



Marine Academy Primary Newsletter July 2022

'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 pupils,

As always, I hope this Newsletter finds you safe and well.

I always find myself lost for words at this time of the academic year. It is not due to the exhaustion from what has been another incredibly busy academic year and it is not because of the emotional drain from saying 'farewell' to our wonderful Year 6 children. It is simply down to the pride I have for Marine Academy Primary and the community that makes it such an incredible place to belong. All of this does not happen by accident. It is down to the dedication of the people around you, which is embodied in our teaching and support staff teams. It is also the people who continue making the same sacrifices every day – regardless of the challenges thrown their way – to keep each other safe, fed and clean. To the people who work relentlessly behind the scenes, our catering team, Playworkers, cleaners, Admin team and caretakers, I want to say 'thank you'! This year has seen us record end of Key Stage 2 Assessment results, surpassing the national average by 25%, which is testament to how safe you feel your children are at school. However, none of this would have been possible, and our children would not have had a wonderful year, without you and your support. We are incredibly grateful.

On both a personal and professional note, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the relentless optimism, dedication and unwavering support you have shown your children's class teachers and the Academy as a whole. This year has been difficult but, thanks to you, it has been significantly easier than it could have been.

I really look forward to seeing everyone in September when children will return to school on Monday 5th September.

Have a wonderful summer and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Term Dates



Term 1

First day of school: 5th September 2022
(7th September 2022 for some new Reception children)

Last day of school: 21st October 2022

Term 2

First day of school: 3rd November 2022

Last day of school: 16th December 2022 (at 1:00pm)

Term 3

First day of school: 4th January 2023

Last day of school: 10th February 2023

Term 4

First day of school: 20th February 2023

Last day of school: 31st March 2023

Term 5

First day of school: 17th April 2023

Bank Holiday: 1st May 2023

Last day of school: 26th May 2023

Term 6

First day of school: 7th June 2023

Last day of school: 20th July 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th September – Individual and Class Photos with Jelly Images

9th September – Academy Parliament Trip to London

9th September – Sibling, Individual and Class Photos with Jelly Images

22nd September – Some Y6 children to watch 'Beautiful The Carole King Musical'

30th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning



New *this* Month

Year 6 – What an incredible year group, Year 6 are. They have been a joy to teach and have been a pleasure in their last term of Primary School. This term, Year 6 got their SATs results and the scores they achieved truly reflect the hard work they put in this year. On the last day of term, we also celebrated by going to Laser Tag and Go-Karting. After that, we had a 3-course meal and an awards ceremony. It was a lovely day that all enjoyed. We will miss Year 6 and wish them all the best at Secondary School.

Reception – The children have had the most fantastic first year in school. The progress that they have made has been phenomenal. It has been wonderful to see the children develop into confident and articulate children that love to learn. The children performed their first class assembly and made us all so proud. This term, the children have been reflecting on the year and discussing their learning journey. It was lovely to hear the children talk about what they have learnt and what they have got better at. As part of our topic this term, 'Ready, Steady...Grow!' the children have been able to watch the life cycle of a butterfly first hand. Our caterpillars have now turned into butterflies, and it is brilliant to be able to let them free into the wild. The children had a fabulous transition morning with their new Year One teacher and they cannot wait to move on to Year One. Have a fantastic summer and thank you for all your support this year!

Year 4 – We can't quite believe that is the end of the academic year- what an incredible year that we have had! It was fantastic to welcome you into Marine Academy Primary again for our class assemblies, where we were able to showcase our learning with you from the year. We think everyone did an amazing job and we hope that you enjoyed them as much as we did! It was also great that we were able to resume our normal sports day activities with you. Our final topic of the year was 'Natural Resources' and it was great to see that the children could recall so many facts and relate this to current affairs. We loved to see the children enthusiastic and passionate about looking after our planet. Year 4 ended the term with a day of baking, where they showed great collaboration skills, when they made cinnamon raisin bread- they were very tasty! The Year 4 team would like to wish the children the best of luck as they transition into Year 5. They will be greatly missed but we know that the Year 5 team are lucky to have such an incredible and hardworking year group. Thank you for all of your continued support this year.

