



Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter

September 2015

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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,

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back on the first day of our new academic year and also give a big welcome to Parents/Carers of children who have joined us for the first day at the Primary today. We now have over 180 pupils attending Marine Academy Primary from Reception to Year 4 and continue to enroll children from birth at our Nursery.

Over the summer we have had new furniture delivered which means that almost all of the classrooms are now being used as teaching bases, a Storytelling Area built outside (above), bookcases added to our Library, the kitchen extended and we have refurbished Marine Academy Nursery.

I hope to see you all in the coming days and wish you a very happy first half of the Autumn Term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss. Siobhan Easton

Information Update

On **Friday 11th September**, you are invited to our 'Welcome to... at Marine Academy Primary' sessions. During the sessions you will have the opportunity to meet the teaching team in your child's year group, find out more about what they will be learning this term, how they will learn and the expectations for the year they are in. The 'Welcome to...' sessions will take place in Class RCJ for Reception children, Class 1BR for Year 1 children, Class 2AW for Year 2 children and Class 4LG for Year 3 and 4 children. The sessions will start at 3:15pm. The children will leave school at 3:10pm as normal but you are more than welcome to then come back in for the session. The sessions will only last for approximately twenty minutes but will give you a great chance to find out more and ask any questions you may have. If you have children in other year groups, please choose a session to attend then afterwards you are more than welcome to go to the classroom of your other child's class teacher.

Please note Extra-Curricular Activities will start on the week beginning Monday 14th September.

Important Dates 2015-2016

- 9th September:** Extra-Curricular Activities choices due in today
- 11th September:** Extra-Curricular Activities confirmation letters sent home today
- 11th September:** 'Welcome to...at Marine Academy Primary' sessions at 3:15pm
- 14th September:** Extra-Curricular Activities start this week
- 18th September:** Jeans for Genes Day (more information to follow)
- 23rd September:** Class RCJ Bring Your Mum to School Morning
- 24th September:** Class RGS Bring Your Mum to School Morning
- 30th September:** Class RCJ Bring Your Dad to School Morning
- 1st October:** Class RGS Bring Your Dad to School Morning
- 7th October:** Class RCJ Bring Your Grandparents to School Morning
- 8th October:** Class RGS Bring Your Grandparents to School Morning
- 14th October:** Class RCJ Bring Your Aunts and Uncles to School Morning
- 15th October:** Class RGS Bring Your Aunts and Uncles to School Morning
- 19th October:** Parents/Carers Meetings take place this week
- 21st October:** Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Harvest Celebration at 2:15pm
- 22nd October:** Years 2, 3 and 4 Harvest Celebration at 2:15pm

Term Dates for Pupils 2015-2016

- Term 1**
- 22nd October:** Last Day of Term 1
- Term 2**
- 2nd November:** First Day of Term 2
- 18th December:** Last Day of Term 2



Marine Academy Primary – Education Business Award Winner 2015!

The Education Business Awards are an annual event which take place in London, they honour schools, academies and colleges from all over the country that have taken innovative steps towards achieving excellence for their pupils. The Awards are broken into twenty two categories and Marine Academy Primary were nominated in the category for SEN Inclusion. The SEN Inclusion Award is presented to the UK Mainstream School that can demonstrate an increase in the quality of care and education services provided to children with Special Educational Needs. We are very honoured, excited and pleased to announce that we won this award! The National Association of Special Educational Needs (NASEN) sponsored the award and said: "Marine Academy Primary is the first free school in the UK to be awarded Makaton Friendly status by The Makaton Charity, recognising their efforts to make services accessible to children with speech and language difficulties. Staff have all received professional training in Makaton sign language, so that all classes can be taught how to use it and benefit from greater communication skills." The Award and certificate are on display in our main reception.

Marine Academy Nursery Update

At the end of the summer break we were sad to see our longstanding Nursery Manager, Ruth Smith, leave Marine Academy Nursery. Following this Julia Wrightson will continue to be the Deputy Manager and Under 2 Room Lead and Miss Wickenden has now become the Nursery Teacher in the Over 2 Room with Mrs Jones as the Nursery and Reception Leader. Emma and Jo will continue to support learning in the Over 2 Room with Rachel and Cat joining the Under 2 Room. There are also two new members of staff, Gemma and Sam, who have joined the Over 2 Room team.

At the end of the summer, the Nursery was refurbished with new furniture, additional display boards, tub chairs in the entrance area and an Interactive Whiteboard installed. All of these will contribute to the safe, secure and fantastic learning environment for the Nursery children. We are all very excited that Marine Academy Primary and Nursery will be working even closer together! Children from the Over 2 Room will be joining the Primary for their Harvest Celebration and continue to visit the Primary for lunch and PE but also from now on to use the Library, Storytelling Area and to attend assemblies. Marine Academy Nursery will also have two Starfish of the Week each week too!



Marine Academy Primary Update

As the Primary has increased in size again, we have many new members of staff to welcome. Our staffing structure is as follows:

Teaching Staff

Miss Easton – Headteacher
Mrs Jones – Nursery and Reception Leader
Mr Woodgates – Assistant Headteacher: Key Stage One Leader
Miss Beamont – Creative Arts Coordinator
Miss Wickenden – Nursery Teacher
Miss Stephens – Reception Class Teacher
Miss Ridge – Year 1 Class Teacher
Miss Russell – Year 1 Class Teacher
Miss Mitchell – Year 2 Class Teacher
Miss Charles – Year 3 Class Teacher
Miss Brunning – Intervention and PPA Teacher
Mr Gallagher – Year 4 Teacher
Miss Codner – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistants - Miss Burgess, Mrs Fahy, Miss Couch, Miss Warburton, Miss Watson, Miss Bromilow and Mr Vernon

One-to-One Teaching Assistants – Miss Vickers and Miss Underwood

Trainee Teaching Assistants – Mr Boxley, Miss Jones and Mr Bird

Outdoor Learning Assistant – Mr Tideswell

Primary Administration Team – Mrs Tudor, Mrs Dewey, Miss Smith and Miss Rio

Breakfast Club Assistants – Mr Bird, Mr Boxley and Mrs Fahy

Playworkers – Miss Vickers, Miss Underwood, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Stitchcombe, Mrs Gibson, Miss Morgan, Mr Bird, Mr Boxley and Mr Tideswell

After School Club Assistants – Miss Morgan, Miss Vickers, Mr Vernon (Tues, Weds and Thurs) and Miss Jones (Mon and Fri)



All Parents/Carers are invited to the Primary Hall on **Wednesday 21st October at 2:15pm** for the **Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Harvest Celebration** and on **Thursday 22nd October at 2:15pm** for the **Years 2, 3 and 4 Harvest Celebration**. The children will be fundraising for Plymouth Foodbank across the two days and we look forward to you all joining us then.



Breakfast and After School Club

Marine Academy Nursery and Primary Breakfast Clubs now open at 7:45am each morning. The costings of the Nursery Clubs have not changed. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, After School Club until 4:30pm or After School Club until 6:00pm then please email : primary@marineacademy.org.uk to book a place for your child. All clubs are pay as you go in the Primary so please do pay in advance. More information can be found on our website.