



# Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter September 2021

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

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils,  
 Welcome to the first Newsletter of the academic year! Everyone has hit the ground running at Marine Academy Primary with lots of new children joining Nursery and Pre-School, sixty children joining Reception and children joining other year groups too to fill them up.

**Term Dates** 

Over the summer, the Nursery moved into the Primary building and we now have a dedicated space for our 2 year old learners in the newly named Turtle Class. Our Year 6 children also have a new base, in a renovated area of our building – The Penthouse. The Year 6 children have been enjoying the grown up feel of the environment, which will really support their transition to secondary school. Please do not forget to choose your child's secondary school by the end of October, if you have not done so already.

**Term 1**  
 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 all children)

**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

It has been an exciting first month with the Hot Chocolate Friday resuming, the children fundraising for Jeremiah's Journey, Cycle to School Week, extra-curricular activities starting again and a whole range of curriculum enrichment activities taking place.



We are delighted to be able to ensure that the children are able to take part in as many events as possible and provide the children with as many opportunities as we are able to. Trips have resumed and we will continue to think of innovative ways to raise children's aspirations, provide them with new experiences and create meaningful links in their learning. The Academy Parliament will be visiting the Houses of Parliament in London on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October and next term trips to the Theatre will begin again. We have also recently had 112 children sign up to attend the residentials that we have on offer this year to London and Forest and Beach, Beesands.

**During INSET Days for Marine Academy Primary the Early Years Holiday Club will be closed:**

- Tuesday 2nd November 2021 – INSET day
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 – INSET day
- Tuesday 7th June 2022 – INSET day
- Wednesday 27th July 2022 – INSET day

Thank you for your continued support!

The Early Years Holiday Club will also be closed throughout the Christmas Holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Siobhan Meredith



# New *this* Month

**Year 6** – Year 6 have had an amazing start to the year. They have dived into their topic of 'The Industrial Revolution' and were extremely inquisitive when learning about what children their age were doing in the factories and mines. The Guided Book 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' has been thought provoking and the children have shown how accepting they are by having discussions about varying scenarios in school life. We are really excited for the year ahead!

**Year 4** – What a fantastic start to Year 4, it has been amazing to welcome everybody back! The children have immersed themselves into their topic learning of 'Roman Britain'. The children particularly enjoyed learning about the differences between the Romans and the Celts. To consolidate their understanding, we will watch 'Horrible Histories: Rotten Romans', which we just know that the children will love! It has been great to see how much the children have learnt over the term so far! This month, the children have also completed their first independent write, which Miss Gammage has been so impressed with!

**Pre-School** – It has been a super start to the term in Pre-School! The children have settled wonderfully and have enjoyed making new friends and becoming a part of the Marine Academy Primary family. The children have engaged in their 'Look at Me!' topic by painting self-portraits and thinking about our emotions! Puffins and Penguins have really enjoyed getting to know the Numberblocks, so far in our Maths learning we have met the number 1 and the number 2. Puffins and Penguins have made a fantastic start to our Phonics learning, they have demonstrated great listening ears and wonderful whole body listening! They can't wait to continue learning all about ourselves and our topic 'Look at Me!'

**Reception** – Reception have had a great first few weeks focusing on making friends, adjusting to routines and showing off their fantastic learning. We have been amazed with how well they come in, in the mornings - what superstars! The children have begun their formal Phonics sessions, learning new sounds, ready to read and write. All the staff have been impressed with their determination and willingness to learn. Our topic this term has been called 'Superhero Me.' The children have been discussing their families, feelings, features and special qualities that we all have. The children have learnt how different we all are but how important it is to be kind. We have seen children applying their Maths learning during Independent Learning Time; counting, sorting and identifying numbers. Thank you for all your support with reading at home. It really does make a huge difference with your child's reading progress. All the Reception team cannot wait to see the children flourish and develop this year.

**Year 1** – Mrs Marchant and Mr Andrews are very impressed with how quickly Year 1 have settled into their new learning environments. Within Maths, the children have focussed on understanding how to count forwards and backwards using numbers to 20. They are developing a better understanding of how to use a range of resources, to count, partition and build numbers. In Guided Reading, we have enjoyed exploring the class text. We are beginning to use adjectives to describe a character or setting as well as building on our already awesome comprehensive skills. In Science, Year 1 have looked closer into the Polar Regions, what they may find there, how it compares to our environment and particular influential explorers that have travelled there. Year 1 already have a fantastic attitude to their learning, and we hope this continues as the term goes on. A fantastic start Year 1, well done!

