



Four Year 5 children and two members of staff are on a Finland Expedition!

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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary and Nursery pupils,  
 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping us to make March a fantastic month, which was full of learning and excellent experiences for the children. Highlights include World Book Day the children from across the Primary and Nursery enjoyed learning about Roald Dahl and his stories, whilst looking amazing in their costumes and the children looked equally as splendid in red for Red Nose Day last Friday!  
 There have been lots of trips and curriculum enrichment opportunities this month, including Reception going on a Pirate Adventure! (thank you to Mr Smith for helping to make this happen); Year 1 enjoyed a Circus Skills Day; Year 2 had a World War II day on the South Devon Railway and dressed as evacuees; Year 3 met with Johnny Mercer MP as part of their learning about local government; Years 4 and 5 visited Plymouth City College's STEM Centre and Basketball Extra-Curricular Activity children had a training session at Plymouth Pavilions and watched a Plymouth Raiders game! This has all happened whilst ensuring that the children are still having regular Phonics/Spelling, English and Maths lessons taught by Outstanding teachers.

Throughout the Summer Term, there are many wonderful opportunities already planned for, with some of the dates included on the right of this page and overleaf. The topics for next term for each year group are below and Curriculum Letters will go home by the end of the week:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Years 4 & 5
Whatever Next! 	We're off to Ghana 	Hooray...Let's go on Holiday 	A Day in the Life 	Land, Sea and Sky 	Switched On 

I hope you have a lovely Easter break and we will see you on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely,  
 Mrs. Siobhan Meredith



# Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter March 2017

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

- Dates for Your Diary...
- 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
  - 18<sup>th</sup> April: Year 3 Sessions with the RSPB
  - 19<sup>th</sup> April: Year 5 begin weekly sessions with Plymouth Argyle
  - 19<sup>th</sup> April: Class 3IS Trip to Bovisand Beach
  - 20<sup>th</sup> April: Class 3SM Trip to Bovisand Beach
  - 20<sup>th</sup> April at 4:30pm: Nursery Open Event
  - 21<sup>st</sup> April: Year 3 Trip to Living Coasts
  - 21<sup>st</sup> April: Class 5GB Trip to Plymouth University Theatre to watch Hamlet
  - Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April: Extra-Curricular Activities start again
  - 24<sup>th</sup> April: Year 3 begin weekly Steel Pan lessons
  - 28<sup>th</sup> April: Year 3 Trip to the Barbican and Hoe to go sailing on Kaskelot
  - 1<sup>st</sup> May: May Bank Holiday – No School
  - 5<sup>th</sup> May: Year 2 Aspirations Day – Year 2 children to dress as what they would like to be when they are older
  - 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am: Nursery Open Event
  - 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2:00pm: Nursery Open Event
  - 12<sup>th</sup> May: Wellbeing Day
  - Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May: Walk to School Week
  - 16<sup>th</sup> May: Reception Trip to Paignton Zoo
  - 19<sup>th</sup> May: Children from Year 5 will go to a Bellboating Regatta
  - 19<sup>th</sup> May: Empty Classroom Day – Parents/Carers will be invited for a picnic
  - Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May: No Extra-Curricular Activities

**Government Launches New Schemes to Help with Childcare Costs**

The Government has introduced some new schemes to help support childcare costs. 'Childcare Choices' brings together all of the Government childcare offers in one place for the first time. The new Childcare Choices website makes it easy to find out what's on offer and many of these are available at Marine Academy Primary and Nursery. You can use the Childcare Calculator at [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) to see what offers are available to support you and your family. As well as current schemes, Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours Funding for 3 and 4 year olds are new offers that are coming in 2017.

To find out more about the new and existing offers, and how they can help you, go to the Childcare Choices website today at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



**IT'S COOL TO BE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY!**

**SICKNESS BUGS**

Please remember that if your child has diarrhoea and vomiting then they must be off school for 48 hours. If they have been sick once and you do not believe this to be a bug then it is ok for them to return to the Academy. This is a tricky decision to make but we need to make sure that both bugs are not being spread and children are not having absences unnecessarily.

