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Friday 18th March

Make a Donation For Comic Relief

The children can come to school dressed in something red. Children can also wear official Red Noses, or be creative and make/face-paint their own at home.



The children have been working hard in school this week and are keen to be learning about their new topics this term. Last week we celebrated World Book Day and the children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters, sharing their passion for books, and completing some exciting STEM activities linked to stories.

We have also been extremely pleased to see how well the Year1 children in Matisse class have adapted to the changes to their learning environment in their new classroom alongside the other Year 1 children.

Congratulations to Picasso class in Year 5 who performed their class assembly to their parents and carers this morning. Even though they were nervous they were amazing, and were able to confidently share their learning from last term. It was also lovely to be able to welcome parents back into school after such a long period of time. Please see the date for your child's class assembly on the newsletter below. Further dates will follow for class assemblies in Terms 5 & 6. FS children in Matisse class will be completing their class assembly with the Foundation Stage children in Goldsworthy, in Term 5.

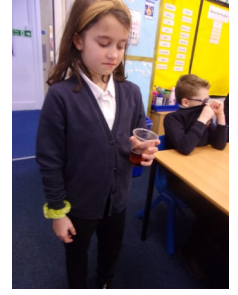
We hope you have a lovely weekend.

As part of world book day Matisse class shared the story of the three billy goats. They used their creative and inquiry STEM skills to explore making boats for the goats to cross the river out of different materials. They found out that the best boats were made from cups and plates because they floated on the water.

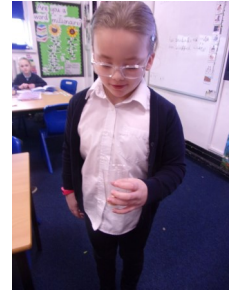




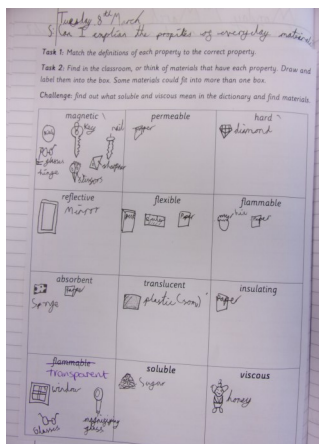
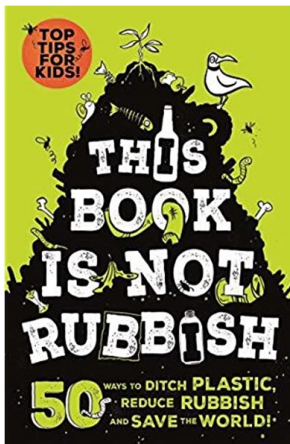
For World Book Day, Monet looked at the Roald Dahl book 'The Twits'. They used their observation and inquiry STEM skills to investigate what made apples rot the fastest. They placed apple slices into vinegar, salt water and lemon juice to compare them over a number of days. They concluded that the vinegar made the apple rot the fastest, where as the salt water helped preserve the apple!



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Yesterday, in Math's, Mondrian class used their creativity and flexibility skills to practise counting in 10s. As we had learned about coins and notes last week, we decided to use 10p coins to help us count in 10s



Year 5 have been using their observation and inquiry skills to learn about the properties of materials in Science this week. In English, we have been learning about 'Author Intent', using the acronym P.I.E which stands for Persuade, Inform and Educate. We have been reading sections of the book and collaborating to figure out how Isabel Thomas is trying to persuade, inform and educate us about the perils of rubbish!



To celebrate World Book Day, Year 6 read a description of the sweet room from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. After this, they used their STEM skills (collaboration and observation) to find out whether skittle colours would react quicker in warm or cold water. They investigated this using a fair test format, ensuring that we only had one variable.

SATS information event

Next Thursday 17th March, Y6 Teachers will be holding a SAT's information event. The session will begin at 2:30pm and finish in time for a normal 3pm finish. If you haven't already booked, please can you phone the office to book your place.



Thanks,

Miss Natasha Irvine. Year 6 Class Teacher / Upper KS2 Team Leader/ Computing Lead for Discovery MAT

Water Bottles

Please remember to provide a water bottle for your child and send it in with them every day. It's really important for children to drink water during the day because:

- Water helps in maintaining the balance of fluids in our body. Growing children should drink adequate amount of water so that their basic body functions, like creation of saliva, blood circulation, proper digestion, maintaining the body temperature and more, perform well.
- Water also aids in energizing the muscles. Besides maintaining the balance of body fluids, it helps to strengthen the muscles and overcome muscle exhaustion. Children are often into many physical activities which make them exhausted. So, it's vital for them to drink water.
- Water assists kidneys to function properly. Drinking adequate amount of water helps the kidneys to work towards cleaning and flushing out toxins from our body. Children often complain about constipation; drinking enough water can help them in maintaining normal bowel function.