Nursery – The Nursery children have had a great time this term completing various activities for our Topic 'Hickory Dickory Dock' . The children have made some brilliant mice using the playdough and pipe cleaners. They have explored the numbers on our giant clock in the garden jumping from one number to another. The children have been investigating ice with the cogs and taken part in some coloured popsicle painting. We hope the Nursery children have a lovely Summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

Pre-School – What an amazing summer term the children have had. They have been superstars in this heat, persevered with their learning and have thoroughly enjoyed their 'Let's go to the Beach' topic. We wish all the children leaving Marine Academy Primary the very best at their new schools and we look forward to welcoming new children joining Pre-School in September. From all the staff in Pre-School we would like to thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

Year 3 – Wow - what an exciting and busy month Year 3 have had! Firstly, 3CC and 3JN visited St Paul's Catholic Church in St Budeaux to enrich their learning about faith in RE. Next, both classes did a fantastic job performing their end of year class assemblies to parents. The children each summarised their favourite part of Year 3 and explained something new that they had learnt this year. Throughout the scorching weather this month, the children have remained active by participating in Sports Day, where the children completed a range of sporting activities and running races. It really was great to invite parents back into school again! More recently, the children took part in Cooking Week in school, where the children prepared and made a Greek salad. The children diced onions, cucumbers and tomatoes as well as making a salad dressing. Lastly, the children have found out which teacher they will have next year in Year 4, they made personalised bunting which will be displayed in their new classrooms in September.

Year 5 – Year 5 have created many special memories in their final month before progressing to Year 6! Many children went on the residential to Forest and Beach, where they completed a wonderful range of outdoor learning experiences, such as archery and fire lighting. The children that did not go on the residential had an action-packed week in school too as they went to the cinema, conducted an air resistance science experiment and completed some awesome 3D art. Throughout July, it has been lovely to welcome parents/carers back into the Academy through class assemblies, the Summer Fair and Sports Days. Year 5 have participated in a secondary school taster day and visited DHSG to watch an inspirational production of Bugsy Malone. Back in the classroom, the children have developed their skills with measuring and calculating angles in Maths. They have researched some famous scientists and carried out some of the scientific processes that they follow. In Geography, the children have shown tremendous wider knowledge of energy and sustainability on a local and global scale, which has culminated in many outstanding essays, productive fieldwork findings and impressive quizzing results. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the progress that Year 5 have made throughout the year and are in no doubt that they will thrive in their final year at Marine Academy Primary. We wish the children and all of their families a fantastic summer holiday!

Year 2 – The Year 2 children have been absolute superstars this year and they have been a pleasure to teach. All the Year 2 team want to thank you for attending our class assemblies and we hope you enjoyed them! This year we have completed a huge amount of learning, ranging from World War Two to learning how to make a Christmas card in our DT learning. The children, as always demonstrated perseverance, diligence, and a genuine willingness to learn. We believe that ALL the children will progress into Year 3 seamlessly and continue to demonstrate that they are fantastic British Citizens with strong moral, cultural and social beliefs. We are very excited to share their end of Year reports with you! This term the children have continued their brilliant learning on time and in more recent weeks capacity (they now enjoy reminding the adults if we are late for break etc.!) In English, the children have been learning about 'Don't Spill the Milk' and 'Zim Zam Zoom' they have loved performing the various poems and now read with expression! Thank you for your continued support and we all know that the children will continue to thrive as they progress to Year 3 and beyond!

Year 1 – What a term! From class assemblies, sports day, and a summer fair! This term has been one of the busiest but we've made some fantastic memories. The children have worked extremely hard all term, learning about our wonderful weather. They have really showed how far they've come, when writing their end of unit essays. In Maths the children had partitioned 2-digit numbers to 100, recognising that they are made up of tens and ones. They enjoyed a full term of Taekwondo with Gary during their PE sessions. In DT the children showed us their culinary skills by preparing toasted bruschetta! Science allowed the children to imagine they were shipwrecked on a desert island. They discussed what the most important thing for them to do was. They then designed and made a mixture of rafts and shelters using natural materials. We will really miss the children but wish them the absolute best going into Year 2! Have wonderful summer and stay safe.

Our Courageous Choir!

