



Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter

February 2016

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

'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,

It has been another busy month at Marine Academy Primary and Nursery, with every year group doing some very exciting things, some of which are written about in this month's Newsletter. Next week will provide you with an opportunity to see your children's fantastic learning by meeting with their class teacher during the Parents/Carers Meetings (letters have gone home today to book appointments).

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. More information will follow after half term but we are hoping that everyone will be able to take part by Nursery and Reception children dressing as characters from books by Julia Donaldson and children from Years 1 to 4 dressing as characters from books by JK Rowling.

Yours sincerely,

Miss. Siobhan Easton

Dates for Your Diary...

1st February:

Parents/Carers Meetings Letters go home today

4th February:

Parents/Carers Meetings Letters due back by this morning

5th February:

Class 4LG Trip to the Guildhall to meet author, Cathy Cassidy

5th February:

Parents/Carers Meetings Confirmation Letters go home

Week Beginning 8th February:

Nursery and Primary Parents/Carers Meetings

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There will be no Extra-Curricular Activities this week but After School Club will still be available

11th February:

Classes 2AW and 2SM Aspirations Day

12th February: Last Day of Term 3

22nd February: First Day of Term 4

23rd February:

8:30-10:00am – Psychology Service Drop-In Sessions

2:30-4:00pm – Psychology Service Drop-In Sessions

3rd March:

World Book Day

(Nursery and Reception dress as characters from books by Julia Donaldson; Years 1 to 4 dress as characters from books by JK Rowling)

3rd March:

Book Stall – books available to buy after school

4th March:

Classes 3IC and 4LG Trip to Burrator for Geocoaching

4th March at 2:30pm:

Classes RCJ and RGS Mothers' Day Assembly – all special ladies invited!

18th March: Sport Relief

21st March at 2:15pm:

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Spring Concert

23rd March at 2:15pm:

Years 2, 3 and 4 Spring Concert

24th March: Last Day of Term 4



Fabulous Faces

When children at Marine Academy Primary and Nursery have completed some excellent learning, shown brilliant manners, been a super role model or have been just all round brilliant, the children are given a Fabulous Face. Having a Fabulous Face means that they get to see Miss Easton for a Headteacher's Prize.

When this happens the children are given the option of a prize from the silver sparkly prize box or they can choose an egg laid by our resident chickens at Marine Academy Primary. Lately, the eggs have proven to be very popular and we just love it when children tell us about what they have done with the eggs at home. It is great when we are emailed photos of the children cooking and eating their eggs too! We are going to make a display of these in our corridor. If your child brings home an egg then please do email us a photo to primary@marineacademy.org.uk

Buddy Time!

Each week children from Classes RCJ and 2SM or Classes RGS and 2AW meet for Buddy Time. On Friday, children from Mr Woodgates' Class visited Miss Stephens' Class to find out what the Reception children had been learning about over the last fortnight. The children from Class RGS loved telling their buddies all about their new pet guinea pigs!

Sparkle, Twinkle and Star even got to join in with Buddy Time!



Classes 1MR and 1BR Skype St. Peter's International School in Ghana



On Thursday 28th January, Classes 1MR and 1BR had an amazing opportunity to Skype St. Peter's International School in Ghana. The children's Literacy story was set in Africa and they were excited to retell the story of 'Handa's Surprise' to the Ghanaian children. The Year 1s used great expression and Makaton to retell it to the Year 1 children in Ghana. Based on their International Primary Curriculum topic 'Hooray...Let's go on Holiday' the children were able to ask questions which they had already prepared. Classes 1BR and 1MR were amazed to find out the children live somewhere surrounded by beautiful flowers, many trees and cocoa as well as being lucky enough to have a swimming pool in their school for them to use. Marine Academy Primary's Year 1s have asked to email the children from St. Peter's International School to ask the remaining questions they have and look forward to talking to them again on Skype soon!

Welly Boots...

Please don't forget that all children will need welly boots and waterproof coats in school if they are going to be able to go out to spend time with either the chickens or the guinea pigs. If you have any spare welly boots at home that no longer fit then we would really appreciate it if you were able to donate them to Miss Mitchell please so we have spare boots in school.



Marine Academy Primary's Newest Additions!

Star, Sparkle and Twinkle are Marine Academy Primary's newest additions and have settled in really well. The children are really gentle with them and understood the importance of handling them with care.



PE in Class NJW

This month in PE the Nursery children have been experimenting with different equipment in the Marine Academy Primary Hall with Miss Wickenden. They have been practising throwing a ball into the net, crawling through a tunnel, climbing in and out of hoops, running through the ladder and even jumping over hurdles. They have been having lots of fun and showed amazing talent!



Outdoor Learning in the Under 2 Room

The children from the Nursery in the Under 2 Room have been having a brilliant time learning outside in their puddle suits and wellies throughout January. The children have been fantastic, had fun and lots of excellent learning has been taking place.

