



Marine Academy Primary Newsletter June 2023

'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,

Part of the Ted Wragg Trust mission is to strengthen communities and we certainly did that this month, with a large number of opportunities for family members to spend time with us in the Academy. We are also looking forward to our Summer Fair on Friday 7th July!

Thank you to family members of Reception and Year 1 children for coming along to the Class Assemblies that have happened so far, in addition to Reception's Special Gentlemen event. In June, we also had four wonderful Sports Days – one for each of the Key Stages – and two excellent Sports Sessions for our Nursery children, where the children showed huge enthusiasm, resilience, collaboration and teamwork. Each one was brilliantly led by our Year 6 children and supported by Discovery Martial Arts. A big thank you to Miss Codner for arranging it all so expertly and to all of #TeamMarine for getting stuck in and making it possible. A huge thank you to all of our fantastic family members who attended the picnics during Sports Days and the afternoons of races.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite Parents/Carers to come to the Academy any time between 8:20am and 8:55am on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July to collect your child's Annual Report. Their current class teachers will be there to greet you and you will be able to meet next year's teacher too. If it is dry, they will be on the field in front of the entrance to Marine Academy Primary but if it is wet, they will be under the canopies at the front of the building and in the playground. The teaching team have worked really hard to write personalised Annual Reports to keep you updated about your child's learning and progress; we cannot wait for you to read them!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Siobhan Meredith
Headteacher

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see later in this Newsletter for dates of Class Assemblies

3rd July – Select Children from Debate Club to take part in the Ted Wragg Trust Innovation Competition at Exeter College

4th July – Years 4 to 6 to have workshops from Danya Schwerfeger (Photographer and Filmmaker)

6th July – 30 Children from Key Stage 2 to watch 'Demon Dentist' at the Theatre Royal Plymouth

6th July – Year 2 trip to Occombe Farm

7th July – Choir to take part in The Bing Sing at Marine Academy Secondary

7th July – 38 Things deadline

7th July at 2:00pm – Summer Fair (children can be collected at 1:45pm)

10th July – 14 children from Global Citizens Extra-Curricular Activity to watch County Championship Cricket at Taunton Cricket Ground

10th July – Year 5 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Central Park

10th July at 3:30pm – PHSG to deliver Secondary Admission information to Year 4 and 5 Parents/Carers

12th July – Super Summer Showcase for Musical Theatre, Choir, Drama, Cultural Dance, Street Dance and Cheerleading Extra-Curricular Activities

14th July – Theatre Royal Plymouth Playhouse Project Performance

14th July at 9:15am – Pre-School Graduation

20th July – Last Day of Term 6



New *this* Month

Year 4 – What an incredible term it has been in Year 4! For our final term, we have been focusing on 'Natural Resources'. Within this topic, we have learnt about the Chilean miners who were stranded for 69 days, in 2010. The children were able to show empathy for their situation, which supported their debate about whether mining should continue. In Science, our topic has been 'Brilliant Bubbles'. This is a brilliant topic, which everyone has enjoyed! There have been lots of opportunities to complete hands-on experiments but our favourite experiment has been adding glycerine to bubble mixture, to test if this makes a stronger bubble. Year 4 have been working on their teamwork skills and their PE sessions have been supporting this, as they have been playing rounders. Looking ahead, we are really looking forward to our class assemblies and we can't wait to share our learning from this year.

Year 6 – As always, Year 6 have been very busy this month! Sports Day was a fun-filled day and allowed the children to participate in a range of activities, such as, taekwondo, golf and archery. Both classes displayed excellent determination and perseverance, as well as fabulous teamwork. Year 6 have been diving into the Geography topic, 'Globalisation', where they have been looking at how the advancement of technology has impacted trade globally. In English, the children have been reflecting on their time in Primary School and have begun drafting a biography, written in the style of the 'Little People, Big Dreams' collection. Both classes have started to prepare and rehearse for their end of year class assemblies, which will be a brilliant opportunity to celebrate their successes over the academic year. As we move into the last month of their Primary School life, we anticipate a mixture of emotions, but the Year 6 team are extremely proud of the children and hope to create some great memories, whilst having a lot of fun!