**Year 3** – This month, the children in Year 3 have settled back into school really well. They have engaged in some exciting entry points for their new topics. They acted as archaeologists and dug for Pre-Historic artefacts and they have designed special keys for a glorious mansion for their English text. The children have also really enjoyed their SMSC lessons where they have been using role play scenarios to act out situations.

**Year 2** - Year 2 have had a busy start to the year getting back into the school routine and catching up with their friends. This term our topic is Vile Victorians, we have been exploring Victorian school life and what homes were like for richer and poorer people. The children were shocked by the strictness of Victorian schools and that some children their age would have had jobs in factories, farms and mines. In English, the children have written some fantastic stories based on the book No-Bot: The Robot with No Bottom. They came up with weird and wonderful scenarios for what their characters have lost and how they get it back. We've been really impressed with their ideas and use of ambitious vocabulary: one child's writing was even sent off to the author and illustrator of the book who were amazed! In Maths, the children have been exploring place value and the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. We are looking forward to the rest of the term!

**Year 5** – What a super September Year 5 have had! It has been amazing to see the great enthusiasm the children have shown toward their learning. This month, in Maths, they have shown their super knowledge of place value, negative numbers and rounding. In Science, they have been learning about planets and can now explain the geocentric and heliocentric models, as well as naming astronomers from thousands of years ago! In RE they have written their own Christian song lyrics, and Mr Clennel-White has said he will set some of these to music, amazing! In English, the children have been working on using more challenging vocabulary and a wider range of sentence structures within their fiction unit, which concluded with them writing their own invention stories. In addition, Year 5 have immersed themselves in the wizarding world of Harry Potter during Guided Reading and they have been completing prediction, comprehension and character comparison tasks. We were also incredibly lucky to have received a visit from intrepid yachtsman, Conrad Humphreys. Conrad came to tell the children about his adventures, then Year 5 all got to have a look at his boat!



# Healthy Eating

Every week for 4 weeks, we'll send you 2 tasty, healthy recipes with easy to follow instructions, and a shopping list of all the ingredients you'll need to cook a healthy meal. We'll also send you some handy tips about healthier eating and how to be food smart when you're out shopping.

After 4 weeks you'll know how to cook up to 8 different meals from scratch. How great is that! <https://cooktogether.change4life.co.uk/>

It would be great to see what you and your families cooking together and seeing what yummy meals you make. Don't forget to keep sending your healthy recipe adventures in to your child's year group email!



change 4 life  
cook together



## World Sepsis Day 2021



On 13th September it was World Sepsis Day; sepsis is a life-threatening reaction to an infection. It happens when your immune system overreacts to an infection and starts to damage your body's own tissues and organs. You cannot catch sepsis from another person. Sepsis is sometimes called septicaemia or blood poisoning. Sepsis can be hard to spot and symptoms can be vague.

Call 999 or go to A&E if a baby or young child has any of these symptoms of sepsis:

- blue, pale or blotchy skin, lips or tongue
- a rash that does not fade when you roll a glass over it, the same as meningitis
- difficulty breathing (you may notice grunting noises or their stomach sucking under their ribcage), breathlessness or breathing very fast
- a weak, high-pitched cry that's not like their normal cry
- not responding like they normally do, or not interested in feeding or normal activities
- being sleepier than normal or difficult to wake

They may not have all these symptoms.

Call 999 or go to A&E if an adult or older child has any of these symptoms of sepsis:

- acting confused, slurred speech or not making sense
- blue, pale or blotchy skin, lips or tongue
- a rash that does not fade when you roll a glass over it, the same as meningitis
- difficulty breathing, breathlessness or breathing very fast

They may not have all these symptoms.