What a fantastic end to the term for Marine Academy Primary's stunning Choir. Not only did they sing in front of Governors, Trustees and Leaders of the Ted Wragg Trust at their Annual Governance Conference, but they also sang their hearts out during our first Big Sing Concert since the pandemic! Such great singing and excellent MAP Manners meant only amazing things could happen – and they did! Bravo: Superstars all!



**REAL
IDEAS**

**TRAVEL BACK in time WITH pre-
HISTORIC sea monsters, or
BECOME an ARTIST and make your
OWN PRINTS!**

**FIND OUT ABOUT our summer
programme at**

www.realideas.org/whats-on/



Calling all Explorer Families! During the Summer Holiday, down at Market Hall in Devonport and Ocean Studios in Royal William Yard, Plymouth there is an exciting programme of activity for children aged 4-16! From educational films in a 360 degree immersive dome, to creative art sessions, there's something to entertain and educate the whole family with Real Ideas. If you do pop along, take some photos and send them to Mr. Clennel-White in September – he'd love to know how creative you've managed to be all Summer.

38 Things

What a fantastic afternoon we had celebrating the children who completed their '38 Things'. We had a lovely cream tea and then the children were awarded with medals and certificates. The children all enjoyed discussing their favourite 'thing' to do and it was lovely to hear how committed they were to the whole process! We are looking forward to them all signing up again next year! Thank you very much for supporting the children in doing it- it is such a brilliant and important way to build character, resilience and show the importance of commitment and dedication.



Free or Special Offer Meals for Children

Many supermarkets are offering great deals for children's meals over the Summer Holidays - here are a few of the ones taking part.



At Asda, kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day with no adult spend required from 25th July



From July 25th - August 12th 2022 children can eat free at M&S cafes with a purchase of any adult meal or drinks over £5



Until 26th August 2022 get one free kid's hot meal deal or kids breakfast for dine-in or Kids Pick 'n' Mix to takeaway with any purchase by an adult in the café at Tesco. Clubcard/app required.



Kids eat free all day, every day in Morrisons' cafes nationwide, daily from 3pm with every adult meal over £4.

First Aid Skills in School

Throughout this term, children across the Academy have been learning some first aid skills. From recognising choking to using a defibrillator to what to do when someone has burnt themselves the children have been fantastic!



FIRST AID



Recommend A Recipe!

Here is another teacher recommending a yummy, healthy recipe for you from the Change 4 Life website to try at home. We would love it if you could try these recipes at home and send in a picture of you eating the recipe with your families or a food review to primary@marineacademy.org.uk

Mac and veg slices recipe

Like a thick omelette made with pasta and vegetables, this can be served hot, warm or cold for a tasty light meal.

Prep: 10 mins
Cook: 30 mins
Serves 4



Ingredients

- 100g macaroni
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 pepper, any colour, deseeded and chopped
- 1 small courgette, grated
- 100g frozen peas (or sweetcorn)
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons semi-skimmed or 1%-fat milk
- 50g grated reduced-fat cheddar
- 2 teaspoons dried mixed herbs
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- salad, to serve

Method

1. Cook the macaroni in boiling water for 10 to 12 minutes, until just tender. Rinse with cold water to cool it quickly, then drain thoroughly.

You could use cooked potatoes instead of pasta. You will need about 225g, chopped into chunks.

2. Heat the vegetable oil in a non-stick frying pan and stir-fry the pepper for 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and add the courgette and frozen peas or sweetcorn. Add the macaroni and mix well.

3. Beat the eggs and milk together, then stir in the reduced-fat cheese and dried herbs. Season with black pepper. Pour into the frying pan and cook over a low heat for 4 to 5 minutes, without stirring, to set the base. Meanwhile, preheat the grill to medium-high.

4. Put the frying pan under the grill and cook for 4 to 5 minutes until the surface has set and is golden brown. Serve hot, warm, or cold, cut into wedges – with some salad on the side.

Plymouth Young Carers

You're a young carer if you're under 18 and help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem.

If you're a young carer, you probably look after one of your parents or care for a brother or sister. You may do extra jobs in and around the home, such as cooking, cleaning or helping someone get dressed and move around. You may also give a lot of physical help to a brother or sister who's disabled or ill. Along with doing things to help your brother or sister, you may be giving them and your parents' emotional support, too.