Year 1 – Year 1 have been working extremely hard during this busy term. We have been focusing on Wonderful Weather in Geography. The children have enjoyed exploring how clouds are formed and how rain occurs through the water cycle. In Science, the children have learnt about properties of different materials and what they would find and be able to use on a desert island. In SMSC, we have been learning about the human body and the key organs and their important roles. They have shown determination, perseverance, collaboration and teamwork during our Sports Day. Thank you to everyone for attending and making this special for the children. We have showcased our academic year of learning through the class assemblies. Again, thank you for attending - the children did a fantastic job and we are so proud of them!

Reception – This term the children have engaged in brilliant learning, and we have loved the topic "Ready Steady...Grow!" We have learnt a great deal about butterflies, including their life-cycle and how they change from eggs into butterflies. The children have spent a great deal of time observing this first hand in class with our own butterfly farms! The children were so excited to release the butterflies and we loved watching them glide in the sky. Reception have also spent time gardening with Ms Bell and have developed 'green' fingers! The children have continued to blow us away with their brilliant Phonics learning and have regularly been writing sentences now! This has greatly impacted the writing they have been completing during independent learning time which has been absolutely fantastic! We hope that the 'Special Gentlemen' enjoyed our recent event which involved, pasties, juice and even a penalty shootout. We have loved performing and showing you our class assemblies and we hope that you enjoyed them as much as we did. What a busy term!

Year 5 – Year 5 have had a terrific month full of brilliant experiences. In English, the children have planned and written some excellent survival themed stories based on Shackleton's Journey. In Maths, they have made great progress during their fractions, decimals and percentages topic. The children have been learning about ways to live sustainably and the advantages of renewable energy sources in Geography. In Design Technology, they have been learning about ways to maintain a high standard of hygiene and the importance of a balanced diet. Outside of the classroom, Year 5 have enjoyed sports day, attended some secondary school taster days and many of them had some other memorable experiences, including the Forest and Beach residential and the field gun competition on Armed Forces Day.

Year 2 – The Year 2 children have been absolute superstars this term and they have been a pleasure to teach. All the Year 2 team are looking forward to our class assemblies, we hope you enjoy them! The children, as always, have demonstrated perseverance, diligence, and a genuine willingness to learn. We believe that ALL the children are beginning to really show that they are fantastic British Citizens with strong moral, cultural and social beliefs. It's lovely to see them focusing on the learning gaps they have still and working hard to fill them so they can make their own transition into Year 3 seamless. This term, the children have continued their brilliant learning on 'Statistics', where they have built their own tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms. 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 begin to think about progressing to Year 3 and beyond!

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AMAZING THINGS
WILL HAPPEN

Pre-School – The Pre-School children have had a great start to Term 6. The children have embraced their new topic 'Animal Rescuers' where they have enjoyed learning in our vet role-play, creating their own paper plate fish and guessing the different animals from their clues. The children who are moving to Reception are very excited to start attending their stay and play sessions and have enjoyed meeting their new teachers. The Pre-School team are also looking forward to meeting their new friends during their stay and plays over the coming weeks. Both Puffin and Penguin Class have blown us away with their Phonics learning recently and the children are now beginning to blend words together which is definitely preparing them for when they move to Reception. We would like to remind the parents of children moving to Reception that we have our Pre-School Graduation on Friday 14th July at 9:15am in the school hall. We are very excited for you to see what we have prepared for you! 🍷

Nursery – Turtle Class have had a wonderful first few weeks of term 6. We started the term by learning our new topic rhyme, Hickory Dickory Dock, by looking at pictures and props of what is in the song. Our themed learning activities have included making mice out of materials and playdough, and going on a mouse hunt. Next week, we will be counting stepping-stones like the numbers on a clock. A number of children took part in Multi-Coloured Mufti at the beginning of term, where the children enjoyed wearing their coloured clothes and taking part in multi-colour themed activities. The highlight of the month has been our Sports Events! It was lovely to welcome families to watch their children and see them enthusiastically take part in the different activities. The children continue to enjoy weekly Taekwondo sessions with Gary, and Spanish sessions with Amy, and we have enjoyed doing more welly walks and learning outside with the lovely weather. Thank you for your support.