## 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](mailto: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!



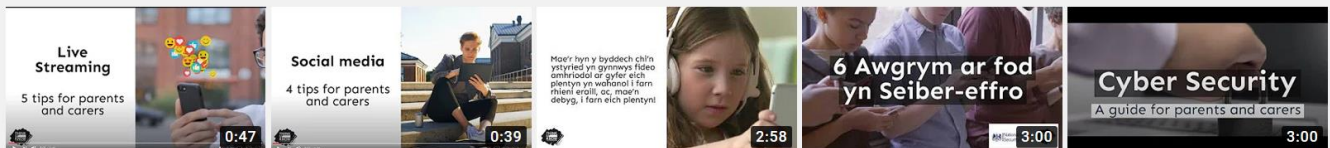
### NEW TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

#### Advice for Parents & Carers

Thinkuknow is an online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP command. Thinkuknow aims to empower children and young people aged 4-18 to identify the risks they may face online and know where they can go for support. They also have some fantastic video guides for Parents/Carers, which can be accessed through their [YouTube channel](#) and [website](#).



BSL language version - Parent and Carers sharing ... 52 views • 3 weeks ago  
Tips for parent and carers - sharing images 186 views • 1 month ago  
Tips for parents and carers - viewing online videos 122 views • 1 month ago  
Tips for parents and carers - in game chat 196 views • 1 month ago  
Tips for parents and carers - cyber security 84 views • 1 month ago



Tips for parents and carers - live streaming 104 views • 1 month ago  
Tips for parents and carers - social media 134 views • 1 month ago  
Gwylio fideos ar-lein. Canllaw i rieni a gofalwyr 35 views • 1 month ago  
Seiberddiogelwch: yr hyn mae angen i rieni a gofalwyr... 20 views • 1 month ago  
Cyber security A guide for parents and carers 321 views • 1 month ago



Rhieni a Gofalwyr - Canllaw ar rannu delweddau ... 27 views • 1 month ago  
Sgwrn yn y gêm. Canllaw i rieni 24 views • 1 month ago  
BSL language version - Parent and Carers sharing ... 44 views • 1 month ago  
Rhieni a Gofalwyr - Canllaw ar rannu delweddau ... 9 views • 1 month ago  
Guide to watching online videos 901 views • 2 months ago



Guide to social media 873 views • 2 months ago  
In - game chat: A guide for parents and carers 1.7K views • 3 months ago  
Parent and carers guide to live streaming 2.1K views • 3 months ago  
Thinkuknow. Parent and carers guide to sharing ... 2.5K views • 3 months ago  
Thinkuknow. Parent and carers guide to sharing ... 1.1K views • 3 months ago



Thinkuknow. An Introduction to Parents and Carers 2.9K views • 4 months ago  
Thinkuknow Jessie & Friends: film for parents an... 2K views • 1 year ago  
Thinkuknow Jessie & Friends: film for parents an... 1.2K views • 1 year ago  
Play Like Share: Episode 1 Subtitled 5.7K views • 2 years ago  
Play Like Share: Episode 2 Subtitled 4.5K views • 2 years ago

The YouTube channel includes lots of information and advice to help you keep your child safe and access support. The 30- to 60-second videos set out simple things that Parents/Carers can do to keep their child safe while they're engaging in different online activities such as live streaming and gaming. Above shows just some of the videos that are available!





# ChatHealth

# Livewell Southwest

## NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing TEXT SERVICE

**PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.**

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back



**0-5 years  
Parents Service  
07480 635188**



**5-10 years  
Parents Service  
07480 635189**



**11-19 years  
Young People's Service  
07480 635198**

**Livewell  
Southwest**

Do you have any questions about your child? Do you need support? Livewell South West are now offering a text service so you can speak to a Health Visitor or School Nurse to seek advice or support.

### World Sporting Events Term 1

These are some of the sporting events that have happened or are happening across the world this term.

- Tokyo Paralympics
- Tennis US Open
- European Tour Men's Golf Italian Open
- Women's Team Golf: 2021 Solheim Cup
- British Touring Car Championships



We love hearing from the children about new sports that they have watched and learnt about! If your child takes part in an activity outside of the Academy, don't forget to encourage them to bring any certificates or trophies that they win, into school with them on a Friday so we can celebrate this in the weekly Starfish Assembly.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities have started at Marine Academy Primary and will run for the whole year. We are proud to be able to offer 32 clubs each week to our children.

