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Newsletter 10th February 2023

This week, we have been thinking about Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme "Let's Connect". This morning, children from Year 1 - 6 spent time together in their house groups (Tamar, Tavy, Lyhner and Plym) as part of our school safety week. The children had a visit from two local Police Officers who talked about the important role the police service play in keeping us all safe. They also explored Fire and Road Safety. Mrs Palmer also visited the children in Foundation to talk to them about her role as crossing patrol at our school and the importance of being safe when crossing our roads. We have a few pictures to share with you from today, but keep an eye on our newsletter after half term and our Facebook page where we will post more images from the day.

The key dates for next term have been updated in this week's newsletter which takes us to just after the Easter break where we will have our school photographs taken. Please keep an eye out over the next few weeks for more information about our family photography session on this day too.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending out Parent and Toddler groups again this week. This group is help every Wednesday morning from 9 - 10am. Please speak to Maggie our Family Support Worker if you would like anymore information on this.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 21st February.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood

Head of School

Weekly attendance for 6th February - 10th February

The UK Government expectation is 96%. We are striving for children to achieve this as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement .

This week, our whole school attendance is 86.9%

This week's winners are : **London Class** and **Oslo Class**

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| LONDON | 90.4 |
| NAIROBI | 88.6 |
| MOMBASA | 89.5 |
| CAPE TOWN | 90.0 |



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| SAN FRANCISCO | 91.9 |
| TOKYO | 86.3 |
| SANTIAGO | 81.1 |
| CANBERRA | 85.8 |
| DUBAI | 73.7 |
| OSLO | 92.0 |

House Day - Friday 10th February 2023

Tamar team had the loveliest time at House Day today! First we 'connected' using some activities from Children's Mental Health Week, and then we had a visit from our local Police officers who showed us their uniforms and talked to us about policing in our area. Finally, we learned about fire safety and road safety. It was a busy morning!



House Day - Foundation Stage

Today London and Plymouth Class had a visit from Mrs Palmer our lovely School Crossing Patroller. Mrs Palmer told us all about how to cross the road safely. To stop the cars Mrs Palmer holds her stop sign up and waits for the cars to stop safely. We must always remember to stop, look and listen and never run across a road, always walk sensibly looking and listening.





If you are interested in joining the PTFA,
please contact the school office on 01752 365250
or email westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk for more information.

We are always looking for more volunteers to support us with events for the children and bring our school community together. Our PTFA usually meet once a month to discuss and plan for school events, but we are grateful of any time that you could spare to support us at school.



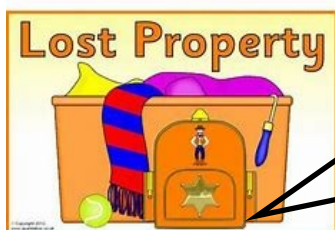
Healthy Snacks

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack into school to eat during their breaktime.

As a Healthy School, snacks should be either: a piece of fruit, a yoghurt or a cereal bar.

Snacks must not contain crisps, nuts, cinnamon or chocolate.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Lost Property

We have a wide range of lost property items available in our Office area. Please come and have a look if you have recently lost an item.

Many Thanks.

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

After half term, EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM is back in our school dinner menu. The menu from week commencing 20th February on a Tuesday will be as follows:

Week 1:




Hasta La Vista Veggies!

The vegetables have been spotted in the deep dark jungles of Central and South America. These fiendish vegetables have disguised themselves inside your favourite chilli dishes such as tacos, fajita, and nachos. Your mission is to find them, eat them to defeat them and then let out our victory cheer "Hasta La Vista Veggies!"

Chilli, any style

Week 2:



Feel my power!

Hey, you like pasta? We've heard the vegetables have taken over the pasta. Next time you see pasta, search out the vegetables, pick them out, and then defeat them in the only way possible – eat them, eat them, eat them and then let out your victory cry "Feel my power!"

Lasagna or pasta bake

Week 3:



Dig for Victory!

The carrots have tunnelled their way to the centre of earth. You'll need to break through the earth's crust, dig through the steaming hot lava and find the veggies – then eat them to defeat them. Say "dig for victory" and start your journey.

Cottage pie

You can find more information on the EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM WEBSITE:

[Home - Eat Them To Defeat Them](#)



HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



Government help with childcare costs for parents.
Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.

Tax Free Childcare

We are now registered for Tax Free Childcare. This scheme can be used to pay towards breakfast club and after school club. Please use the following link to APPLY or your Tax Free Childcare Account.

Apply at www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

[Watch this video](#) to find out more about how to apply.

Please use the 'How to use Tax-Free Childcare' guide on the next page to set up your Tax Free Childcare account.

Once you have registered for your Tax-Free Childcare account, and have selected Weston Mill as your childcare provider, you will be issued with a reference code. Please email this code to westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk. You can then set up regular or one-off payments to school from your Tax-Free Childcare account. To support the administration team, we kindly ask that these payments are made on **1st day of each month**. Your ParentPay account will then be credited with the payment amount.

If you need any further support, please speak to Mrs Searle or Mrs Catherwood.

UK Government

Help for Households

You might not realise you could get help with childcare costs

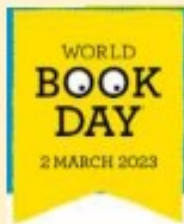
Check if you're eligible today
[Go to childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

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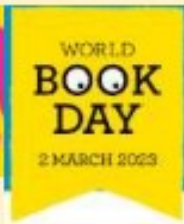
Half -Term Free School Meal Vouchers

Eligible families will shortly receive their Free School Meal voucher for the half term break. These will be sent via the email address we have on ParentPay.

Please speak to a member of the office staff if you have not received your voucher by emailing westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk.



World Book Day



2023

Weston Mill World Book Day
Friday 3rd March

Dress up theme: Unsung
heroes.

Class Reading Carnival.

Live online World Book Day
lessons.

Dress your classroom door
challenge.



Art at Weston Mill



Before Christmas, some of our children took part in the BAS9 Artist in Schools Project. They recently had some of their work displayed at The Box as part of the final exhibition. What a great achievement!

For the Joy of Drawing Competition

In November, we shared the Joy of Drawing competition in our school newsletter. The entries for this competition are currently being exhibited in The Box, Plymouth. This exhibition is open from 4th February 2023 to 4th June 2023. Why not pop along during half term and see if you can find your art work?



Dates for your



February

20th February - NPD - School Closed to all pupils

23rd February - Canberra Class Parent Reading Session @ 2:15pm

28th February - Cape Town Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

March

3rd March - World Book Day

7th March - Mombasa Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm (New date)

9th March - Oslo Class Assembly @ 2:30pm

14th March - Dubai Class Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

23rd March - Nairobi Class Assembly @ 2:30pm

28th March - Canberra Celebration of Learning @ 2:15pm

31st March - Reports sent home

31st March - Spring Term ends

April

17th April - Start of Summer Term



TOYS IN SCHOOL

There has been an increase in children bringing toys to school over the last few weeks, including Pokemon cards. Please ensure your child is not bringing toys into school unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school INCO Mrs O'Brien, to support SEND needs or for a class event.



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Community Primary

**You can also check our website
latest news, dates and letters.**



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