

MARINE ACADEMY PRIMARY NEWSLETTER November 2024



'Where stars shine brighter'

...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.

Dear Parent/Carers of Marine Academy Primary pupils, November has been an exciting month at Marine Academy Primary and we are so proud of how well the community pulled together to raise a over **£5139** for Children in Need as well as Running Club raising a further **£220** for St Luke's Hospice. A huge thank you for your continued support for us to make the world a better place and ensure our children see the joy in helping others. During November we also saw all children take part in a respectful Remembrance Assembly, with each class making their own Remembrance wreath and laying this during the assembly. Some children were then also able to attend Lipson Co-operative, who are part of our family of The Ted Wragg Trust schools, for a further assembly and were praised by their exceptional MAP manners.

This month also saw a large number of curriculum enrichment activities and opportunities to further develop our children's cultural capital, including: children taking part in a range of sporting competitions and events including spending time training with the Plymouth Raiders basketball team, swimming lessons, Reception children visiting St Budeaux Library, several year groups engaging in Geography fieldwork, cinema trips and orchestral and choir trips.

We have also had a number of visitors to the Academy over the last month, as they are seeking support and guidance from our team to help them improve their schools, as well as others who are visiting just because of the great reputation that the school has within the education sector.

Here's to a delightful December full of festive joy and even more wonderful learning! Please do take some time to check the upcoming Christmas events and we would love to welcome you to any of those you are able to attend. There will be a chance to purchase festive treats and hot drinks at all of the events, and any money raised will go towards some new playground equipment for children!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Georgina Reid and Miss Stacey Mitchell

Headteacher and Head of School



DATES FOR YOUR Diary

- Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th & Friday 13th December** - 3.30-4.30pm Santa Meet and Greet events.
- Tuesday 10th December** - 9-10.30am Turtle Class Christmas Crafts with parents/carers
- Tuesday 10th December** - 9-11am On Course South West free Christmas wreath making workshop in the MULA: email samantharussell@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk to book on.
- Wednesday 11th December** - 9-10.30am Pre-School Christmas Crafts with parents/carers
- Friday 13th December** - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Bazaar being held in the Primary from 2pm. Children are to be collected at the normal time.
- Monday 16th December** - 9.15-10.30am Christmas Carol Concert for families of children in Classes 1SA, 2NH, 3AW, 4CW, 5LG and 6JU.
- Tuesday 17th December** - 9.15-10.15am Reception Nativity performance to Class RHR families in the Primary hall.
- Wednesday 18th December** - 9.15-10.30am Christmas Carol Concert for families of children in Classes 1OW, 2CW, 3CC, 4LI, 5VH and 6TS.
- Wednesday 18th December** - Whole School Christmas Lunch: children can wear Christmas accessories on this day with their uniform.
- Thursday 19th December** - 9.15-10.15am Reception Nativity performance to Class RTG families in the Primary hall.
- Friday 20th December** - Last day of Term 2: **Primary closes at 1pm.** Children are invited to wear Christmas muffin to school on this day.
- Tuesday 7th January** - First day of Term 3
- Tuesday 28th January** - Class RHR train trip
- Wednesday 29th January** - Class RTG train trip
- Friday 7th February** - Times Table Rock Stars Day: This is part of the NSPCC's Number Day and children are invited to dress up as rock stars for the day. More information will be sent out closer to the date.
- Friday 14th February** - Last day of Term 3
- Monday 24th February** - First day of Term 4
- Monday 3rd - Friday 7th March** - Book Fair running in the Primary foyer
- Thursday 6th March** - World Book Day: children are invited to wear pyjamas or a book character costume.
- Friday 21st March** - Comic Relief: more information will be sent out closer to the date.
- Thursday 27th March** - Classes RTG and RHR Mother's Day events
- Tuesday 1st April** - Turtle Class Easter craft event 9-10:30am
- Friday 4th April** - Last day of Term 4
- Tuesday 22nd April** - First day of Term 5
- Monday 28th April** - Class RHR's Phonics in Action event for families 9-10:30am
- Tuesday 29th April** - Class RTG's Phonics in Action event for families 9-10:30am
- Wednesday 30th April** - Class 1OW's Phonics in Action event for families 9-10:30am
- Thursday 1st May** - Class 1SA's Phonics in Action event for families 9-10:30am
- Monday 5th May** - Bank Holiday: School closed
- Friday 23rd May** - Last day of Term 5
- Tuesday 3rd June** - First day of Term 6
- Thursday 12th June** - Classes RHR and RTG Father's Day events
- Thursday 19th June** - Dream Big Day: Children are invited to come to school dressed as a job role they would like to do when they're older.
- Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th June** - Forest and Beach Residential for Years 5 and 6
- Friday 11th July** - Summer Fair 2-4pm
- Monday 14th July** - 1:45-2:45pm 38 Things Celebration Event for children who have completed their booklets
- Thursday 17th July** - Last day of Term 6

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Perseverance, politeness and progress!