We are absolutely thrilled that we have been able to resume extra-curricular activities this academic year and know how much all of the children value these wonderful opportunities, which enrich their lives. Do not forget that Mr Clennel-White is able to organise peripatetic lessons for your children to learn an instrument too. You can contact Mr Clennel-White for more information by emailing [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) and putting 'FAO: Mr Clennel-White' in the subject line.

If your child is interested in attending Football, Taekwondo or Ballet outside of school or wants to join a sports club but you aren't sure which club is best, please speak to Miss Codner who will be able to put you in touch with external agencies. You can email Miss Codner my emailing [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) and putting 'FAO: Miss Codner' in the subject line.



## What is the DadPad?

It's the essential guide for new dads, developed with the NHS.

## Why do you need it?

As a new dad you will feel excited, but you may also feel left out, unsure or overwhelmed. The DadPad can help by giving you the knowledge and practical skills that you need. The resource will support you and your partner to give your baby the best possible start in life.

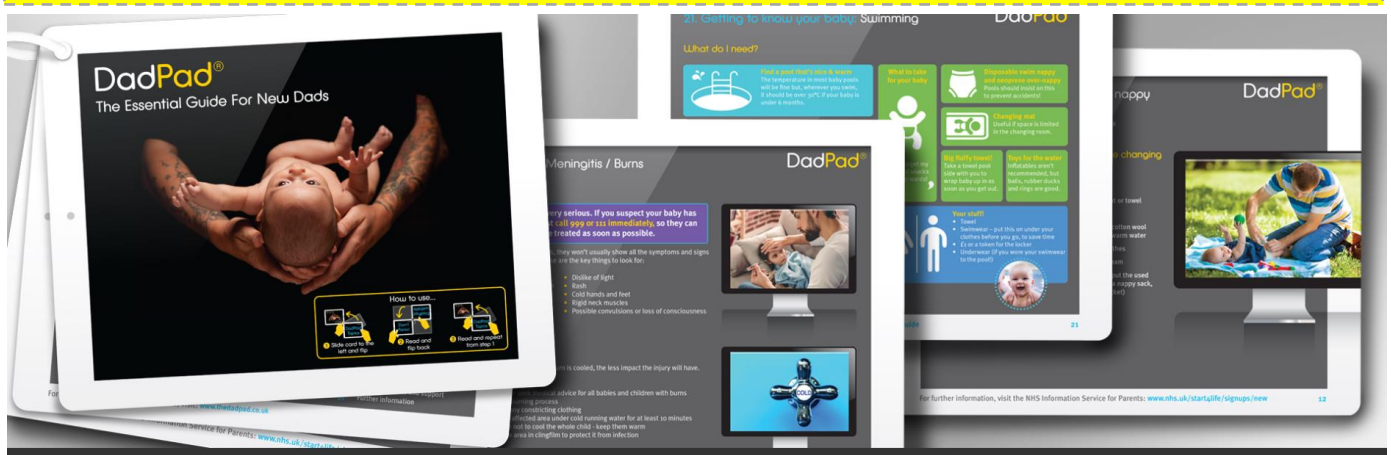
## Introducing DadPad Neonatal

Being the parent of a child in neonatal care can come with lots of additional emotions and problems. DadPad Neonatal offers help and support in these situations. [Find out more.](#)

The poster features the DadPad logo at the top, followed by the text 'The Essential Guide For New Dads'. Below this is a large QR code and the text 'Download the FREE DadPad App using the QR or visit the App Store or Google Play'. At the bottom right is the ICON logo.

## Support for new dads with The DadPad

The DadPad was created because babies don't come with a set of instructions. The DadPad is an essential guide for dads in caring for babies and very young children. The DadPad is a free app and the poster above includes a QR to scan and download the app straight to a mobile phone.





