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### Newsletter 11th November2022

This week we have been learning about Armistice Day and the children have completed a range of activities in their classrooms. Our HUT staff and children have also been busy throughout the week creating a Poppy display on our school field to commemorate this occasion. We also had a visit this week from a volunteer from the Royal British Legion, who talked to us in assembly about the significance of Remembrance Day. Thank you to all who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year. We will update you on the total raised once we have this information from the Poppy Appeal organisers.

Next week, is another busy week at school. It is Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need. We invite everyone to come to school on Monday 14th November 2022 wearing odd socks. We also have the Book Fair visiting our school. Each class will have the opportunity to browse the Book Fair during the school day and it will be open to parents at the end of each day. Please enter through the school Reception to attend the Book Fair. Next Friday is also Children in Need. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school on Friday 18th November for a small donation towards Children in Need.

Parents from Nairobi Class are invited to join us for their class reading session in the school library. Dubai Class also have their class assembly on Friday 18th November at 2:30pm in the school hall. Please arrive through the school office for both of these events.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Mrs Catherwood (Acting Head of School)

#### Weekly attendance for 7th –11th Nov 2022

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's winners are :

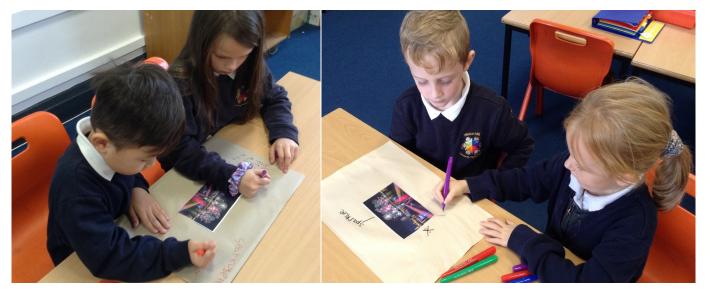
NAIROBI	94.5%
MOMBASA	81%
CAPE TOWN	90%



SAN FRANCISCO	90%
ΤΟΚΥΟ	81.3%
SANTIAGO	82.9%
CANBERRA	86.9%
DUBAI	87.8%
OSLO	93.3%

#### Learning this week:

This week in **Mombasa** class, we have been getting creative in English and generating vocabulary banks in preparation to write our own firework poems. We look forward to performing these to parents and carers as part of our theme's destination, at the end of term. Please keep updated with our school's Facebook page for dates.



**San Francisco** Class: At the end of Term 1, Year 3 and 4 exhibited their creations from our topic 'Prehistoric Britain'. It was great to visit the other classes and see other children's work.



**Tokyo** class have started a new topic this week: Dinosaurs and Fossils. We started by discussing what we know about dinosaurs and fossils and what we would like to learn about them. In History we created a timeline and marked the different eras of Dinosaurs in history. Then, children worked collaboratively to find out information about the four periods of Dinosaurs: Cenozoic, Cretaceous, Jurassic and v to play Triassic period.





In Art, Nairobi have been looking at colouring mixing. We then applied this leaning to make firework pictures.



#### Workshop for Parents: Children and Young People Autism Strategy.

On Wednesday 23rd November, Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) will be hosting a workshop for parents of Autistic children and young people. The workshop is an excellent opportunity for professionals to hear the lived experience of Plymouth parents regarding services and support for autistic children, young people, and their families.

PPCV will be bringing professionals & parent carers together to;

- Review the latest draft strategy
- Share experiences of services what's working & what's not
- Discuss priorities & improvements
- Identify any gaps and how to fill them.

The event will take place at the Lower Guildhall (PL1 2AA) from 09:30 until 14:30. FREE refreshments and lunch will be provided. Please follow this link to select the course and book your place: <u>https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/events/</u>

#### RESIDENTIALS

London - Please ensure deposit payments are made on ParentPay by 11th November 2022.

Nethercott Farm - Please ensure the next payment is made by 15th November 2022.

#### **School Uniform Reminder**

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.

Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

#### Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which **must be 5mm in diameter or smaller**, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may <u>not</u> wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

*"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."* 



StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

#### StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it: <u>StreetSafe | Police.uk (www.police.uk)</u>

#### Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We all know how quickly children outgrow school uniform and that often families have items that have hardly been worn but no longer fit. It seems a real shame that these clothes either go to a recycle bank or simply get thrown away.

We have introduced a Pre-Loved school uniform system in our school. Donated items are available to families throughout the year and will, we hope, make sure that children get the best wear out of school uniform. If you have items of school uniform that your child has grown out of but are still in good condition, please send them into school clean. Coats and shoes will also be welcomed.



Thank you to those that have donated already!

Fri 25th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb	Half Term
Mon 20th Feb	Non-Pupil Day
Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun	HALF TERM
Fri 23rd Jun	Non-Pupil Day
Wed 26th July	SUMMER HOLIDAYS START



Next week, we will be fundraising for Children in Need. We will be running several fundraising events:

Mufti Day—Friday 18th November 2022—. Children are welcome to wear pyjamas to school for a small donation.

Biscuit Fundraising—Friday 18th November 2022—Children are welcome to purchase a teddy bear biscuit during their playtime. The biscuits will be sold at a cost of 50p per biscuit.



#### **KS2 CRICKET SESSIONS**

Key Stage 2 will be partaking in weekly cricket sessions this term. Please ensure all children have their kit in school each Monday.

# Do you like to DRAW?

**The Box** is thrilled to launch our new young people's drawing competition.

Submit your favourite drawing to enter. There are three categories, primary school, secondary school and 18-25 years. The theme is simply **'For the Joy of Drawing'** 

Winners will receive a great prize and have their work displayed at The Box.

Scan or take a high quality photograph of your drawing (min 300dpi) and email to-

#### theboxlearning@plymouth.gov.uk

Label the file with your initials, the date and category entered, for example - Joe Bloggs, entered on 30th Nov, in the Primary category would be labelled JB301122P (use S for secondary and YP for 18-25)

Closing date for all entries is 5pm on 11 Dec 22 Full terms and conditions can be found at: www.theboxplymouth.com/drawing-competition





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#### WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Please follow us on our Facebook page - Weston Mill Community Primary

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











### FREE CRICKET SESSIONS!

Please book your place in advance. Contact Katie Holland: katie.holland@devoncricket.co.uk/07498 751414



WHERE:YMCA, Honicknowle Lane, Plymouth PL5 3NGWHEN:Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm

WHO FOR: Boys & girls aged 8-12 of all abilities welcome. Booking your place in advance is essential. Come along to your local Wicketz hub, make friends, have fun and stay healthy!

WHAT TO BRING: A drink (not fizzy). Wear appropriate clothing for indoor and outdoor activities.

COST:

Free!



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WHERE:	Stoke Damerel Community College (Astro Pitch), Somerset Place, Plymouth PL3 4BD	WHA
WHEN:	Mondays 5pm - 6pm	A drink (
WHO FOR:	Boys & girls aged 8-16 of all abilities welcome. Booking your place in advance is essential.	appropr indoor and
COST:	Free!	

WHAT TO BRING:

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COST:

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