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Newsletter 4th March 2022

New Term. New Themes!

Across the school we have all been very busy exploring our new thematic learning for the term ahead. We have had a really busy week despite its shortness; World Book Day has come and gone and across the school we explored STEM linked learning activities in every class. Well done to everyone who dressed up, the assembly hall was a sea of vibrant colours and smiling faces on Thursday. In other news, we all turned our hands to a traditional skill on Shrove Tuesday with a school wide Pancake Flipping competition. The winners joined Mr Wilkins for a delicious treat at the end of the afternoon.

Themes for the Year Groups this term are as follows; Year 1: Our Local Area, Year 2: World Explorers. Year 3 / 4: Australia. Year 5: Our Changing World. Year 6: Biomes of the World.

Enjoy your weekend, whatever you are all up to.



OUR FABULOUS FLIPPERS GALLERY!

In foundation, we had great fun flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday! We had competitions to see how many times we could flip the pancake in a minute and did some fun pancake topping addition in our Math's lesson.



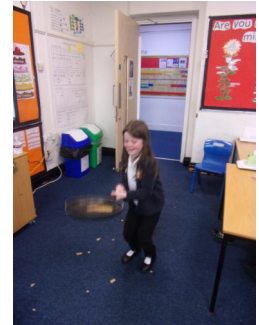
Mondrian class having pancake flipping fun!





Picasso class had great fun flipping pancakes!

DaVinci decided on a Tally chart to keep score for each pupil which we included into our math's lesson as recap on statistics.



Hockney class seem to have lost some!



Matisse class loved competing in our pancake flipping challenge!



This week, Mr Wilkins and Mrs Reynolds were cheered on by the whole school when flipping pancakes in a competition in assembly to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Mr Wilkins flipped his pancake 62 times... but Mrs Reynolds won with an extremely close 63!






Congratulations to the winners of our pancake flipping competition on Tuesday! As a sweet treat for being such fantastic flippers they each made and ate their own pancake!



It has been a great start of a new term in Mondrian class. This term we are going to study "World Explorers". We posed the question: "Who discovered the world?" and we came up with some brilliant ideas. In Math's, this week, we have been learning about coins and notes and we used our inquiry and problem solving skills to compare the value of £5 and £10 notes .

World Explorers
Who discovered the world?



Spring Term 2



WORLD BOOK DAY



Mr Wilkins came as Mr Saucepan Man from the Magic Faraway Tree!



Mondrian Class had great fun!



In Kiely Class for World Book Day, we read the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, we used ALL of our STEM skills to design and create rafts which could safely carry the goats across the river instead of them having to use the grumpy troll's bridge. We also had a visitor from the Theatre Royal who read us a story about a girl called Scout who was on a mission to tidy up her city. In Kiely Class for World Book Day, we read the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, we used ALL of our STEM skills to design and create rafts which could safely carry the goats across the river instead of them having to use the grumpy troll's bridge. We also had a visitor from the Theatre Royal who read us a story about a girl called Scout who was on a mission to tidy up her city.



Some of our year 6 children



In Mondrian class we read the story of Billy Goat Gruff and we conducted a scientific experiment to help the goats cross the river. Our aim was to build a raft that could carry the goats across the river. We designed, built and tested our rafts discussing and predicting what materials would be best to use. We used all 6 STEM skills as we worked Collaboratively, we were Creative, Observant and Flexible. We also used our Problem Solving as we managed to find the right materials and designs for our rafts to carry the goats across the river. We had so much fun!



In Kiely class this week we have started our new math's block about statistics. We learnt about tally charts and used our inquiry skills to collect data about our friend's favourite pizza toppings, ice cream, flavours and animals before we went outside to collect data about the colour of cars that drove past our school.



In Year 5 this week, we managed to finally complete our Anglo-Saxon fashion show. The children had put so much effort into designing and creating their tunics that it was a proud moment for them to show their tunics to some of the other classes in school. The fashion show video will be uploaded to Teams in due course, for you to watch. Also this week, Year 5 enjoyed completing a STEM-based activity for World Book Day, which linked to the fantastic sweets of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory: we used skittles to complete a fair test, questioning whether the skittle colour would run faster or slower in cold or warm water.



School Trip Payments Due:

Bristol & Bath;

Installment 2 was due 01/03/2022

Installment 3 due 04/04/2022

Installment 4 due 03/05/2022

Nethercott Farm:

Final payment of £60 was due on 28th Feb. Please ensure this is paid as quickly as possible as the children are going 21st March 2022.