In September, the Marine Academy Primary team would normally run a 'Welcome to...' session to enable you to find out more about what your child's year group would be like for the academic year. As they are unable to do that currently, they have put together a PowerPoint and emailed the slides to families, additionally they recorded a video of them talking through the information. You can watch the videos by clicking on the links below:

Pre-School: [Welcome from Miss Stephens and Mrs Brenton](#)

Reception: [Welcome from Mr Ferry and Miss Rowe](#)

Year 1: [Welcome from Mrs Marchant and Mr Andrews](#)

Year 2: [Welcome from Miss Watson and Mr Green](#)

Year 3: [Welcome from Miss Newell and Mr Cuzner](#)

Year 4: [Welcome from Miss Gammage and Mrs Viant](#)

Year 5: [Welcome from Mr Druce and Mrs Impey](#)

Year 6: [Welcome from Mr Wilson and Mrs Kennedy](#)

Families will have already received this information but just in case you missed it, we have included it in this Newsletter. Please do make sure you keep in the loop with the goings on in the Academy by downloading the Xpressions app if you have children in Nursery to Year 6 as this is the main way that the team will communicate with you. If you have any problems, please email: [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) and a member of the Admin Team will help you out.

To contact your child's teachers directly, please use the year group email addresses below. If you would like to contact anybody else then please email [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) and put 'FAO: their name' in the subject line.

Turtle Class – [map.nursery@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:map.nursery@marineacademy.org.uk)

Pre-School – [YearPreschool@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:YearPreschool@marineacademy.org.uk)

Reception - [YearReception@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:YearReception@marineacademy.org.uk)

Year 1 - [Year1@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:Year1@marineacademy.org.uk)

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Year 5 - [Year5@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:Year5@marineacademy.org.uk)

Year 6 - [Year6@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:Year6@marineacademy.org.uk)



We are delighted that Marine Academy Primary has recently been awarded a **Quality Mark for Early Years Award**. The Quality Mark for Early Years promotes and supports the development of young children in their communication, language and early mathematical skills. To achieve a Quality Mark a school must undergo an assessment, carried out by an external accredited assessor, against the 10 'Elements' of the Quality Mark for Early Years framework. These include reviewing young children's learning needs and planning their next steps, providing safe, stimulating resources and equipment – both indoors and outdoors - and having skilled early years staff. Congratulations and very well done to our wonderful Early Years team.



**Quality Mark**  
EARLY YEARS  
AWARD



*On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September we were finally able to hold our celebration cream tea for all of the children who completed their 38Things booklets over the last academic year. Taking part in '38 Things' has provided children the opportunity to complete many different activities which will then help them to build resilience, confidence and independence. They will also help children know how to keep physically and mentally. The activities included many different ways to do this, for example, through sport, creativity and volunteering. Please look out for a video that Mrs Jones will send out very soon to learn more about 38 Things and how to sign up for this academic year.*



### Phonics

As a parent you can do many things at home to help your children become good readers and writers. Understanding the way in which your child is taught to read and write is an important factor in doing so. In Reception and Year One, Phonics is the way we teach children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language.

Written language can be compared to a code, so knowing the sounds of individual letters and how those letters sound when they're combined will help children decode words as they read. Understanding phonics will also help children know which letters to use when they are writing words. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 09:15am -10:00am, Mrs Jones will be hosting a parent workshop (coffee and biscuits provided), **Understanding Phonics - how to support your child at home**. If you would like to attend, please complete the Microsoft Form that can be found [here](#).



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	Chloe (5LI) 394,366
2	Freya R (6AW) 176,573
3	Aiden (5LI) 135,465
4	Jacob (6AW) 127,249
5	Ayda-Rose (6AW) 124,578
6	Joshua (5LI) 105,428
7	Silun (4AV) 101,874
8	Jay (6DK) 100,801
9	Isobel (6AW) 100,753
10	Tia (3CC) 98,338

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

**800 books and  
2,918,412 words!**

**WOW!**

**SUPER READER**

**SHOUT OUTS!**

It has been an amazing start to the year for reading and quizzing on Accelerated Reader! Well done to these superstars who have been quizzing lots and scoring high!

Maya (2CW), Adeogo (2TG), Olivia (3CC), Archie (3JN), Tamsin (4AV), William (4LG), Xavier (5AD), Harlan (5LI), Freya R (6AW) and Kaleb-Lee (6DK)!

Reader Certifications and Word Counts will continue this year and Miss Mitchell is always on the look-out for the next Word Millionaire!

Children are able to regularly quiz in school, but if they would like to quiz at home they can do so by following this

link: <https://ukhosted106.renlearn.co.uk/6711304/default.aspx> and logging in using the

same username and password that was on the Home Connect

letters that were sent home on

21st

September.

