



'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 for helping to make World Book Day such a success last week; the children all looked brilliant in their costumes and a fantastic day was had by all! If you have not seen the photos yet, there are hundreds of them on our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/MarineAcademyPlymouth

I am sure many of you know but just in case you are not aware, Mr Woodgates dislocated his ankle and has broken his fibula. He is expected to have an operation shortly and hoping to return to school as soon as possible. Until then however, Mr Ferry is covering Mr Woodgates' in Class 2AW; Mr Ferry joined the Primary team in November and has been working as a teacher in the Reception Classes. In addition to this, Running Club will continue after school on Thursdays but will be led by Miss Codner.

Yours sincerely,

Miss. Siobhan Easton



We are very excited to share with you that we have joined the Artsmark Award; the Arts Council England's award for schools that champion arts and culture in the classroom.

In order to become an Artsmark School, we have demonstrated our commitment to giving each and every child a high quality art and cultural education, as well as showing ambitious plans for the future. Artsmark schools gain access to exceptional resources as well as networks of the country's most treasured cultural organisations, which will help us to develop and strengthen our arts provision even further. Darren Henley, Chief Executive of Arts Council England, congratulated us: *"I would like to congratulate Marine Academy Primary on joining the Artsmark Award. To become an Artsmark School, they had to demonstrate their dedication to the arts. They have put together an ambitious plan which will ensure each of its pupils is given the opportunity to explore and build a love of the arts that will remain with them as they go through adult life."*

Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter March 2016

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Dates for Your Diary...

- 7th March: Bringing Books to Life Workshops for Years 1 to 4
- 8th March: Class 3IC PE Trip to Kings Tamerton Woods
- 9th March: Academy Council and Marine Wildlife Champions Representatives 'Clean for the Queen' Event at Kings Tamerton Woods
- 14th March: Class 3IC Keyhole Garden Day
- 15th March: Year 1 Orienteering Day
- 15th March: Class 4LG Trip to the Museum (please collect Year 4s at 3:30pm instead on this day)
- 16th March: Classes 2AW and 2SM Trip to the Museum (please collect Year 2s at 3:30pm instead on this day)
- 17th March: Class 3IC Trip to the Museum (please collect Year 3s at 3:30pm instead on this day)
- 18th March: Sport Relief
- 21st March: Classes 2AW and 2SM Evacuation Trip to the South Devon Railway at Buckfastleigh (children to dress as World War Two evacuees for this please – more information to follow)
- Week Beginning 21st March: No Extra-Curricular Activities this week**
- 21st March at 2:15pm: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Spring Concert
- 22nd March: Nursery Group Photos from Tempest
- 22nd March: Classes RCJ and RGS Trip to Royal William Yard and Pirate Picnic on the Hoe (children to dress as Pirates for this please – more information to follow)
- 23rd March: Primary Class Photos from Tempest
- 23rd March at 2:15pm: Years 2, 3 and 4 Spring Concert
- 24th March: Last Day of Term 4
- 11th April: Non-Pupil Day
- 12th April: First Day of Term 5
- 13th April at 1:00pm: Supporting Your Child to Learn Maths Open Afternoon for Parents/Carers of Class RGS Children
- 14th April at 1:00pm: Supporting Your Child to Learn Maths Open Afternoon for Parents/Carers of Class RCJ Children



Classes 2AW and 2SM are Learning Chinese!

Following Marine Academy Primary achieving the International School Award this year, the British Council, in conjunction with Devonport High School for Girls, have offered our Year 2 children the opportunity to learn more about Chinese language and culture. The Year 2 children have had one lesson so far and had a fantastic time making lanterns. Parents/Carers of Year 2 children will be invited to share the learning and find out more on the afternoon of Thursday 21st April.

'Spring is Here' at Marine Academy Nursery

Children in Class NJW were very excited to receive a surprise letter and parcel from the Gingerbread Man. The letter explained that he was so impressed with the children's learning that if they could solve a puzzle there would be a special job for them to do. Inside the parcel was a mystery key and some pictures of baby animals which the children had to match to their mothers... the only problem was that one of the pictures was missing. The children correctly identified that the missing picture was of a chicken and soon guessed that the key must have something to do with our chickens! The children quickly got their wellies and coats on and went to see if the key fitted the chicken coup, which it did.

Whilst in there, the children discovered the chicken feed and knew that this must be the very important job that the Gingerbread Man wanted them to do! The children really had a great time and loved talking about the baby animals which they learnt are all born in the Spring time, this has inspired the children to want to learn more so their topic at the moment is 'Spring is Here!' Marine Academy Nursery's Under 2 children have also been enjoying their topic this half term. They have all been enjoying looking at the display in their classroom, playing in the den, listening to the story of Farmer Fred and his baby animals and singing 'Farmers in the Den' whilst using lots of Makaton actions.



National Storytelling Week

At Marine Academy Primary, the children celebrated National Storytelling Week. There is an iMovie on our Facebook page showing just a small section of some of the fantastic storytelling that has taken place in the Primary! The children always sign using Makaton actions when telling their stories. The basic idea of storytelling is simple; it is learning to tell stories from memory, which is a great way to learn all sorts of essential skills. Children who fill up with stories by listening and retelling create an inner store of language, ideas and imagination. They then draw upon this store in their work and life. Speaking, listening, confidence, empathy, ideas, facts, sequences, plots ... you name it, storytelling can teach it and Marine Academy Primary children are great at it!! Children from Nursery Class NJW really enjoyed watching the Primary children's Storytelling too.



'Hooray...Let's go on Holiday'!

To celebrate the end of their topic, Classes 1BR and 1MR went on a very special holiday to India. The children had the chance to have their arms painted in a henna style, try a range of foods and even visited the Taj Mahal. The children loved learning about India and particularly enjoyed the plane journey!



Classes 3IC and 4LG put on a Fashion Show!

Classes 4LG and 3IC have studied the International Primary Curriculum topic 'Fashion' and worked really hard to learn how to sew. They designed t-shirts inspired by various different themes and hand stitched details onto their tie dye designs. They were taught by some of the Creative Technology teachers at MAP and celebrated all of their hard work with a fashion show, which was so much fun and the rest of the school went along to support them! They loved it!



Please continue to email photos of what your children make at home with the eggs from the chickens to primary@marineacademy.org.uk