



# Marine Academy Primary Newsletter

## May 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,

I realise that this Newsletter is arriving to you in June rather than at the very end of May, however due to the change in month during the half term break, we have waited until now to share this with you. I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed a whole range of Jubilee celebrations!

Considering the increased number of sunny days we will hopefully see this half term, please ensure that your child has a water bottle and sunhat with them each day and has had sun lotion applied before coming to school. During Term 6, we always try to spend as much time as possible outside. Children will also continue to have their scheduled PE lessons each week.

We are really excited about Sports Days this term and even more so that they truly will be a full day event for all year groups. We are excited that you will be able to join us for the afternoons of the Sports Days!

## Sports Days

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As always, a huge thank you from me for your continued support – let's make this half term the best one this year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Siobhan Meredith

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 8<sup>th</sup> June – First Day of Term 6
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Trip to The Box
- 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 and 6 trip to Medifest 2022 at the Guildhall
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Muffi: please bring a donation of either a book or chocolate
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Sports Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Plymouth Humanists Society visit to Year 6
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – EYFS Sports Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 30 x Year 5 children to take part in Respect Festival Workshops
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Forces Friends children to attend Rehabilitation Triathlon
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – UKS2 Sports Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – LKS2 Sports Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Fair
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Class 5AD Class Assembly
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Class RHR Class Assembly
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Class 3CC Class Assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Pre-School Graduation Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Class RAF Class Assembly
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Class 1MM Class Assembly
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- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Class 6AW Class Assembly
- 25<sup>th</sup> July – Class 6DK Class Assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term 6

**Year 6** – We are so proud of Year 6. They worked tirelessly to prepare and complete SATs and their commitment and effort were inspiring. To celebrate we went to Mount Edgcumbe and the children all enjoyed a day relaxing and playing games. This month, we also had a visit from Babcock and the children completed experiments focusing on 'buoyancy'. Year 6 have also enjoyed their topic, 'Twentieth Century Conflict'. They have looked into how WWI and WWII begun and discussed what they thought was most important in starting the wars. Next, we are really looking forward to enjoy Year 6's last term of primary school!

**Reception** – What a fantastic term the Reception children have had learning all about 'Splendid Safari.' The children have taken on the role of a safari tour guide or an African animal. The children have used collage, junk and paint, to create African animals. It has been wonderful to see the children designing their own safari maps outside. We have been really impressed with the children's ability to write words and sentences, applying their Phonics learning. The children have written facts and learnt about the differences between Ghana and England. During our Math's sessions, the children are now experts when it comes to pattern and repeating patterns. To end this term the children had a fantastic time at Paignton Zoo. The children enjoyed exploring, discovering and learning all about different animals and creatures.

**Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.**

**Year 4** – What a fantastic term we have all had in Year 4! In English, the children have loved writing their innovated adventure story after reading their text 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. This text linked nicely with their History topic 'Vikings'. This topic has highlighted several opportunities for the children to recall their Anglo-Saxon knowledge from Term Three and it is evident that they are able to compare and contrast the different eras. To help embed their History learning this term, the children have used 'Code Club' to create a virtual information card about the Vikings. We have been very impressed with their coding abilities. In Maths, we have been focusing on decimals and the children have a thorough understanding of their place value, multiplication and division knowledge, which has been covered in previous terms. We are looking forward to all of the fun opportunities that will arise in the final term!

**Nursery** – This term the Nursery children have enjoyed their topic 'Round and Round the Garden'. They have had a teddy bears' picnic, created their own bears, and learnt a new teddy bear number song. The children have also taken part in various activities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, such as making crowns, flags and bunting and exploring the red, white, and blue rice. We are looking forward to next term when we are learning about 'Hickory Dickory Dock'.

**Pre-School** – We have had a lovely term in Puffin and Penguin class. We have continued learning about our topic 'Happily Ever After'. The children have enjoyed using our role-play and retelling each fairy tale story. We have been making bread from 'The Little Red Hen', sorting items from 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' into order of size and making decorations for 'The Gingerbread Man' out of materials. We look forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the end of the week by having lunch outside and wearing red, white and blue. The sun has also come out more which means we have enjoyed more outdoor learning. As the sunny weather continues, please can we ask that your child brings in a named sun hat and sun cream. Staff will reapply sun cream at lunchtime. We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to starting out new topic 'Let's Go To The Beach'.

**Year 3** – The children have had memorable experiences learning about Ancient Greeks. Firstly, the children took part in an Ancient Greek themed day, where the children dressed up as an Ancient Greek for the day and learnt about myths and legends. Later in the month, the children had a fun time with a visitor, who brought in armour and weapons that were used in the Peloponnesian War, which the children have been learning about in their History lessons in class. In addition, the children have been working incredibly hard in Maths adding, subtracting and comparing fractions with the same denominator. Furthermore, in English lessons, the children have learnt to compile two different types of writing: instructional writing and report writing. The children wrote instructions on how to make strawberry playdough (which got very messy!) The children have also written a report about the life and career of Louis Braille, in particular, the legacy that he has left after creating the Braille system for people with blindness.

