | 12pm for Christmas shoppers

Santa's grotto, crafts, food, drink and bouncy castles.

Carol Service @ 3pm

CALL THE PIONEERS PROJECT ON 07779 019241 TO BOOK YOUR STALL

### Dia de los Muertos

On Friday 4th November, Marine Academy Primary enriched their spiritual and cultural development by celebrating Day of the Dead for the second year running! At our Academy children recognise the importance of respecting the cultural beliefs of others and this year came to school looking magnificent in their costumes. They enjoyed Spanish churros (deep fried donuts) dipped in hot chocolate for breakfast; fabulous face painting by FaTMAP; they designed and made some superb sugar skulls; they stomped and tapped with flamenco dancer, Mercedes, during a Spanish dance workshop; they made Coco style friendly skeleton puppets and enjoyed special Day of the Dead PE activities. ¡Que suerte!

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