



Marine Academy Primary and Nursery Newsletter November 2017

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...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, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your immense support when fundraising for Children in Need this year. The Primary and Nursery did an amazing job and raised a total of over **£1350.00!** This is an immense achievement and we are so proud of all of the children who took part in the Sponsored Sign and Sing! The children learnt about why we raise money for Children in Need and showed a great deal of empathy; there was a really fantastic atmosphere throughout the Academy on the day. It is not long until the end of term so please make sure that your children have ordered a Christmas Lunch with their class teachers (and you have at least £2.00 on your ParentPay balance) if they would like one on Thursday 14th December. I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks at the Nursery and Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two Christmas Productions and also at the Christmas Jumper Day Carol Concert (in the MAP Sports Hall). There will be over 200 seats and it would be great if Parents/Carers could spread across the full Sports Hall please, to ensure all of the seating and standing space is used. Don't forget to don your Christmas jumpers too if you have one!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

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£1350.00!**

Year 2 have taken part in a Christmas Card Design Competition with Hindhead Property. Visit the St Budeaux branch of Hindhead Property to help to choose the winner!

Dates for Your Diary...

- 1st December: Christmas Trees go up in Marine Academy Primary**
- 4th December: Year 1 Trip to Build a Bear and The Entertainer Toy Shop**
- 5th December: Year 2 Trip to Hindhead Property and Mutley Baptist Church**
- 5th December: Year 6 Trip to the Immersion Theatre at Plymouth University**
- 6th December at 2:15pm: KS1 Christmas Show**
- 7th December at 9:15am: KS1 Christmas Show**
- 8th December: Change of Lunch Menu – Pizza, Ham Sandwiches or Cheese Sandwiches for lunch (please order a day in advance)**
- 8th December: Extra-Curricular Activities end**
- Week Beginning 11th December: International Week**
- 11th December at 2:15pm: KS2 Christmas Show**
- 12th December: Year 6 Origami Workshop**
- 12th December at 9:15am: EYFS Christmas Show**
- 13th December at 9:15am: KS2 Christmas Show**
- 14th December: Year 5 Chinese Language and Calligraphy Workshop**
- 14th December: Year 3 Australian Culture Workshop**
- 14th December: Christmas Lunch! Please order this with your child's class teacher. Children can wear a Christmas accessory – tinsel, deeley boppers etc.**
- 14th December at 2:15pm: EYFS Christmas Show**
- 15th December: Nursery Christmas Craft Morning 8:30-11:30am**
- 15th December: Nursery Christmas Craft Afternoon 12:15-3:15pm**





Operation Christmas Child

In November, children in the Primary and Nursery put together shoe boxes to be donated to the Samaritan's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal and we were overwhelmed with the number of shoe boxes that were made at home and brought into the Academy to be donated. Thank you very much for all of your donations and for the completed shoe boxes. The notes that children wrote for the boxes were excellent too.

We really appreciated your support and know that they are going to make children, living in poverty in another country, very happy on Christmas Day! We will let you know as soon as we do, what country the gifts were delivered to.



Change of Menu

On Friday 8th December, due to Marine Academy Plymouth having their Christmas Lunch, we have a change of menu – on this day the menu options will be pizza, cheese sandwiches or ham sandwiches. Please ensure your child has placed their order by Thursday 7th December. Our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 14th December.

Child Safety on YouTube: Advice for Parents

You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube. These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig, or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on the videos become violent or disturbing. One, for example, shows Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist. The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children look for genuine children's videos. YouTube says that such videos will be age-restricted if they are reported by users, so they cannot be viewed by anyone under 18.

The **YouTube Kids app** automatically filters out inappropriate content. To help protect your child in YouTube Kids, you can set parental controls and change settings: tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page, enter your custom passcode and click 'Settings'. Here you can:

- Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen: toggle 'Search' to off
- Set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app: select 'Timer' and use the slider bar or the plus and minus icons to set a time limit, then tap 'Start Timer'
- You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:
- Tap the 3 dots ('more') at the top of the video, tap 'Block' and select 'Block this video' or 'Block this channel' to block the whole channel associated with the video
- Tap 'Block' again, then enter the numbers you see written on the screen, or your custom passcode

To report content to YouTube that you think is inappropriate, use the 'flagging function': tap the flag icon next to a video or comment and select your reason for flagging. The app does have advertising, but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child-friendly.

YouTube have a Parental Guide which can be found by visiting <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504>

15th December: Year 4 Chinese Dance Workshop

15th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Carol Concert (2:00pm) – children to wear Christmas jumpers or a sparkly jumper to school with muffin

18th December: Casual Muffin for Art activities

18th December: KS1 and KS2 to watch Aladdin Pantomime in the Hall

19th December: Last Day of Term 2 – children to wear muffin to school

4th January: First Day of Term 3

4th January: Year 5 Daily Swimming Lessons begin for 3 weeks

10th January: Volume Global to visit Year 3 with Pepper the Humanoid Robot

10th January: Year 1 Trip to the Theatre Royal to watch 'The Enormous Turnip'

15th January: Class Photos from Tempest

15th January: Guide Dog Speaker Assembly

15th January: Extra-Curricular Activities begin

16th January: Key Stage 2 Academy Council Representatives to take part in Plymouth City Youth Council event



Available from 7:30am including wake and shake!



After School Club! Marine Academy Primary has an After School Club that runs until 6:00pm every evening for £5.00. Children have a choice of three different meals each evening, this includes some of the following: hot dogs, scrambled eggs on toast, tomato soup and bread, ravioli, beans on toast and spaghetti bolognese! If you would like your children to attend then please book them in using ParentPay or speak to a member of the Marine Academy Primary Admin Team if you need any help.