**Year 5** – Year 5 have continued to go above and beyond to create a super amount of learning across the term. In History, they have become experts about Plymouth's local history. The topic consisted of lessons studying the fortifications, the origins and the different buildings throughout the ages, which was enriched by a field trip to the Barbican and Plymouth Hoe. In Maths, the children have demonstrated excellent perseverance in completing their fractions topic and have also completed a topic on adding, subtracting, ordering and comparing decimals to fractions and percentages. In English, they have created innovated faraway fiction novels, based around the book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. They were able to innovate a character and create a clear character description before deepening their learning by innovating the character's responsibilities and setting of their story. In Science, Year 5 have been learning about the changes to the human body as we get older. They have had many opportunities to develop their investigation skills and put them to good use when plotting and analysing our data collected. In Computing, the children have been learning how to create a blog, how to post safely online and how to provide positive and constructive feedback to a peer. It has been a fantastic month of learning and it has been brilliant to see the clear enthusiasm the children are displaying towards their learning.

**Year 2** – First of all we would love to say to all of the children and adults at home a huge thank you for your continued effort and support during SATS week. As always the children were an absolute credit to you at home! They demonstrated super focus and resilience to try their best and as a Year 2 team we could not be prouder of them. This term we have been learning all about WW2 and VE Day, the children have been amazing and have learnt lots of facts. We definitely have some historians of the future in this year group!

During Science we have been learning all about plants and how to grow them. We have designed our own seed packets and we have even planted our own plants! During this term we have also experimented with cloches to see if they make a difference to how the plants grow. Next term we look forward to warmer days and taking our learning to the outdoors!

**Year 1** – The month of May saw the children in Year 1 continue to demonstrate fantastic Historical knowledge. During the topic, 'Significant Sports Stars' the children learnt about famous athletes from the past including Jesse Owens and Ellie Symons. The children have enjoyed comparing the Ancient Olympics with the modern Olympics and were able to use Historical language to compare the passing of time. This month, the children have also worked very hard to review the Phonics sounds they have learnt this year in preparation for their Phonics screening check next term. The Year 1 team are very proud of the children's perseverance and determination. Furthermore, in RE, the children have been exploring the story of Easter. This topic culminated in them visiting St Budueax Parish church where they posed questions to the vicar. The children had a fantastic end of term when they celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the rest of the school. They took part in lots of fun activities and were treated to ice cream. We look forward to a busy final term in Year 1 and look forward in anticipation to more fabulous learning to end what has been a fantastic school year. We wish everyone a restful Half Term.



### **DENTAL BUDDY – NATIONAL SMILE MONTH**

Dental Buddy is a free downloadable resource that provides dental professionals, parents, carers and oral health educators with easy-to-use tools to help youngsters take good care of their oral health. It includes everything you need to teach oral health education at home and in the classroom. The [Dental Buddy programme](#) helps to give children the best start in life by providing them with the tools for a healthy mouth.

With Dental Buddy, children will learn:

- The importance of brushing your teeth for two minutes twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- The role sugar plays in diet and what a balanced diet means.
- Why everybody should visit the dentist.

### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**



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We are very excited that for the first time since the start of the pandemic, we are in a position to invite families to attend their child's Class Assembly. Each class will lead an assembly, which will share with you the learning they have completed this year and more! The dates for the assemblies are below and will all take place 9:15-9:45am:

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ARE YOU  
ONLINE SAFETY  
AWARE?

## Online Safety

Each month, we will continue to share with you some advice to further support your child to be safe online. This month's focus is 'gaming' and how you can support your child with having positive experiences of this. If you have any questions or queries then please do contact our Computing Leader, Mr Druce by emailing: [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk) FAO: Mr Druce. You will also be able to arrange a time to virtually meet about Computing and Online Safety.



## Gaming Information for Parents/Carers

TOP TIPS

# NETFLIX

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets.

The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures can follow to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE

Netflix doesn't use two-factor authentication, so a strong password is vital. Your child's Netflix password should be unique (not one they've used elsewhere) and a minimum of eight characters with a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Emphasise not to share their login details with anyone and remind them to always log out after using the app – so their account remains inaccessible, even if their device is lost or stolen.

#### CHECK MATURITY RATING

Netflix warns about content that includes violence, sex, profanity and nudity. These warnings form part of the show or movie's 'maturity rating'. Users can restrict age ratings to avoid children viewing age-inappropriate content. On their profile, open the Profile and Parental Control settings and choose the maturity level for the shows and movies you want to allow.

#### CREATE A KIDS' PROFILE

Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means your child can only access content which is suitable for children aged up to 12 years. All other content is automatically blocked. This rating can be further restricted via the child's profile settings. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile will help to prevent your child from viewing age-inappropriate content.

#### SET UP PROFILE PINS

Netflix account holders can lock profiles using a four-digit PIN. Doing this can prevent your child from accessing the wrong account and viewing content that isn't appropriate for their age. Try setting a PIN for each account on your Netflix app – ideally avoiding numbers that would be easily guessed, such as dates of birth. Remember not to share these PINs with anyone, including family.