Reception

Reception have had a brilliant term so far, full of many exciting learning opportunities, including trips, snow and exciting book hooks! We were so excited to have our first ever Reception trip, visiting the library. The children loved the visit and have enjoyed reading a range of books that we carried back to our class.

So far this term, we have enjoyed learning about a range of texts including Shubh Diwali, Little Glow and The Christmas Pine. Each week the children have had a range of different challenges based upon these texts including making Rangoli patterns, sequencing our story and creating our own fireworks. This term, the children have been hard at work rehearsing our Nativity, Baarmy Bethlehem, and we can't wait to show you!



Pre-School

Puffins and Penguins children have loved this month's learning, and they have been completing some amazing learning around our new topic 'What Can I Build?'. The children collaborated together to build their own houses for the three little pigs, they were able to retell different parts of the story and even took on the role of the big bad wolf! They have loved being imaginative and going into space with baby bear, they used different cardboard boxes to build different modes of transport to fly to space! We have been very busy with our new 'Little Wandle' sounds, they have enjoyed identifying the initial sounds in words! We were blown away with how well they have done with this! We can't wait to see what they will learn about next!



Nursery

Turtle Class have had a fantastic time beginning the topic, 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'. The children have used star shaped dough cutters to create their own star prints onto paper, they have matched coloured diamonds to each other and they have used ink to print onto world templates. The children have also really enjoyed their new topic book 'You're My Little Christmas Wish' and have been stamping with Gingerbread cutters onto paper, created snow people out of white playdough and used their creative skills to decorate Christmas decorations for the school tree. This term we have seen the children learn the rhyme 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' and they have been superstars at using their Makaton when singing it. They have also begun to learn some simple Christmas rhymes too.



Year 1

The month of November was full of many exciting learning opportunities for the children in Year 1. The children have been learning about the local area as part of the Geography topic, 'Location, Location, Location!' They have been learning how to draw aerial view maps and produced some amazing maps of our school. They also used the skills they learnt to create fantastic plans of our classroom and their routes to school.

As part of their Science learning, the children have been exploring their senses. The children have been undertaking experiments involving tasting, smelling, listening and touching. The children undertook some fantastic fundraising for 'Children in Need' in November. They enjoyed a day of fun and games and took part in a glow fit session. The children are looking forward to the festive celebrations as we get ever closer to Christmas.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the term! In Science, they've explored 'Mini Worlds' using magnifying glasses to improve their observation skills. In English, they've been inspired by Daisy Doodles to write their own creative stories and practise alliteration. In Maths, they tackled addition and subtraction with the formal column method, showing great perseverance.

Our Geography topic, 'What a Wonderful World,' has sparked knowledge about Plymouth and the continents, and the children love singing a catchy song about them! We have been creating our own 'textile pouches' in Design and Technology. We look forward to seeing their finished products. Thank you for your continued support!



Year 3

What an incredible month it has been in Year 3! We are so proud of the hard work, enthusiasm and creativity they've shown in their learning across all subjects. In Geography and Science, the children have been absolutely fascinated by mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes. They have explored how these awe-inspiring natural features are formed, how they impact the world around us and the science behind their power.

In English, the children have enjoyed reading 'Paddington Goes for Gold', a delightful story that inspired them to write their own creative versions. They have really embraced the opportunity to innovate and put their own spin on the tale, and the results have been fantastic. It's been a joy to read their stories, and we're so impressed by their imagination and writing skills! Well done Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have had another brilliant month filled with focus and fantastic learning! In Maths, they completed their Addition and Subtraction unit and have now started Multiplication and Division, focusing on the 3, 6, and 9 times tables. In English, the children explored the text 'A River' and wrote their own poems, applying their knowledge of prepositional phrases and conjunctions.