Year 3 – Wow - It has been an incredibly busy month for Year 3! Firstly, we all enjoyed talking about the importance of speaking to others if we feel sad during Empathy Day. The children discussed why everybody must not keep their worries to themselves but to speak out to trusted adults. The month of June has also seen the Year 3 children participate in their Sports Day. In the morning, the children competed in archery, football, cycling, golf and athletics. After their picnic lunch with their families, the children participated against one another in some running races. All of the adults were very proud with the children's effort, teamwork and perseverance throughout the day. Amongst the fantastic learning that the children have continued to produce this month, we have also had visitors in class as part of our Aspirations Day and the Explorer Dome for our Weather and Water Cycle topic. Overall, in what has been a very hot month, the children have showed excellent work ethics to ensure their learning is to the best of their abilities. Well done, Year 3!

Update from the Marine Academy Parliament

This month, as part of the Rainbow Flag Award, Marine Academy Parliament gathered to discuss ways to ensure positive LGBT+ inclusion at all levels, working collaboratively and sharing ideas about how to promote pride, respect, and acceptance across the school.

Additionally, Marine Academy Parliament were fortunate to gain an honorary member, Lily-Ann, to help organise and implement Multicolour Mufti Day in aid of Cancer Research UK. With thanks to the amazing support of the #TeamMarine community, not only did we manage to raise £251.06, we also collected in over 100 bags of donations, which were delivered to Cancer Research UK's shop by Lily-Ann and her family. This will help to fund over £2000 worth of life-saving research. What an incredible achievement!





Recommend A Recipe!

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

Mediterranean potato tray bake recipe

A simple tray bake mix of Mediterranean veg and potatoes makes an easy, delicious, vibrant dinner – with minimal washing up!

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 25 mins

Serves 4



Ingredients

- 800g salad potatoes, thickly sliced
- 50g pine nuts, chopped
- 1 teaspoon olive oil

Swappable or optional

- 1 courgette, sliced
- 1 aubergine, sliced
- 1 red pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 1 yellow pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 1 tablespoon red pesto (optional)

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C (180C fan, gas mark 6).
2. Put the potatoes, chopped vegetables and pine nuts in a large roasting tin. Drizzle with the oil and toss to coat. Bake for 20 minutes, or until tender.

You can swap the fresh veg for 400g of frozen Mediterranean vegetables to speed up the prep.

3. Add the pesto, if using, and bake for another 5 minutes. Serve immediately.



Swap tip

Swap in veg like chopped broccoli, a few mushrooms or whatever you have! Remember, you can always swap fresh vegetables for tinned or frozen.



ARE YOU ONLINE SAFETY AWARE?

Online Safety

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to support your child to be safe online and access the benefits that the internet has to offer.

If you have any further questions or concerns about online safety, please contact our Computing leader, Mr Druce, by emailing: primary@marineacademy.org.uk FAO: Mr Druce.

The World of Warcraft

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WORLD OF WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION 12+

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE CHAT TOP TIPS

Because you can play on PC or Mac, it's not text messaging that you'll find most comfortable using. If you do, you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful 'just one more quest' mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests'!) like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!



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	Chloe (6AW) 158,255
2	Adeogo (3CC) 124,586
3	Lola-May (6DK) 112,568
4	Ava (6DK) 89,502
5	Sophia V (3UN) 87,959
6	Hadley (3UN) 79,040
7	Olivia (4NH) 78,834
8	Olivia (5LI) 74,025
9	Jamond (3UN) 71,844
10	Oliver (6DK) 70,162

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

8,667 books and 41,078,168 words so far this year!