Barton Hall:

Installment 3 was due 28/02/2022

Final installment due 31/03/2022



Attendance 1st—4th March 2022

96% is the expected level to ensure children have the opportunity to achieve to the best of their abilities.

Well done to this weeks winners: **Goldsworthy & Hadid**

KAHLO	93.75
DA VINCI	86.81
MONET	94.44
PICASSO	91.83
GAUDI	91.20
HADID	98.81
HOCKNEY	89.47



GOLDSWORTHY	97.64
MATISSE	90.79
MONDRIAN	91.35
KEILY	89.42



ParentPay
COUNT ON US

Parent Pay

This is the online, cashless system we use so parents/carers can book breakfast club, and pay for lunches and trips. It's also how we send all emails and texts to inform you of important information or events that are happening within the school. Please can you ensure your email and phone number is correct on this system.

If you have never logged onto it, please get in touch with Mrs Webley on 01752 365250 and she will issue you with your login details.

Thank you.

Y6 Parents SATS information session



On Thursday 17th March 2022 at 2:30pm. Y6 parents are invited to a SATS Q&A session related to the statutory assessments in May.

This will be an opportunity for you and your child to gain further information and ask any questions you both may have.

Talks will be in each classroom and will begin promptly at 2:30pm.

A letter was sent home with details of you can book your place. Please complete the slip and return to school.

We look forward to seeing you!

