



Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter January 2017

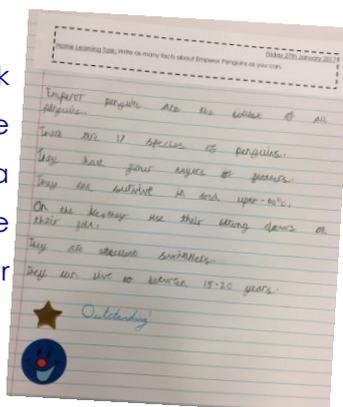
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 ...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils,
 Everytime I write a Newsletter I seem to share with you how busy the month has been but it is fair to say that January has flown by! Next week there will be Parents/Carers Meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please be sure to book your appointments by Wednesday 1st February at 3:00pm. Primary Parents/Carers can book their appointment online by following this link <https://marineacademyprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. If you have any difficulties, please just speak to a member of the Primary Admin Team. Parents/Carers Meetings are an excellent opportunity for you to look through your children's learning and to provide you with up to date information about their progress. There will be Parents/Carers Meetings again in May and then Annual Reports will go home in July. Please do not wait until these meetings if you have any concerns/questions/queries though, as teachers are all available during Early Morning Learning every day of the week between 8:30-8:55am for you to catch up with them. I hope that Parents/Carers of children in Years 1 to 5 found the move from Home Learning being sent home on sheets to Home Learning Books a positive one. We have had lots of encouraging feedback and comments already and are really pleased that you are happy with the changes; it has been wonderful to see the Home Learning that has been brought back already. Please remember that Home Learning Books must be brought back each Thursday.

- Dates for Your Diary...
- 2nd February: Dinosaur Day and a Visit from the Science Dome for Classes RCJ and RGS**
 - 2nd February: A Visit from the Science Dome for Classes 2AF and 2CB**
 - 2nd February: Yuki Japanese Speaker Workshop for Classes 3IC and 3SM**
 - Week Beginning 6th February: No Extra-Curricular Activities this week**
 - 6th, 7th and 8th February: Parents/Carers Meetings**
 - 6th February: Tempest Class Photo Order Forms due in**
 - 6th February: Splats e-Safety Computer Show for the Whole School and e-Safety Workshops for Classes 4SF, 4LG and 5GB**
 - 6th February: Plymouth University Science Students to run Antarctica Workshops with Classes 1BR and 1MR**
 - 7th February: Safer Internet Day**
 - 8th February: Architect Assembly for the Primary and Nursery**
 - 10th February: Muffi in aid of the Finland Expedition**
 - 10th February: Last Day of Term 3**
 - 20th February: First Day of Term 4**
 - 21st February: Polar Explorer Day for Classes 4SF, 4LG and 5GB**
 - 23rd February: Kier Living and Building Safety Assembly for the Primary and Nursery**
 - 24th February: Class 5GB Trip to Dartmoor Zoo for Reindeer Day!**
 - 27th February: Plymouth University English Students to run Workshops for Classes 3IC and 3SM**
 - 2nd March: World Book Day – Primary and Nursery children to dress as characters from books by Roald Dahl**

When your child brings their Home Learning Book home again, if there is a gold star or smiley face sticker then it means that they have been given a Golden Ticket and/or a Fabulous Face (Headteacher's Prize)! Thank you for your continued support with Home Learning!



Yours sincerely,
 Mrs. Siobhan Meredith



Scooting and Riding Bikes to the Academy

It is really lovely to see the children scooting and riding to the Academy every morning and then parking up at our Scooter Pods. Please can you make sure though that children are careful when coming around the side of the Primary building because there have been a few near misses as other Parents/Carers are walking their children into the Primary. Thank you very much in advance of this.



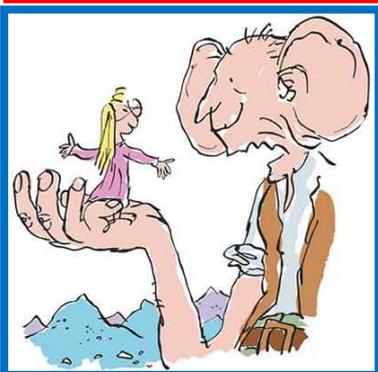
Some Children from Year 5 are going to Finland!

Some children from Class 5GB have been given a very exciting opportunity to travel to Finland at the end of March! They will be able to gather lots of learning resources for their peers along with making a video diary to document their time away. Everyone will be able to keep up to date with their activities (which include visiting the Sami Government, attending a local school, ice fishing and a husky safari!) through daily Skype sessions back to Marine Academy Primary.

In aid of this trip we will be hosting a **Muffi Day on Friday 10th February**, any donations would be gratefully received by all of the children who are working hard to fundraise for their upcoming trip!



The *Mind Body and Spirit Fair* at Marine Academy Plymouth, being held on Saturday 18th February is different from the normal type of craft fairs around - it is based on health, the environment and taking a different approach to the way we live. The range of stalls include Neal's Yard organic skin care, Forever Living Aloe gels, paraffin free candles, handmade jewellery and goods from local business. There will be a range of fully trained therapists, who can help with stress and wellbeing, with various forms of massage and reflexology. Saltash Chiropractic team will be offering free spinal screening all day too. Talks and workshops are fun, free and will run throughout the day (including a steel tongue drum workshop). Please contact Darren Stewart for more information: Darren.Stewart@marineacademy.org.uk



World Book Day at MAPI!

On **Thursday 2nd March**, Marine Academy Primary and Nursery will be celebrating World Book Day. It would be great if the children could dress as a character from a book by Roald Dahl (or any other book themed fancy dress is fine) please. During the day children will complete Roald Dahl themed activities.

In the evening, **5:00-6:30pm** you are then invited to bring your children back to the Campus to go to the **Big Fabulous Gathering** at Marine Academy Plymouth! There will be more Roald Dahl themed activities for the children to take part in, including potion making, face painting, creating dream jars, decorating chocolate slabs and much more. All of the activities are free and there will be lots of staff from the Primary there too so please bring your child along for an evening of fun!

Toby Young Visits Marine Academy Primary

Yesterday we were visited by Toby Young, who is the Director of the New Schools Network. The New Schools Network is an organisation who people looking to set up a Free School contact for support. Through The New Schools Network, we have supported numerous other schools and provided advice. It was great to meet Toby yesterday and children from Classes 2AF, 3SM, 4LG and 5GB wowed him with their talents during a short concert. Prior to being the Director, Toby wrote the novel 'How to Lose Friends and Alienate People' which was made into a movie with Simon Pegg in.