If you believe your child is doing the above, please get in touch with us at school by either asking to speak to our Inclusion Team or by emailing the Primary email address primary@marineacademy.org.uk

You might not want school to know you child is caring for someone but if we don't know about your situation, it will be difficult for teachers to understand if your child struggles to keep up in class or doesn't do homework.

Alternatively, if you would like to request a Young Carer Assessment please email time4u@plymouth.gov.uk with 'Young Carers Assessment Request' in the subject field. Alternatively, you can call 07899950155 for an informal chat.

A trained person from Plymouth City Council or an organisation they work with, will chat about how caring affects things like:

- your child's life and wellbeing
- your child's education, training or work
- activities your child takes part in or wants to take part in
- their physical, mental and emotional health

If you're eligible for help, Plymouth City Council will agree with you what support you need and how your needs will be met.

For further information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/adultsandchildrensocialcare/childrenfamilieschildcareandearlyyearstrainingandsupport/helpyoungcarers>

FaTMAP

FaTMAP would like to thank everyone that came and supported Marine Academy Primary's first Summer Fair. We could not have asked for a better turn out.

A big thank you also to all of the teachers and staff that helped throughout the day, setting up, running stalls and of course clearing away after. A special thanks to Mrs Keeler who works tirelessly within FaTMAP supporting us.

We can't wait to announce the grand total raised at the fair.

Thank you again for your support and attendance at the Summer Fair

If you'd like to be a part of FaTMAP, we are always looking for members. Please contact one of us for more info.

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Friends & Teachers
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School Uniform

From Tuesday 26th July, The Uniform Store will be open at 35 New George Street in Plymouth City Centre, right next to Tesco. They will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10:00am to 3:00pm for you to pick up uniform you need. For more information please see their website:

<http://www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk>



HEALTHY START SCHEME – VIDEO

This [video](#) aims to increase knowledge of the Healthy Start scheme (which is now digital) and ultimately to increase the uptake of Healthy Start within Plymouth. More information can also be found [here](#).



PFF | POSITION FOCUSED FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL DAY

FRIDAY 12TH & 19TH AUGUST

PFF IS A FUN, EDUCATIONAL DAY THAT IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE PLAYERS IN THEIR DESIRED POSITION

TIME: 9:30AM - 3PM
LOCATION: HAYE ROAD
PL9 8HS

MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT - 07735287060 OR
EMAIL -
PFFOOTBALL@HOTMAIL.COM

RN FPS Community Support DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT EVENT

Crownhill Community Centre
Crownhill Fort Road, Plymouth, PL6 5BX



ROYAL NAVY Deployment Support

CROWNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE **14 MAY** **06 AUG** **ALL AT 1000 - 1200**
NO NEED TO PRE BOOK **29 OCT**

Deployment support session for anyone who has a family member deployed. RN FPS plus other organisations will be there to offer advice, support and guidance. Memory Boxes and arts and crafts for the children, refreshments available.

Community help

FOOD BANK INFORMATION

ST. BUDEAUX BAPTIST CHURCH
FLETEMOOR RD PL5 1TF

Thursdays 9am -10 am
Drop in community larder.

Contact: Sara-Jayne Church Community Worker
sara-jayne@stbudeauxbaptist.org.uk

St. Budeaux Parish Church and Community Hall.
The Green (off Crownhill Rd) PL5 2HN
Behind the old 'Blue Monkey Pub'

Thursdays 9am-10.30am
Drop in, fresh food larder

Emergency Food or Information
contact: careteamst-budeaux-church.co.uk

Summer **FEAST OF FUN** - Day's 2022



This Summer Plymouth churches are offering **FREE** Feast of Fun events and activities for families during the school holidays. For more details please contact your local participating church.