Class Assembly Dates

11.3.22 – Picasso

18.3.22 – Gaudi

25.3.22 – Matisse

1.4.22 – Da Vinci

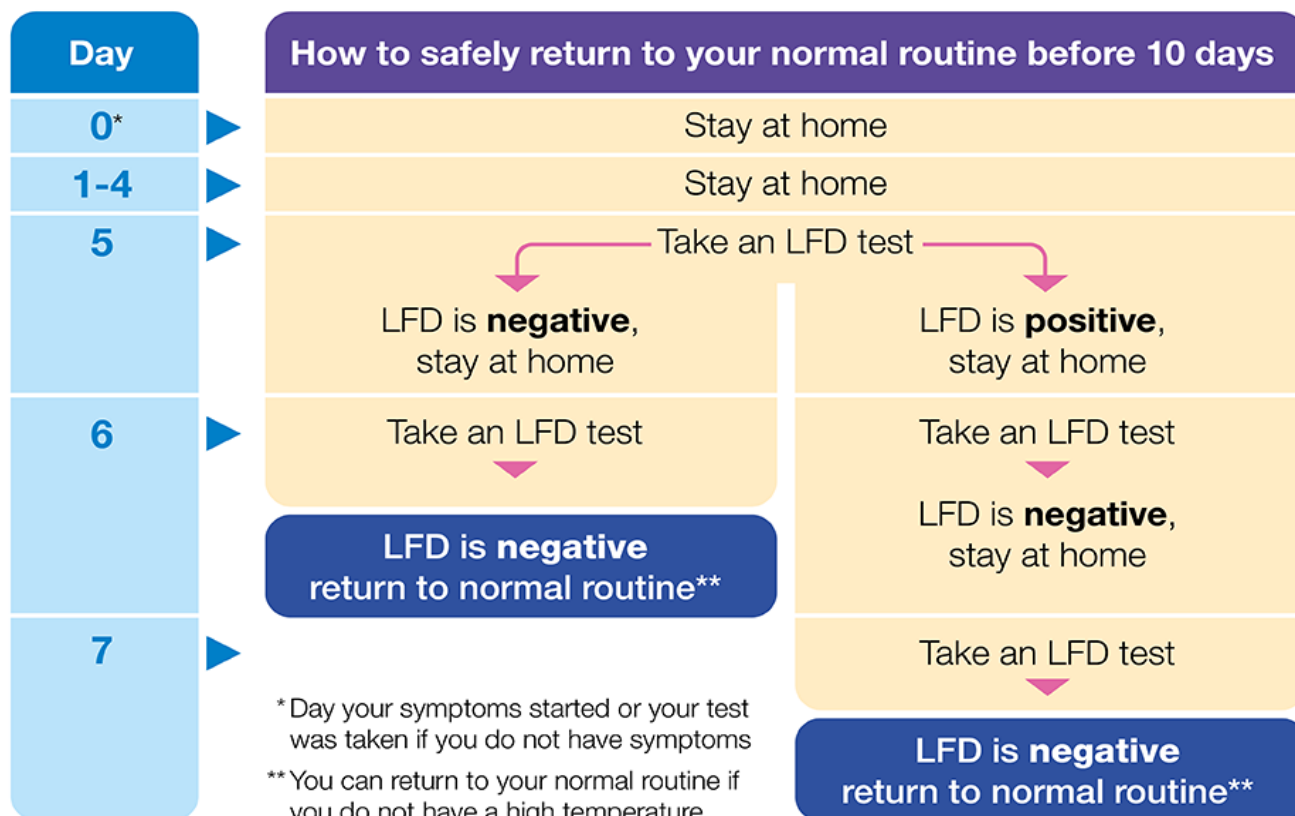


Parents can come into the dining hall for a cuppa before the assembly starts at around 9.15.

COVID Update

We are getting back to normal, bit by bit! Face masks are no longer required within our school but the control measures of good hygiene, cleaning practices, good ventilation and following Government advice on isolation for confirmed cases should remain. We are welcoming parents/carers back into the setting. Should you wish to see someone face to face, please call 01752 365250 and Mrs Webley on reception can arrange for you to come in and speak to the right member of staff.

Thank you.



Important Dates:

Fri 8th Apr - NON PUPIL DAY
Mon 11th Apr to Fri 22nd Apr - EASTER BREAK
Mon 2nd May - MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 30th May - BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 31st May to Fri 3rd Jun - HALF TERM
Weds 27th July SUMMER HOLIDAY STARTS
7th Sept 2022 return to school
Oct holiday: 24th—28th Oct 2022
Non pupil day: 25th Nov 2022
Christmas holidays: 19th—2nd Jan (return to school 3rd Jan 2023)
Feb holiday: 13th—20th
Feb 2023 (return to school 21st Feb)
Easter holiday: 3rd—14th April 2023
Bank holiday: 1st May 2023
May holiday: 29th May—2nd June 2023
Non pupil day; 23rd June 2023
Summer holidays 2023: start on 26th July

Dates
for your



Please remember, no dogs are allowed on the school grounds at any time.

Thank you

Messy
Munchkinz



WE ARE BACK

Messy Munchkinz in conjunction with
Wolseley Trust and Whiz Kidz

Sensory and child development play
sessions

Suitable for babies and pre school
children up to 5 years

Starting Thursday 3rd March

Time 10.30am-12pm

Cost £1 per family

**Venue: St. Marks Church 1 Sanctuary Close
Ford, PL2 1EN**



TO BOOK

Call ~ 01752 607449

email ~ Nickichinnock@wolseley-trust.org



Brand new sensory and child development play session with Whiz Kidz.

Sessions starts this Thursday 3rd March at St. Mark's Church, Sanctuary Close, Ford from 10.30-12pm. The cost is £1 per family, per session and is suitable for pre-school children up to the age of 5. To book please call Wolseley Trust Office on 01752 607449 or email Nickichinnock@wolseley-trust.org.

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IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH **TAMAR FRESH,**
TILDA RICE AND KRAFT HEINZ
ARE PROUD TO PRESENT....

EAT THEM
TO DEFEAT THEM

MONDAY 28TH FEB

CARROTS!

Choice 2 Monday (vegan hot dog) is replaced with a homemade Heinz bean burger served on a soft roll with a slice of tomato, lettuce and mayo sides of wedges, carrots and peas.

MONDAY 7TH MARCH

PEPPERS!

Choice 2 Tuesday (veggie burger) is replaced with a homemade stuffed pepper served with wedges and seasonal veg.

MONDAY 14TH MARCH

BROCCOLI!

Choice 2 Tuesday (vegetable moussaka) is replaced with a Broccoli stir fry served with sweetcorn and carrots.

MONDAY 21ST MARCH

TOMATOES!

Choice 2 Monday (vegan hot dog) is replaced with a homemade Heinz bean burger served on a soft roll with a slice of tomato, lettuce and vegan mayo sides of wedges, carrots and peas.

MONDAY 28TH MARCH

PEAS!

Choice 2 Tuesday (veggie burger) is replaced with a homemade pea risotto and served with seasonal veg.