Thank you

We may have been lucky and got some of our children in the paper!

THIS Herald



A massive thank you for taking the time to upload the photographs from your World Book Day activities.

The World Book Day photo special will be on sale at your local newsagents/supermarket tomorrow, **Saturday 12th March only**.

Could you please let your parents know so they can purchase a copy?
We don't have the ability to send out back copies of the paper so tomorrow will be the only chance!

Thank you again for participating and sending us your fabulous photos!

Best wishes

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Attendance 7th—11th 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: **KIELY & HADID**


- attendance has a direct link to attainment. If a child is not in school regularly they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them
- achieving at school builds a child's self-esteem, as well as enhancing their future prospects
- attending school and being part of the school's community gives a child a sense of belonging and promotes their social development
- spending time with school staff teaches a child about society's expectations with regards to behaviour and how to communicate with people in authority preparing them for adult life.
- attending school gives a child the opportunity to experience positive separation from their parent(s)/carer(s), which builds their confidence and resistance.

GOLDSWORTHY	85.53
MATISSE	74.53
MONDRIAN	86.54
KEILY	87.20

KAHLO	81.74
DA VINCI	82.78
MONET	93.70
PICASSO	89.62
GAUDI	82.22
HADID	93.81
HOCKNEY	87.89



Visit What's On Discover Learn  



The Box is a major new museum, art gallery and archive for Plymouth and the South West. We are proudly led by Plymouth City Council and supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Arts Council England and many more.

Standard opening hours are 10am-5pm Tuesday-Sunday and Bank Holidays with free entry and we can't wait to welcome you soon. **You don't need to book a ticket**, unless you'd like to reserve a space in our [Cottonian Research Room](#).

FREE ENTRY

The Box is a treasure trove to explore, with activities and learning opportunities for curious children of all ages.

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

If you would like your child to go on this trip, please pay the deposit of £80 this week.

Barton Hall:

Installment 3 was due 28/02/2022

Final installment due 31/03/2022

Thank you



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Any Questions email:
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Join our online platform

Please find below the link for our National Online Safety platform:

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/weston-mill-community-primary-academy>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers" course and National Online Safety's Resources (which includes a wide range of online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). The platform aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet with up-to-date guides and resources.

Thanks,

Miss Natasha Irvine

Year 6 Class Teacher / Upper KS2 Team Leader/
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WELCOME TO OUR TODDLER GROUP!

We meet on a Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00



Keyham Barton toddler group is a friendly group welcoming all parent/carers and baby/toddlers from plymouth to come and join us .

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL PLYMOUTH

February 2022 newsletter



I'm Ryan, your Sustrans Schools Officer working in partnership with Plymotion.

We're delighted to announce that Sustrans will be continuing to deliver the active school travel programme in Plymouth for the rest of the 2021/22 academic year, and that a second Schools Officer will be joining the team very soon!

For all your walking and cycling questions, if you want to know more about promoting active travel in school, or have a story you'd like to see included in the next newsletter, do get in touch!

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What's coming up?

12 March: Plymotion drop in session at Southway Library from 10am - 1pm. Come and meet the Plymotion travel advisors, pick up free info, advice and incentives!

21 March - 1 April: Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel - the Big Pedal may have changed names, but it's still the event we know and love! Register now at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

1 - 31 May: National Walking Month



Safer School Streets come to Plymouth

What's different about this street leading to Elburton Primary? Usually it would be busy with school run traffic and lined with parked cars...

During National Road Safety Week in November 2021, six Plymouth schools closed their streets to motor traffic and opened them up to walking, cycling and scooting in six one-day trials of Plymouth's first **Safer School Streets** pilot scheme, delivered in partnership between Sustrans, Plymotion and Plymouth City Council's Road Safety Team.

The schools that took part were Mary Dean's CoE Primary, Ernesettle Community School, Whitleigh Community Primary School, Stuart Road Primary School, Elburton Primary School and St Paul's RC Primary School.

A Safer School Street is where a road outside a school temporarily closes to school run and through motor traffic during drop off and pick up times, but maintains vehicle access for residents, parents and children with disabilities, emergency services, deliveries and other service vehicles. This opens the street up to families on foot, bicycle or scooter, making it safer to travel actively to school.

Councillor Jonathan Drean, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: "Now more than ever we need to encourage people to leave their cars at home for short journeys and to look at travelling by foot, bike and bus. One of the main ways of helping people choose to travel actively is to provide a safe space to do it in, and that's what a Safer School Streets scheme can deliver. Safer School Streets is also an innovative way of tackling some of the many problems brought about by school run traffic including conflict between motorists and other vulnerable road users, problem parking and resident access issues."