In Geography, they continued learning about Human Migration, discussing its importance, push-and-pull factors and the meanings of refugee, asylum, and economic migration. A highlight was their visit to the city centre, where they interviewed the public and analysed their findings back at school. Meanwhile, in Science, they have been exploring ecosystems, learning about organisms, food chains, and the roles of producers and consumers. Well done, Year 4, on a successful month of learning!



Year 5

Year 5 have shown incredible perseverance and determination during their swimming lessons, impressing everyone with their effort and progress. They have demonstrated brilliant behaviour, so much so that a member of the public phoned the school to say what lovely, polite children they were - well done Year 5!

In Geography, they have been exploring informal settlements, deepening their understanding of global living conditions. Meanwhile, in Science, they've been investigating physical and chemical changes. In English, the children studied the text 'My Secret War Diary' and then channelled their creativity into writing their own World War II diary entries. With Christmas fast approaching, they've also been busy practising festive songs and are excited to perform at the upcoming carol concerts!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to Term 2. They've shown great determination in their new Maths topic, Fractions, and in English, they've explored figurative language through Beowulf. In Science, they've been studying different energy sources such as chemical, thermal, and kinetic energy. Geography fieldwork was enhanced by their trip to Slapton Ley.

In RE, they've been learning about Islam, exploring its art, the Five Pillars, and facts about Muslims worldwide. In Music, they're studying how instruments evoke emotion and learning the Glockenspiel. DT has introduced Bridge Structures, with plans to build their own bridges later this term. With Christmas approaching, Year 6 are excited for the remaining weeks of Christmas festivities.



In Other

NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our book fair and purchased a book! With your help, we raised £465.94 for our school to spend on books - incredible! We hope you are all enjoying your new books and look forward to the next fair in March 2025!

Congratulations!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.

Together we have raised... £465.94... for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

SCHOLASTIC



AJ and his family were overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support from our school community and wanted to pass this message on to you all. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, they raised a fantastic £454 through their recent sponsored run, with £152 of that raised from the bake sale alone, for Children's Hospice South West - amazing!

MAJik Fitness weekly circuits exercise class will resume on 4th January in the Primary hall, every Thursday at 4:10am. Join us for £1 or any smaller donation you can afford. Babies and toddlers are welcome, and there will be toys and soft play for them to enjoy!

Everyone is welcome!

To book your spot, please text Emma from Majik Fitness on 07852168352. We can't wait to see you there!

MARINE ACADEMY PRIMARY

THURSDAY 9AM

Circuits

TEA & COFFEE AFTERWARD

CHILD FRIENDLY

£1 OR A DONATION YOU CAN AFFORD

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ONLINE SAFETY

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to use the internet safely and responsibly. Within each year group's e-safety sessions earlier in the term, there were important messages shared in relation to being respectful online, reporting issues, responding to peer pressure and dealing with inappropriate images.

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

HOW WE HELP AT SCHOOL

There are several ways in which we support the children to remain safe in school and to educate them on taking responsibility at home.

- Termly e-safety lessons, Computing and SMSC
- School filtering systems that block inappropriate websites
- Following up on interactions that happen outside of school
- Assemblies that promote taking responsibility for actions

S Stay Safe Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know. 	M Don't Meet Up Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	A Accepting Files Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems. 	R Reliable? Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth? 	T Tell Someone Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.
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COMMON SENSE MEDIA

This website provides guides and reviews for the common websites, games and apps that your children may be interested in using.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

MY CHILD WANTS TO BE A YOUTUBER

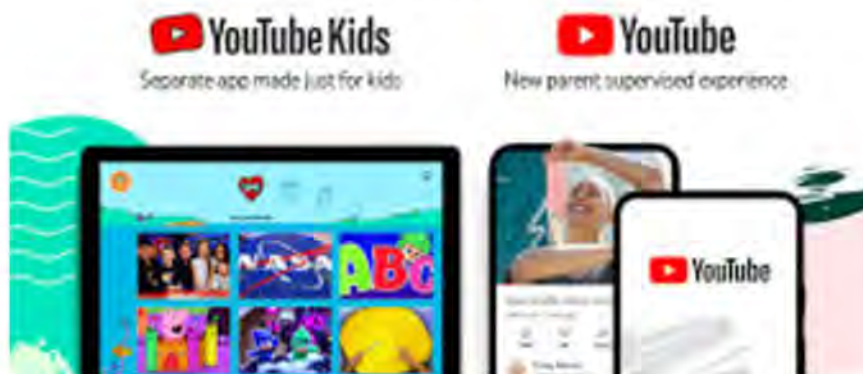
Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments.

YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos, as well as the option to access YouTube Kids:

1. Public: anyone can view the video.
2. Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

Choices for every family



Band Runner

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safe online.

Your child can play it here: https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/8_10/



This poster provides some excellent tips for having a positive online experience, as well as actions to avoid. The role of the trusted adult features heavily across the guidance and we regularly speak to the children about sharing their worries with people that can help us.



The poster is titled 'Online Safety Tips For Children' and is part of the '#WakeUpWednesday' campaign by National Online Safety. It is split into two main sections: 'Do's' on the left (blue background) and 'Don'ts' on the right (red background). The 'Do's' section lists seven tips, each with a numbered icon and a brief explanation. The 'Don'ts' section lists seven tips, each with a numbered icon and a brief explanation. The poster features two cartoon characters: a boy with a red hat and a girl with a blue hat. There are also various icons representing online safety concepts like a globe, a checkmark, a cross, a speech bubble, and a question mark. The bottom of the poster includes the website 'www.nationalonlinesafety.com', Twitter handle '@natonlinesafety', and Facebook page '/NationalOnlineSafety'. A small disclaimer at the bottom states: 'Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 27.11.2019'.

Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Online Safety Tips For Children

Do's

- 1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE**
Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.
- 2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE**
Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.
- 3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE**
If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.
- 4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.
- 5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP**
This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.
- 6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DONT LIKE**
This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.
- 7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS**
Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

Don'ts

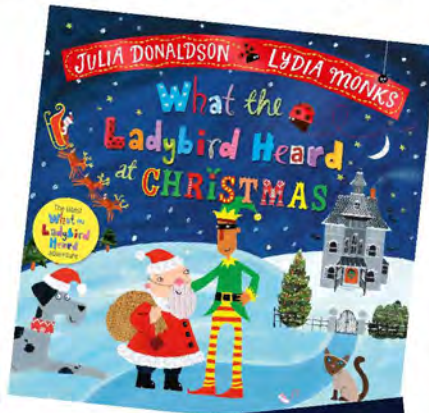
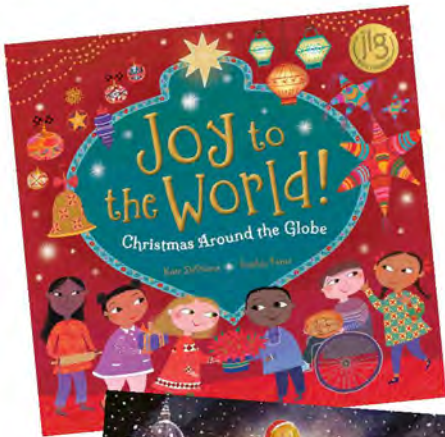
- 1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.
- 2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE**
Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.
- 3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES**
The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.
- 4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS**
This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.
- 5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE**
Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.
- 6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME**
This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.
- 7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS**
Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter - @natonlinesafety Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety

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Best children's books for Christmas

The Books for Topics website www.booksfortopics.com is a great resource for recommended reads.