#PREPAREFORBATTLE



HEALTHY EATING - FOOD SCANNER APP (PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND)

The NHS Food Scanner app brings food labels to life and helps you make healthier choices. Simply scan the barcode to see how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food and drink then choose one of the healthier swap suggestions. The app is part of a healthy eating campaign and the 'scan, swipe, swap' take home pack has plenty of resources to help encourage children to build healthier habits for life. Find the resources here: <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/healthy-eating/overview>



Story Time at North Prospect Library

Wednesdays 3.30—4.00

Join our weekly Storytime session aimed at children under 7 years old and their families. This session is a fun and enjoyable way to introduce children to books, the joy of storytelling and libraries.

Spaces are limited so booking is required. You can book your spot by contact North Prospect Library on 01752 398138.



DEVCON
SCI-FI, TOY, FILM & COMIC FAIR

5TH MARCH 2022
9AM - 5PM
PLYMOUTH GUILD HALL, PL1 2AA

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Plymouth British Ocean City

FUN, FAB DAY 4 ALL!

FREE FREE GIVEAWAY LUNCH

Adults £10
Teen £7

Under 8's Go Free! Adult 10am-£10.
Teen 9am (8-14yrs)-£7
VIP/Queue Jumper/Fast Track 9am £14.

RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS

a very different programme of support, for individuals and families in Devon

MESSAGE TO ALL MEN...

Do you wish you could talk more openly with the people you love and care about?

Do you find relationships confusing or difficult?

As a man, have you ever wondered why some relationships are easier than others?

If your answer to any of the above is YES, this programme could be for you!

What is RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS?

A 12-session programme aimed at connecting men across our community

- Explores and helps low mood
- Supports you to discover more about yourself
- Improves communication
- Reveals how thinking and behaviour are linked

All within a safe space, with other men, who may be experiencing similar doubts, confusion, or difficulties, with themselves and/or in wider relationships (You even have a right laugh!)

If you're interested in knowing more, please call/text **07436 357593** or email tania.bell@splitz.org

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FSA news

Day	Time	Event & place	Staff	Additional
Mondays	2 hours	Wellbeing Through Crafting in School Dining Hall	Claire Wilkinson & Claire Veitch	FREE 5 week adult learning course. Starting with arts and crafts such as making soaps or bath bombs. During the first session, the course facilitator will find out what the group would like to learn, with the rest of the course being tailored to suit you. If there is enough interest, we will be able to put on another 5 week course, with a focus on functional skills like Maths, English and IT or other lifestyle skills, it's entirely up to you! <u>A crèche can be provided for siblings 12 months & over but this must be booked in advance.</u>
Week 1-7th March	9:10-11:10am			
Week 2-14th March				
Week 3-21st March				
Week 4-28th March				
Week 5-4th April		Course code- W14BF11C		
Thursday 28th April	2 hours	Paediatric First Aid Workshop in School Dining Hall	Laura Foley	This 2 hour workshop is to help you feel more confident in administering first aid to small children.
course code- W14BF41X	9:10-11:10am			
Or				
Wednesday 25th May		Course code- W14BF31E		
or				
Thursday 23rd June		Course code- W14BF41V		

To sign up to either of the above courses please click on the link below, complete the form and use the correct course code for the course you would like to attend <https://forms.office.com/r/6uZtgD5ssd>

If you would like to use the crèche facility, please email c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk at least 1 week before the course start date.

Fun in the sun with Plymouth Cricket Club

Years 4 - 6



Saturdays
from 9am

ALL GIRLS
cricket sessions
from 7th May 2022



This is
our game.



No experience
necessary

Everyone welcome



Plymouth Cricket Club is running **GIRLS ONLY** cricket this summer in a bid to increase participation for female players.

A fantastic opportunity for GIRLS in Year 4 – 6 to have fun, make friends, learn new skills and build their confidence! Plymouth Cricket Club is running ALL GIRLS cricket sessions starting in May. For more information or to book the sessions

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/f1ad4472-d10c-4ab5-b726-d61326d42a78>



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- bereavement or loss
- difficult child or teenage behaviour
- communication breakdown
- couple issues
- the effects of drugs, alcohol or addictions



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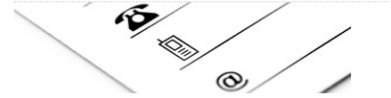
- mental health problems
- children disengaging in school and education
- separation, divorce & step family life
- trauma or domestic abuse
- parenting
- being a young carer

... then we can help you build stronger relationships.

Plymouth based charity

Family Matters is a small

Contact Details



Please use the following information to contact FamilyMatters.

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