



# Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter February 2017

*'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 and Nursery pupils,  
Thank you to everyone who attended Parents/Carers Meetings for their children prior to the half term break; we hope you found these meetings useful and a great opportunity to look at and hear more about your child's learning and progress so far this academic year. Thank you also for booking your appointments using the online system, we have found this a much better way to monitor the booking of appointments.



In light of the building work to extend Marine Academy Primary, we have reviewed our evacuation procedures in the event of a fire. All staff are aware of the change in procedure and we will have a practise with the children during this week. The picture to the left shows the area in which we will evacuate during the building work.

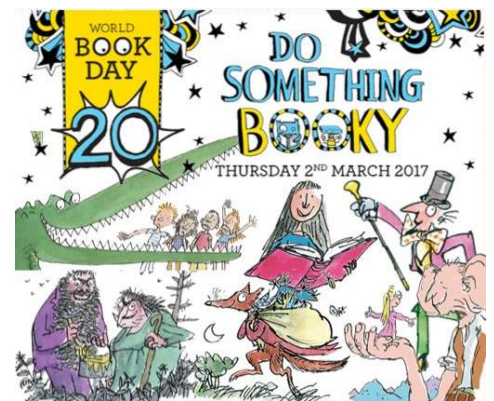
Throughout March I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Concerts and at Thursday's Big Fabulous Gathering for World Book Day at Marine Academy Plymouth, 5:00-6:30pm, if you can make it.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

### Dates for Your Diary...

**2nd March: World Book Day – Primary and Nursery children to dress as characters from books by Roald Dahl (or any other book character)**



- 2nd March, 5:00-6:30pm: Big Fabulous Gathering for World Book Day at Marine Academy Plymouth**
- 3rd March: Year 1 Circus Skills Day**
- 6th March at 8:30am: Fairtrade Coffee Morning – International Extra-Curricular Activity children will be selling tea and coffee to Parents/Carers from the MULA door**
- 6th March: Year 4 and 5 Academy Council Representatives to take part in Plymouth City Youth Council**
- 7th March: Class 3SM to visit St Budeaux Library**
- 10th March: Gifted and Talented Art Trip to Plymouth University**
- 10th March, 9:00-11:00am: Nursery Book Start Event in the Primary Hall – Parents/Carers of Nursery children aged 2+ invited**
- 10th March: Trip to the Theatre Royal to see 'Ballet, First Steps' for some children from Years 1 and 2**
- 13th March: Class 5GB Trip to Plymouth City College for Science Week**
- 13th March: Classes RCJ and RGS Pirate Trip**





Just a quick reminder that there will be no Extra-Curricular Activities on during the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March. New Extra-Curricular Activities letters will go home during the first week back after the Easter break for children to sign up.

### EASTER BONNET COMPETITION!



On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, we will be having an Easter bonnet parade as part of our Super Starfish of the Term Assembly. All children are welcome to make an Easter bonnet (but do not have to) and they will wear them as part of our special parade.

We thought it might be fun for Parents/Carers to get involved in this with the children at home and therefore children can choose whichever design they like for their bonnets; it can be a traditional bonnet or maybe a baseball cap or indeed decorating a dressing up hat. The choice is endless and can be as creative, innovative or traditional as you like; creations can range from chicks coming out of eggs to flowerpots to giant eggs. There will be a prize for the best Easter bonnet from each class from Nursery to Year 5.

If your child would like to be involved with this competition then please could they bring in their finished Easter bonnets on the morning of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and give them to their class teacher. We will then put them on show for Parents/Carers to see when they come along to our Spring Celebrations. We look forward to seeing the Easter bonnet creations!

### Breakfast and After School Club

This is just a reminder that Breakfast Club, After School Club and Lunches need to be paid for in advance please. Please ensure that your ParentPay account has money on it before dropping your child off for Breakfast Club, signing them up for After School Club or ordering them a lunch. The services all need to be paid for in advance please from now on. There are many who have debts on ParentPay and those that do will receive debt letters every Friday from now on.

If you are having trouble accessing your ParentPay account then please contact a member of the Primary Admin Team who will show you how to access it or reset your password.

Please also ensure that if you would like to book your child into After School Club that you do so by 11:00am of that day. If you contact after this time, there may not be availability in After School Club.



Year 3 had a visit from two local Police Officers on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. They were given an opportunity to ask lots of questions about being a Police Officer or a Police Community Support Officer. The children were lucky enough to then try on police uniform and even see what fingerprinting is like. They all loved the police car and even got to see the flashing lights and hear the siren!

The children in Class NJW have loved learning in their new garage role play area since February Half Term. They have been role playing being mechanics and fixing the car! The children have been doing a great job.



### Dates for Your Diary...

- 14<sup>th</sup> March: Nursery Class Photo by Tempest Photography
- 14<sup>th</sup> March: Classes 4LG and 4SF Trip to Plymouth City College for Science Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> March: Class 4SF Trip to Langan Energy Centre
- 15<sup>th</sup> March: Class 5GB Visit to HMS Courageous
- 16<sup>th</sup> March: Five Year 5 Children to visit the Marine Biology Association
- Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March: Balanceability for Classes RCJ and RGS
- Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March: Bikeability for Class 5GB
- 20<sup>th</sup> March: Whole School World Poetry Day Assembly from Andy Blackwell

### ROCK YOUR SOCKS

— FOR —  
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

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21<sup>st</sup> March: World Down Syndrome Day – children to bring a donation and wear silly socks with their uniform to school please

22<sup>nd</sup> March: Sing Up Day

22<sup>nd</sup> March: Class 4LG Trip to Langan Energy Centre

23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2:30pm: Classes RCJ and RGS Mothering Sunday Assembly – all Reception mums and special ladies invited!

23<sup>rd</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> March: Book Fair in the Primary Hall at the end of the school day

24<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> March: Finland Expedition for four Year 5 Pupils



24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

24<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day

24<sup>th</sup> March, after school: Basketball Extra-Curricular Club Trip to Plymouth Raiders

24<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15-4:15pm: Johnny Mercer MP to visit Classes 3IC and 3SM (Year 3 children to stay at school later this day please)

Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March: Balanceability for Classes 1BR and 1MR

28<sup>th</sup> March: RSPB Office to visit Classes 4SF, 4LG and 5GB

28<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm: Reception and Nursery Spring Concert in the Primary Hall

29<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm: Years 1 and 2 Spring Concert in the Primary Hall

30<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm: Years 3, 4 and 5 Spring Concert in the Primary Hall

31<sup>st</sup> March at 2:30pm: Year 2 Recorder Recital to Parents/Carers in the Primary Hall

31<sup>st</sup> March: Last Day of Term 4

18<sup>th</sup> April: First Day of Term 5