WOW!

SUPER READER SHOUT OUTS!

It has been another amazing month for reading and quizzing!

Well done to these superstars who have been reading lots at home and logging it on Boom Reader!

Jenson (RHR), Evelyn (RTG), Carter (1MM), Amelia-Mai (1SA), Charlie (2CW), Lottie (2JU), David (3CC), Sophia D (3UN), Philip (4LG), Brooke (4NH), Ayva (5AD), Honey (5LI), Alice (6AW) and Harry (6DK)!

And here are the top quizzers for this month!

Scarlett (2CW), Noah (2JU), George (3CC), Jaxon (3UN), Lily-Ann (4LG), Piotrek (4NH), Roman (5AD), Harrison (5LI), Jenson (6AW) and Harry (6DK)!



Marcus Rashford MBE
@MarcusRashford

Reading is cool. Books are cool.

That's it. That's the tweet





Thank you to all our families who were able to join us for our Sports Days and Turtle Class Sports events this year. It was really heart-warming seeing you picnic together and cheer on all of our children. The children showed great sportsmanship and resilience throughout the day and were fantastic throughout the carousel of morning events. A big thank you to our Year 6 children who helped during the mornings to run activities.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

We are an **ambitious** and **inclusive** school, **strengthening our community** through **excellent education**.



We are compassionate in our approach to attendance while remaining ambitious for you and showing our love by supporting you to attend school and be successful.

Being in school helps you to build confidence, resilience and self esteem, giving you the best chance to succeed in life.

Making new friends, having fun and developing new skills is an important part of school life.

Every school has someone to help you build your confidence to come to school and help tackle any worries.

If you are worried about coming to school, tell someone what's wrong so you can get the help and support you need.



We want all children to understand the value of good attendance and to strive to have this through developing or maintaining healthy attendance habits which when learnt young, will stand them in good stead for the rest of their school career and working life. We have recently seen an increase in the number of families taking holidays during term time. We recognise that it is often expensive to take a holiday during school breaks and that is why some parents may ask for term time leave for their children. However, it is important that parents carefully consider the implications of taking their child out of school during term time. More information can be found here: <https://www.marineacademy.org.uk/primary/term-dates>



Marine Academy Primary

UNIFORM

To place your Preschool or Primary uniform order, visit www.brigade.uk.com/parents or pop into The Schoolwear Shop on Mayflower Street to make your purchase.

These items may be purchased direct from the school:

Baseball Cap £4

Primary Water Bottle £2.30

Rucksack £8

Preschool Water Bottle £1.70

Cawsand Blue

Gold Bantham

For children from Reception to Year 6, our houses for PE are:

Edgcumbe Red

Green Wembury



As we move into the warmer months, please remember that gingham summer dressers are to be those described as navy (not blue), examples of which can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Dark grey tailored shorts, the same colour as the school trousers, are also ok to be worn. Sandals are not appropriate for school and children are to continue to wear their school shoes with white, grey or black socks.

Children in Years 1, 3 and 4 took part in a Clubbercise taster to promote a new club we will be adding next year to provide links with our local community. The children (and staff!) had a fantastic time dancing and exercising all the while having fun! The glow sticks and disco lights were definitely the highlight!

Children in Key Stage 2 can look out for this Extra-Curricular Activity in the Autumn Term!



More information about Clubbercise and other activities for your child or yourself can be found on RT Fitness and Wellbeing on Facebook or contacting MAP Community Sports.



The Big Sing

Marine Academy Primary choir will be wowing the world on 7th July, when they join with five other schools to take part in the annual 'Big Sing' at Marine Academy Secondary! The songs range from BTS to Elbow, to Celine Dion - quite the mix! They will spend the morning rehearsing with the other schools and then sing their hearts out in the afternoon at 1pm. A huge congratulations to them all for learning the songs, controlling their breathing and putting expression into their voices: everyone is a superstar!