#### SWITCH OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a show or movie concludes, Netflix's algorithms select content with similar themes that it thinks your child will enjoy next. This new content starts automatically after a 10-second countdown. Disabling this auto-play feature reduces the possibility of your child being shown something inappropriate and provides a natural break to help prevent them becoming too immersed in Netflix.

#### CHECK VIEWING HABITS

Netflix has tools which enable parents and carers to monitor what their child has been watching. Selecting 'Viewing Activity' in each profile's account settings displays a list of what content has been viewed (and when). This can reassure parents that their child is watching age-appropriate content and can open avenues for discussing your child's favourite shows and movies, and why they like them.

Here is some guidance for setting up your profile including implementing parental controls:



#### Create your profile

You can create a profile on most devices. Just go to "Manage Profiles" and hit the "Add Profile" button. Add a name (each Profile needs a name) and choose a thumbnail from one of your favourite characters. You can have up to five profiles on each account. When you click on your profile for the first time, you will be shown a bunch of things and asked to pick three you like to help Netflix recommend films and shows for you.

Netflix also emails the primary account holder to suggest content. Each profile as long as it an "All maturity" profile can receive personalised recommendations. From the [Account](#) screen, scroll to [My Profile](#), and click "add Profile email".



#### Add a kids profile

When creating a Profile, you may notice an option to select "Child". This is a safety by design tool that automatically provides content suitable for children. When you open Netflix, you'll see that kids profiles look different to make it distinct from adults ones - the title selection is different and it has a white-background layout.

We've invested in a wide variety of kids and family films and TV shows from all over the world - including award-winning animated films like Klaus, series such as Mighty Little Bheem and interactive shows like Carmen Sandiego: To Steal or Not to Steal.



#### Parent controls

Choice and control have always been important for our members, especially parents who need to make the right decisions for their families. Parents can:

- PIN protect individual profiles to prevent kids using them
- Filter out titles that are not appropriate and be guided by the NZ ratings
- Block individual series or films by title - the blocked title(s) won't show up anywhere in that profile
- Review each profile's setting using the "Profile and Parental Controls" hub
- See what their kids have been watching within the profile created for them
- Turn off auto play of episodes in kids profiles

Just go to Account Settings to use these controls.



#### Add to "My List"

One of the things you can do right away to customise your Profile is add movies and shows to the "My List" option.

Simply select a TV show or movie, then select Add to My List or + My List. If you're on a computer, you can also hover over a movie/show and hit the + icon that appears on the right corner. You will see "My List" as a row on Netflix. On a computer, to navigate to it quickly, you can also just visit [Netflix.com/MyList](https://Netflix.com/MyList).

You can remove from the list just as easily: select a show/movie, and select Remove from My List. Or simply hover over on a computer and deselect the v icon.

NETFLIX



We are delighted to share that in May, Miss Mitchell gave birth to a baby girl called Evie. A huge congratulations to Miss Mitchell and Mr Vernon on the birth of baby Evie. Eli is going to be a wonderful big brother!

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There is a separate letter, which gives you more information about the arrangements of the day, including collecting your child and their siblings afterwards.



### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee #TeamMarine Style

We had a wonderful time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the last day of term. There was a sea of red, white and blue across the school when children wore the colours of the Union Jack to take part in different outdoor activities. A whole school barbeque, music, and an ice-cream van added to the celebrations. Congratulations to Emily in Class 3JN who designed the winning Jubilee Pudding which was made by the catering team and enjoyed by everyone.





### Supporting children through deployment



Members of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines deploy more frequently than personnel in other services. These deployments can be a difficult time not only for serving personnel, but for the families they leave behind.

#### Huggable heroes

Huggable Heroes are handmade and are designed to reduce the separation anxiety that children can experience when a Service parent is away on deployment. The dolls fit perfectly under little arms and are small enough for older children to tuck into school bags. You can find more information by clicking the following [link](#).

#### Children's Workbook

The Royal Navy has produced a special workbook to help the children of Service people make sense of the circumstances around deployment. The workbook contains fun exercises and messages of support, but also encourages children to consider how they feel about the absence of their parent.

The workbook, titled 'When a Special Person Goes Away', is available to download for free using the following [link](#). If you would like a copy printed for you - please email the Primary account: [primary@marineacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@marineacademy.org.uk).



After taking part so successfully in the Big Walk and Wheel 2022, Marine Academy Primary were delighted to receive the fantastic prize of a scoot balance bike from [Sustrans](#)! We are looking forward to continuing to promote active travel.



Day	Classes
Monday	2TG, 2CW
Tuesday	3JN, 3CC
Wednesday	5AD, 5LI
Thursday	RAF, RHR, 1MM, 1SA, 6AW, 6DK
Friday	4AV, 4LG

Children can wear their PE kit (including black tracksuit bottoms) to school on the day they have PE.



#### EDUCATION BUSINESS AWARDS SHORTLIST!

We are thrilled to announce that [Marine Academy Primary](#) has been shortlisted for the SEN Inclusion Award at this year's [Education Business Awards](#)!

A big well done to our fantastic children and wonderful Parents/Carers!