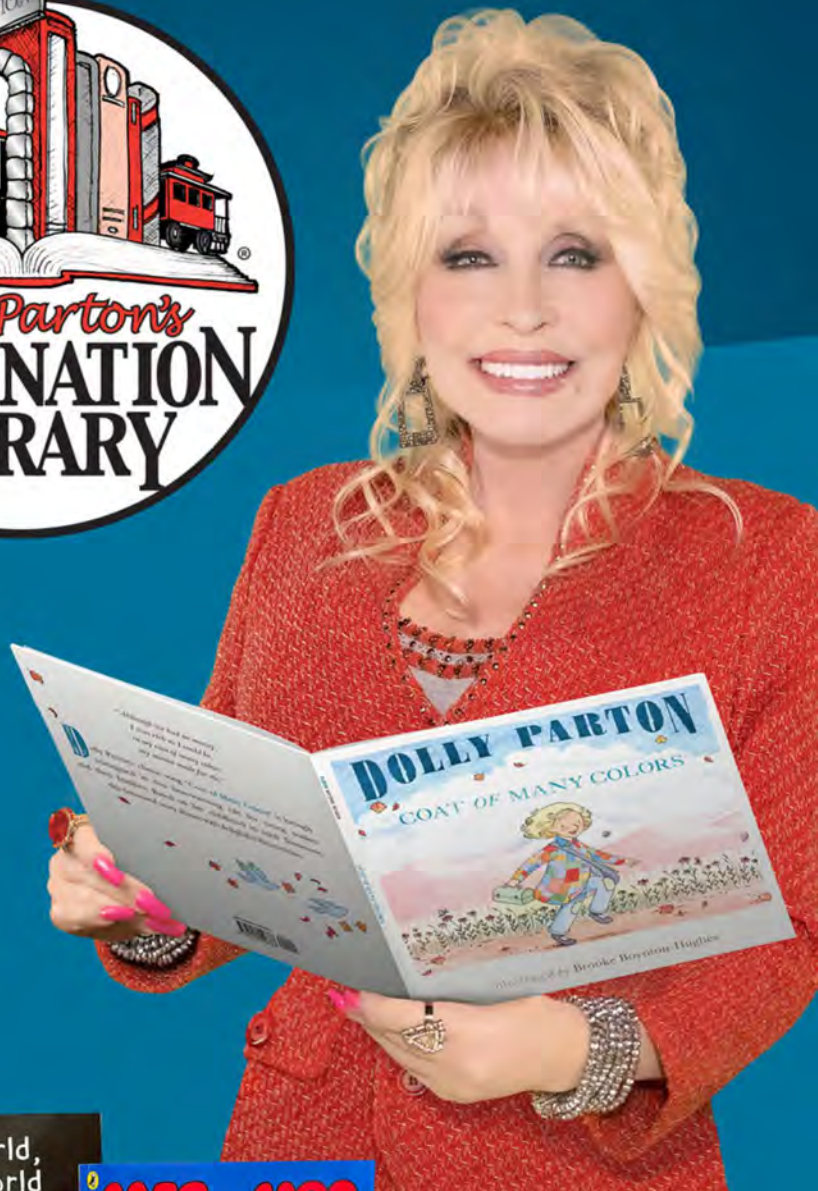


Inspire a **LOVE** of Reading



Available in Ham, Devonport, St Budeaux & St Peters and The Waterfront (Plymouth)

Enrol your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and get a FREE BOOK every month from age 2 until their 5th birthday. Children can enrol from their second birthday.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children through age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Republic of Ireland.

ImaginationLibrary.com

Early Years South West Stronger Practice Hub - 01752 916200





BARNARD'S

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PARENT TRAINING FOR ANXIOUS CHILDREN

TIMID TO TIGER IS A CBT-BASED PARENTING TRAINING FOR MANAGING ANXIETY-BASED BEHAVIOURS IN CHILDREN (AVAILABLE TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 8-11).

Tuesday 21st January

9:30-11:30am

Running for 12 Weeks



**Ernesettle School,
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Crescent, Plymouth,
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AGES 7-10

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For more info please contact
Jess on 07522619076 or
The Barn on 01752 362320



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Neurodiversity Fun Day- Plymouth



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PLYMOUTH PL1 4JQ

January **Friday 3** 12-3pm

EMAZDAD RAFFLE QUIZ
BASKETBALL PRINCESSES

Sponsored by Livewell Neurodiversity
Wellbeing Team



*I'm visiting
Four Greens*

**Santa's Christmas grotto
Buffet**

**Children's Activities
Christmas Raffle draw**

Friday 20th December 2024
4.30pm - 6.30pm at Four
Greens Community Trust.

We have 50 places for children under 8
to meet Father Christmas,
To reserve your Child's place
call 01752 875916 or email
facilities@fgct.co.uk



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Fit and Fed

CHRISTMAS DANCE DAY

MARINE ACADEMY PLYMOUTH

Monday 23rd December
10am - 3pm | Ages 5 - 9

**BALLET, DANCE, MUSICAL THEATRE,
CRAFTS, GAMES & MORE!**

FREE for children on benefit-related Free School Meals or
who meet *Fit & Fed* criteria.

Limited spaces - book now!

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SCHOOL

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COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

NHS 111 online

Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)

PAPYRUS

Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)

SAMARITANS

Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)

shout
85258

Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)

CALM

Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Watsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)