Theatre Royal Playhouse Project

For the first time in Marine Academy Primary history, we will be putting on a play at The Drum Theatre in Plymouth! Children from Years 2 and 6 have been rehearsing like crazy, learning their lines, practising different poses, working out ways of moving, as well as following stage directions, considering their audience and taking part in drama workshops! This has been an amazing project to take part in and has been something very powerful for the children to undertake. Seeing both year groups working together and creating a story has been wonderful to watch as it has developed. What a superb drama company we have at Marine Academy Primary!



HIGH FIVE SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

High 5 provide action-packed camp experiences for young children and teenagers in Plymouth and Devon. For over a decade, they have been providing camps full of creative challenges, sports and outdoor activities across popular and easily accessible venues. If you're a busy parent with busy children, they can help give your child a confidence-building adventure with lifelong memories while you take care of your day. Take a look at the range of sports summer camps here: <https://www.high5sportscamps.co.uk/>





During June, our Rainbow Flag Award team designed a Pride poster for our SMSC display boards and looked at a selection of LGBT+ books for the children to read to celebrate Pride month.



SAVE THE DATE

YOU ARE INVITED



CLASS ASSEMBLY, 9:15-9:45AM

WATCH YOUR CHILD SHARE THEIR LEARNING FROM THIS ACADEMIC YEAR WITH THEIR PEERS IN THE HALL.

Class	Date
RTG	Monday 26 th June
RHR	Tuesday 27 th June
1SA	Wednesday 28 th June
1MM	Thursday 29 th June
2JU	Monday 3 rd July
2CW	Tuesday 4 th July
3UN	Wednesday 5 th July
3CC	Thursday 6 th July
4NH	Monday 10 th July
4LG	Tuesday 11 th July
5LI	Wednesday 12 th July
5AD	Thursday 13 th July
6AW	Monday 17 th July
6DK	Tuesday 18 th July

**PLYMOUTH
INFORMATION ADVICE
AND SUPPORT FOR SEND**



Workshops

Do you need some help and support to understand your child's needs?

Join us in a free two hour workshop

How to understand and support my child's communication- 28th September

How to use visuals to support my child's communication- 5th October

How to understand and support my child's behaviour- 12th October

How to use visuals to support my child's behaviour- 19th October

Running face to face
REGISTER NOW

<https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/information-support/workshops/>



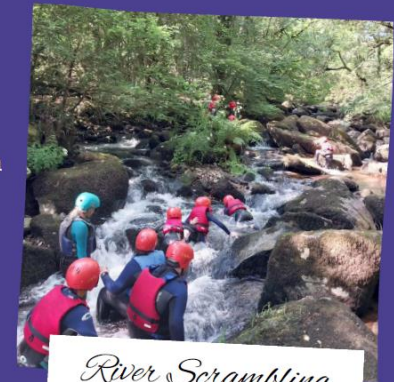
www.spirit-of-adventure.com

Spirit of Adventure Open Day for Schools

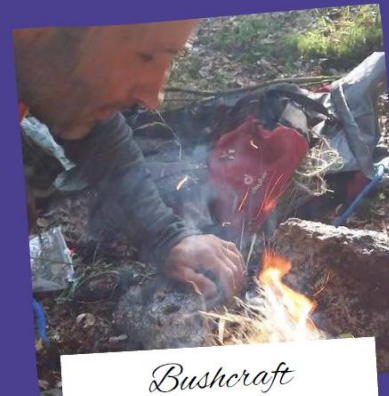
Educators and their families/ friends are invited to explore our beautiful site near Plymouth and try out an activity session for free!

9th and 10th September

For each activity there will be an adult session and a family session for those with children aged 6-14. All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.



River Scrambling



Bushcraft



Rock Climbing

Refreshments will be available in the bunkhouse, and a member of Spirit staff will be on hand to answer any questions about our residentials, activity days, and bunkhouse hire.

To reserve your free space, please email martin@spirit-of-adventure.com and specify which activity you would like to try.