DERRIFORD CHURCH - minister.derrifordchurch@gmail.com
10th, 17th and 24th August

DEVONPORT CHURCHES - staubynchurchdevonport@outlook.com
1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN CENTRE - visit website
www.plymouthchristiancentre.org
6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August

PLYMSTOCK CHURCHES - chapelplymstock@gmail.com
10th, 17th and 24th August

ST AIDAN'S (SEA CHURCH) - info@seachurch.co.uk
27th July, 3rd and 10th August

ST BUDEAUX CHURCHES TOGETHER -
lyn.crews@st-budeaux-church.co.uk or
sara-Jayne@stbudeauxbaptist.org.uk
19th August

ST PANCRAS CHURCH - admin@stps.org.uk
27th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st August

ST PETER'S CHURCH - Details to follow.
Check for updates on [facebook/stpetersplymouth](https://facebook.com/stpetersplymouth)

WHITLEIGH SALVATION ARMY - 01752 7675345/07436 424945
22nd and 30th August, 5th September


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Summer Reading BINGO

Can you complete the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

<p>Read outside on a sunny day</p>	<p>Make a den and read inside</p> 	<p>Read to a soft toy, or a pet</p>	<p>Read under a tree or up a tree</p> 
<p>Read on the way to somewhere</p> 	<p>Read to someone older than you</p>	<p>Read upside down</p> 	<p>Read instructions for something</p>
<p>Read before you eat your breakfast</p>	<p>Read on a rainy day</p> 	<p>Read to someone over the phone, or on video call</p>	<p>Read a book written before you were born</p>
<p>Read in your bed</p> 	<p>Read something that makes you laugh</p>	<p>Read in a place you have never read before</p>	<p>Read past your bedtime!</p> 

Active Summer Challenge

Over the summer, School Games are running online challenges. Challenges include The Daily Mile, Darcy Dance Challenge and Para Athletics Challenge. The resources and challenges can be found here [Active Summer Challenge 2022](#) by clicking on the link. We would love to see pictures if you take part in the challenge!



Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!

On the final day of Term 6, Marine Academy Primary said a final farewell to the Class of 2022.

There was karting, laser tag, a three-course meal and more! The children had a great afternoon together and it was brilliant to reflect on their time at Marine Academy Primary. Many of this cohort were part of the Reception Classes that joined in September 2015, which was Marine Academy Primary's third year of existence! Each and every one of them are incredible individuals, fantastic role models and have been a pleasure to educate. We are proud that we have been a part of their journey so far and wish them the best of luck for their time at secondary school and the future.

To Marine Academy Primary Year 6 children,

As you start your next big journey,
This next chapter of your life,
Know that we have watched you grow,
With such happiness and pride.
Smiles, laughs and tears,
We have had along the way,
You have come so far to the person,
Stood in front of us today.
You've said goodbye to teachers,
You have waved farewell to friends,
You've taken steps down corridors.
That you may not walk again.
But your exciting future awaits you,
Make it all that it can be,
No-one will forget the Class of 2022!
Remember 'Work Hard, Be Kind and Amazing
Things will Happen!'
Take care,
Marine Academy Primary Team

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

We Are Readers



**TOP
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Number of Words Read This Month:

1 Oliver (5AD)
305,299

2 Jamie (6AW)
169,441

3 Aashna (5LI)
135,330

4 Jay (6DK)
134,429

5 Noah (4LG)
128,966

6 Harry (5AD)
112,707

7 Oliver (5AD)
112,423

8 Chloe (5LI)
98,662

9 Bobby (4LG)
95,095

10 Ava (5AD)
92,676

The total number of books and words read by children on Accelerated Reader so far this year currently stands at...

**13,810 books and
55,490,876 words**
so far this year!

WOW!



SHOUT OUTS!

It has been another amazing month for reading and quizzing! Well done to these superstars who have been reading lots!

Lyla (RHR), Holly (RAF), Noah (1MM), Jaxon (1SA), Jack (2CW), Henry (2TG), Zachary (3CC), Navan (3JN), Ayva (4AV), Jensen (4LG), Xavier (5AD), Lincoln (5LI), Bethany (6AW) and Aimee (6DK)!

A huge congratulations to Jacob in 6AW for achieving his Bronze Honours Reader Award!

Well done to all of you!



ARE YOU ONLINE SAFETY AWARE?