The Safer School Streets days were positively received by residents, teachers and parents; one parent at Elburton Primary said "It was an utter joy to walk up Hays Road South without having to check every two seconds over my shoulder for a car coming".

Sustrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

We connect people and places, create liveable neighbourhoods, transform the school run and deliver a happier, healthier commute. Join us on our journey. www.sustrans.org.uk

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Plymouth active travel news roundup

The latest round of **Workplace Travel Grants** is open for applications! Businesses are being offered the opportunity to bid for match-funded grants of up to £25,000 to pay for measures that help staff travel more sustainably to, from and at work.

Launched in October 2020, the programme has already benefitted 36 companies, with more than £430,000 in grants and business contributions being invested in schemes that encourage more trips to be made by sustainable transport. Improved shower facilities, cycle parking, electric vehicle charge points and staff pool bikes are just some of the measures funded so far.

Visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/workplacetripgrants for more information and to apply.

A 400-strong fleet of **hireable electric bikes** will be ready and available on the streets of Plymouth next year. The bikes, which will be based all across the city and will be bookable online, are being introduced as part of the Council's mobility hubs project.

The **Plymotion on Your Doorstep** team is out and about in the Southway area offering travel advice and incentives to encourage residents to try different modes of travel most relevant to them. Look out for them on a street near you, or visit their drop in session at Southway Library on Saturday 12 March, 10am - 1pm



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the new Big Pedal

The event has a new name but it still has the same aim - we want to encourage more families to travel to school actively, to help create healthier and happier communities.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel will run for 10 days from 21 March to 1 April 2022 and is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school, with fabulous prizes on offer every day for schools taking part.

Register now at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

Sustrans is grateful for the continued support of our schools work in Plymouth from the following:



Engines Off for Clean Air campaign goes city-wide!

Over 30 Plymouth schools are now taking part in our Engines Off for Clean Air campaign that was launched back in October 2021. The high profile launch held at Mary Dean's Primary and Ernesettle Community School was attended by Councillor Jonathan Drea, Cabinet Member for Transport, and Councillor Maddi Bridgeman, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene, and was covered by BBC Spotlight!

Engines Off for Clean Air is all about encouraging people to pollute less when driving and focuses on reducing air pollution around schools by parking further away from school gates and switching engines off while waiting.

Air pollution is an issue that people are increasingly concerned about, especially around schools as children and young people are amongst the most affected. A recent YouGov survey for Sustrans showed that 49% of UK school children aged 6 to 15 were worried about air pollution near their school, an increase of 10 percentage points since a similar survey ran in 2018.

Schools that are taking part get a banner, car window sticker pack and plenty of digital resources and have been using them to design and run their own campaigns. The digital resources include a lesson plan, and the aim is to develop new lesson plans and resources regularly to keep the campaign rolling.

Check out the video we made with Ernesettle Community School and Mary Dean's CoE Primary www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SV0VPmpeLk

Visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/enginesoff to find out more and sign up.





FSA news



Day	Time	Event & place	Staff	Additional
Mondays Week 1-7th March Week 2-14th March Week 3-21st March Week 4-28th March Week 5- 4th April Course code- W14BF11C	2 hours 9:10-11:10am	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 12months & over but this must be booked in advance.</u>
Thursday 28th April course code- W14BF41X Or Wednesday 25th May course code- W14BF31E or Thursday 23rd June Course code- W14BF41V	2 hours 9:10-11:10am	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.

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 creche facility, please email c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk at least 1 week before the course start date.

Class Assemblies

With the lifting of Covid restrictions we are really pleased to be able to invite parents in to watch their child's class assembly. The assemblies will take place on Friday mornings at 9:15am. Parents are welcome to drop their children off in the playground at the normal time and then join Mrs Fletcher-Wilkinson (our FSA) for tea/coffee/biscuits before the assembly begins. Please wait outside the dining hall on the playground.

The following assemblies will take place this term:

Friday 18th March **Gaudi Class Y5**

Friday 25th March **Matisse Class Y1 * FS**
Pupils in Matisse Class will join Goldsworthy
Class assembly in Terms 5 & 6

Friday 1st April **Da Vinci Y4**



Dads antenatal session

Are you a dad to be?

Join us for a dads only antenatal session where we will look at the role of a father, emotional wellbeing and practical ways you can support new mums in labour and beyond.

Please book a place on one of the sessions below by visiting Eventbrite or message 07977020638 for more information.

Wednesday 16th Febuary

Wednesday 20th April

Wednesday 18th May

17:00—19:00 @ Green Ark Children's Centre

