



# Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter January 2018

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils,  
Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2018! January has been filled with exciting goings on at Marine Academy Primary and Nursery, here are just a few of the things that have happened;

- ★ Year 5 children all attended daily swimming lessons.
- ★ Year 3 classes went on a trip to Morwellham Quay and earlier in the month they were visited by a Humanoid Robot.
- ★ Reception children all learnt to ride bikes during their Balanceability sessions (a photo of this is above).
- ★ Mr Pryce and Mr Andrew joined the Primary teaching team.
- ★ Miss Mansfield began working in the Nursery.
- ★ The Key Stage 2 Academy Council Representatives took part in the Plymouth City Youth Council event and came first in the presentation at the end of the session!
- ★ Year 1 children went to the Theatre Royal to watch 'The Enormous Turnip'.
- ★ Class 2AF went to the STEM Centre and Class 2SM went to the National Marine Aquarium.
- ★ Year 4 have taken part in some Outdoor Learning sessions.

In only 4 weeks, we are amazed with everything that has happened this term and also in the amount of progress that the children have made! Don't forget a great way to keep you informed about your child's progress at the Academy, is to attend Parents/Carers Meetings. These will take place the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February. During this week there will be no extra-curricular activities but these will restart from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, which is the first day of Term 4.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Siobhan Meredith



### Dates for Your Diary...

**Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February:**  
**Parents/Carers Meetings Week**

**Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February:**  
**No Extra-Curricular Activities**

**5<sup>th</sup> February: Classes 5LH and 5AD Trip to Dartmoor Zoo**

**5<sup>th</sup> February: Classes 4VB and 4AJ Trip to Kings Tamerton Woods in the morning**

**5<sup>th</sup> February: Puffin Class Trip to Kings Tamerton Woods in the afternoon**

**5<sup>th</sup> February: Debbie from St Budeux Library to read stories to the Nursery**

**5<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day**

**6<sup>th</sup> February: Class 6GB Trip to Kent's Cavern**

**6<sup>th</sup> February: Reception Classes Eye Tests**

**6<sup>th</sup> February: 10 Children to take part in Basketball Competition at Plympton Academy**

**7<sup>th</sup> February: Penguin Class Trip to Kings Tamerton Woods in the morning**

**7<sup>th</sup> February: Reception Classes Eye Tests**

**8<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day Workshops with Professor Andy Phippen for Years 5 and 6**

**9<sup>th</sup> February: 3 Children to take part in Boccia Competition at Tor Bridge High School**

**9<sup>th</sup> February: Muffin for Primary and Nursery to raise money for Chloe Davis (MAP 6<sup>th</sup> Former) to attend the Global Young Leaders Conference in America**

**9<sup>th</sup> February: End of Term 3**

**19<sup>th</sup> February: INSET Day**

**20<sup>th</sup> February: First Day of Term 4**

**21<sup>st</sup> February: Classes 3IC and 3MM Trip to Torquay Museum**

**21<sup>st</sup> February: Years 4 and 5 Assembly from Author, Joffre White**

NSPCC



**NSPCC PANTS Resources**

As you may be aware the NSPCC have been broadcasting a TV advert to raise awareness of how Parents/Carers can help their younger children keep safe from child sexual abuse. If you've missed it, you can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nMIKUsZjirA&feature=youtu.be>

There is now a pack for Parents/Carers to use too, to encourage them to have a conversation that many might feel uncomfortable about having. The link to the parents' PANTS pack is here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

The NSPCC have also teamed up with award-winning animators, Aardman to create a free app, for both android and iOS, featuring the Panatosorus characters. There are four mini games where players test their skills against Pantosaurus. The app is great fun to use!

**Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Lunch Menus**

Thank you to those Parents/Carers who have discussed the new lunch menus with us. Just to clarify a few things, as in most primary schools, we do not have full control over the menu but the menu was based on feedback from children about their likes and dislikes and whether they would be interested in trying new foods. Throughout the week, tasters of the food are offered to the children so even if they have not chosen it as their lunch option, they can still have a try. This menu can of course be tweaked based upon popularity and feedback as our previous menu was and Mr Smith will be available at the end of the school day during Parents/Carers Meetings to talk to Parents and bring along samples.

The new menu created by Mr Smith was written to allow Choice 2 to be the vegetarian version of Choice 1 and the third choice is a 'Lighter Choice'. Over the school, more lunches are being ordered and there is far less wastage but we would like to ensure that children do not just have jacket potatoes or sandwiches everyday so have asked that Mr Smith analyses the uptake of lunch choices.

The most important thing for us is that children go home having enjoyed their lunch and are full.



*It's a Boy*

**We have exciting news to share with you!**

This month, Miss Mitchell's and Mr Vernon's baby was born! Both Miss Mitchell and her new baby son are doing well. We all cannot wait to meet the gorgeous Eli!

**Dates for Your Diary...**

21<sup>st</sup> February: Classes 4VB and 4AJ Workshops from Author, Joffre White

23<sup>rd</sup> February: International Stand Up to Bullying Day

26<sup>th</sup> February: Fairtrade Fortnight

1<sup>st</sup> March: World Book Day – David Walliams theme! A letter with more information will be provided soon.

1<sup>st</sup> March, 5:00-6:30pm: The Wonderful World of David Walliams: A Snaketacular Event for all the Family at MAP – everyone is welcome to attend! There will be lots of reading related fun and games!

5<sup>th</sup> March: Debbie from St Budeux Library to read stories to the Nursery

7<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4 Boys Football Team to compete in the Finals of the South West Schools Football Tournament

8<sup>th</sup> March: Classes RHR and RCJ Mothering Sunday Assembly for all Mums and Special Ladies!

12<sup>th</sup> March: Classes RHR and RCJ Trip to the Hoe

17<sup>th</sup> March: Basketball Extra-Curricular Activity children to watch Plymouth Raiders play at Plymouth Pavillions

19<sup>th</sup> March: Puffin Class Trip to Pennywell Farm

21<sup>st</sup> March: Penguin Class Trip to Pennywell Farm

23<sup>rd</sup> March: Sport Relief

29<sup>th</sup> March: Last Day of Term 4

**Term Dates 2017/18**

**Term 4**

First day of school:

Tuesday 20th February 2018

Last day of school:

Thursday 29th March 2018

**Term 5**

First day of school:

Monday 16th April 2018

Bank Holiday:

Monday 7th May 2018

Last day of school:

Friday 25th May 2018

**Term 6**

First day of school:

Tuesday 5th June 2018

Last day of school:

Tuesday 24th July 2018

Throughout Term 4, there are many wonderful opportunities already planned for, with some of the dates included on this Newsletter. The topics for next term for each year group are below and before the Half Term break you will receive Curriculum Letters with more information about what the children will be learning:

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Years 4	Year 5	Year 6
Precious Pets 	Shiver M' Timbers! 	Let's Celebrate 	Time Travellers 	Temples, Tombs and Treasures 	Bright Sparks 	The Great, the Bold and the Brave 	Extreme Survivors 