Online Safety

As we approach the Summer Holiday, we recognise that your child may be spending an increased amount of time online. Therefore, we would like to share some advice to further support your child with e-safety. This month's focus is 'Snapchat' and how you can support your child with having positive experiences of this platform if you provide permission for them to use this. If you have any questions or concerns then please do contact our Computing Leader, Mr Druce by emailing:

primary@marineacademy.org.uk FAO: Mr Druce.



Snapchat

TOP TIPS

SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends, or through a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to their entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose during the pandemic, with many young people utilising it to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects on the app with people they know, they may still receive friend requests from strangers. Snapchat's links with apps such as Wink and Hoop have increased this possibility. Accepting a request means that children are then disclosing personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features. This could allow predators to gain their trust for sinister purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE

There are many features that are attractive to users and keep them excited about the app. Snap streaks encourage users to snap daily. Spotlight Challenges give users to the chance to obtain money and online fame, and the Spotlight feature's scroll of videos makes it easy for children to spend hours watching content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's Discover function lets users swipe through snippets of news stories and trending articles that often include adult content. There is currently no way to turn off this feature.

SEXTING

Sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse. While these pictures do disappear – and the sender is notified if it has been screenshot first – users have found alternative methods to save images, such as taking pictures with a separate device.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE

Snapchat's filters and lenses are a popular way for users to enhance their 'selfie game'. Although many are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations and create feelings of inadequacy. Comparing themselves unfavourably against other Snapchat users could threaten a child's confidence or sense of self-worth.

VISIBLE LOCATION

My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with a young person consistently checking into locations on Snapchat is that it allows other users in their friends list (even people they have only ever met online) to see where they currently are and where they regularly go.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add function helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this feature could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Talk to your child about what is and isn't wise to share on Snapchat (e.g. don't post explicit images or videos, or display identifiable details like their school uniform). Remind them that once something is online, the creator loses control over where it might end up – and who with. Additionally, Snapchat's 'Spotlight' feature has a #challenge like TikTok's: it's vital that your child understands the potentially harmful consequences of taking part in these challenges.

CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

Snapchat has recently announced that it is rolling out a new safety feature: users will receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Your child can send Snaps directly to friends, but Stories are visible to everyone they have added, unless they change the settings. If they use SnapMaps, their location is visible unless 'Ghost Mode' is enabled (again via settings). It's prudent to emphasise the importance of not adding people they don't know in real life. This is particularly important with the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchatters to see the places your child regularly visits and checks in: strangers, bullies and groomers could use this information to engage in conversation and arrange to meet in person.

TALK ABOUT SEXTING

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it is important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sending, receiving or sharing explicit images, as well as the possible emotional impact. Emphasise that your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that if they receive unwanted explicit images, they should tell a trusted adult straight away.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to state why they are reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

New 'Meet Up' Feature

Snapchat's newest feature adds an extra layer to their existing Snap Map feature by allowing users to get directions to their friend's exact location. It shows how long it would take someone to walk, drive, or use public transport to reach the address. Essentially, anyone is able to gain access to someone's workplace, school, or home address and the fastest route to get there. 'Meet Up' is accessed by visiting a user's profile to look at their location on Snap Map (a feature that is on by default).



SPORTS CALENDAR

Sports Events across the World this Summer

- ★ Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games
 - ★ SailGP in Plymouth
- ★ Women's golf major: AIG Women's Open
 - ★ British Grand Prix MotoGP
- ★ English Premier League 2022-2023 season
 - ★ European Championships Munich 2022
 - ★ Cycling: 2022 Vuelta a España
 - ★ Boxing: Usyk vs. Joshua II
 - ★ Silverstone Classic 2022
 - ★ F1 Belgian Grand Prix
 - ★ Tennis Grand Slam: US Open

Musicians!

Congratulations to you all on starting, continuing and not giving up on, your instrumental learning this last year! We have had our highest number of children taking up an instrument ever and Mr. Clennel-White is proud of you all, as he knows how hard you've had to practice, and the noise you've had to make at home! Have a great holiday but remember: keep practising!

Extra-Curricular Activities

This year we had a huge 33 extra-curricular after school clubs- something that we are very proud of!

Thank you to all of our teachers and teaching assistants for running a club each week-the children have grown so much over the past year and learnt a wealth of new skills!

We are looking forward to seeing what clubs will be on offer next year!