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent from school then you need to call the Primary or Nursery to let them know by 9:30am please if they will not be in that day. You will also then need to call in every subsequent day of their absence please. If a child has **four** days or more absent from school then medical evidence will be required for this absence to be authorised. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with all of this.

**HOLIDAY REQUESTS AND ABSENCES**

As many of you will be aware, when taking a term time holiday the Local Authority are not currently issuing fines. However, as a school the Local Authority require us to still unauthorise all holiday related absences. Following an unauthorised holiday we have to notify our Education Welfare Officer. They then log the absence and if the fines were to be overturned at the High Court in the future, you will then be given a penalty notice and fined for the historical unauthorised absences. Please also be aware that absences due to holidays still impact on your child's attendance figure and if this goes below 90% you will be required to provide medical evidence for all absences; you will receive a standard letter from Mrs Meredith, which we are required to do for our Education Welfare Officer. As a school, we have no control over the penalty notices and ask that you think carefully about taking your child out of school during term time to avoid this. We do however appreciate that it can be very challenging to marry up your holidays with the school holidays.



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

During the Easter Holidays Miss Charles is getting married! From when we return in April Miss Charles will be known as Mrs Critchlow.

Also, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March it is Miss Ridge's last day prior to her going on maternity leave. We would like to congratulate both Miss Charles and Miss Ridge! We wish Miss Charles a beautiful day and are looking forward to when Miss Ridge returns!

**UNIFORM FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

As the weather improves children may like to wear summery clothing to the Academy, please bear in mind the following:

- ★ Summer dresses are to be navy blue checked please rather than the lighter blue variations that can be bought.
- ★ Shorts are OK to wear but should be dark grey please similar to the trousers that are currently being worn to school.
- ★ Please make sure that your children still wear black school shoes rather than any form of sandals or trainers.



**Dates for Your Diary...**

- Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Parents/Carers Meetings
- 26<sup>th</sup> May: Last Day of Term 5
- 5<sup>th</sup> June: First Day of Term 6
- 7<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Trip to Burrator for a Guided Walk
- 8<sup>th</sup> June: Years 1 and 2 Sessions with the RSPB
- 9<sup>th</sup> June: Academy Council Trip to London
- 12<sup>th</sup> June at 4:30pm: Induction Event for Children Joining Reception in September 2017
- 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 to go Bellboating
- 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2:15pm: Reception Father's Day Assembly – add dads and special men of Classes RCJ and RGS children invited
- 16<sup>th</sup> June: Oxfam Dressed by the Kids Day
- Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> June: National Sports Week
- 30<sup>th</sup> June: Whole School Stand Up Move More Sit Less Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5 Residential
- 10<sup>th</sup> July: Class 3SM to go Rock Climbing at Hound Tor
- 11<sup>th</sup> July: Class 3IC to go Rock Climbing at Hound Tor
- 12<sup>th</sup> July at 1:00pm: Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon
- 13<sup>th</sup> July at 1:00pm: Key Stage 1 Sports Afternoon
- 14<sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 to see author, Peter Bentley at Plymouth Guildhall
- 14<sup>th</sup> July: Year 4 to see author, Julian Clary at Plymouth Guildhall
- 14<sup>th</sup> July: Nursery and Reception Sports Afternoon
- 14<sup>th</sup> July: Extra-Curricular Activities end
- Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> July: Arts Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2:15pm: Key Stage 2 Summer Musical
- 19<sup>th</sup> July: Annual Reports go home
- 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15am: Key Stage 2 Summer Musical
- 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3:00pm: Parents/Carers invited to see Arts Week Learning and Children's Books
- 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9:15am: Nursery Graduation and Reception Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> July: End of Term 6

From September Marine Academy Primary will have space in its building for 3 and 4 year olds. This means that Marine Academy Nursery can take more 0-2 year olds. Come along to our Open Events to sign up and find out more!

**Are you looking for a Nursery place for September?**

**WE HAVE AN OPEN DAY AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

- Come and join us on
- Thursday 20 April at 4.30pm
- Wednesday 10 May at 10am
- Thursday 11 May at 2pm

For further information please email [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) Call us on 01752 213939 or visit [www.marineacademy.org.uk](http://www.marineacademy.org.uk)

