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Newsletter 7th Oct 2022

This week, we celebrated World Architecture Day, with a visit from an architect. He worked with each year group on a design-based activity and talked to us about his job. The children enjoyed learning about different buildings from around the world and what inspired the architects.

The children in year 6 also completed their Head Boy and Head girl speeches in front of the school staff. They were incredibly brave and did so well. The successful candidates were Logan Jones and Amalia Alupului and their deputies are Tilly-Kate Bird and Maggie Rees. A great big CONGRATULATIONS to them all, I'm sure they'll do an amazing job.

If your child is due to start in reception 2023, we would like to invite you to visit the school om Tuesday 1st November at 3.30pm. During this time there will be an opportunity to walk around the school and to play within the Foundation area. Please email the school office on westonmill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk to let Tracy know you wish to attend. Next Friday 14th October, will be Tokyo's class assembly in the school hall at 2:30pm. Please arrive through the school office. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

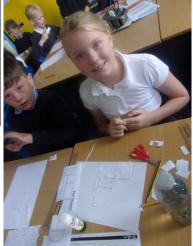
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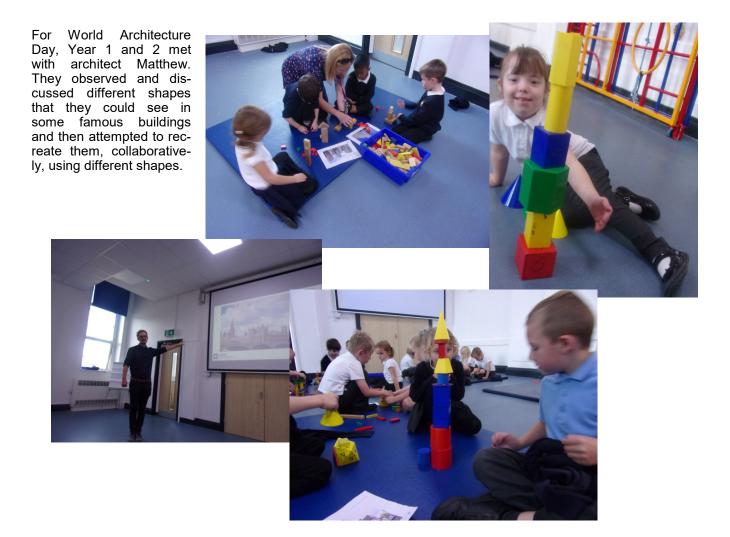
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Santiago class have enjoyed taking part in World Architect Day. Inspired by Le Corbusier, they have been making buildings from different shapes. They have also been learning about the Christian Creation story and have made creation wheels to help them retell the story in their own words.









In Science this week, the children got to test their senses with a variety of materials. They enjoyed exploring their senses and discussing what their favourites were.



Year 3 started their drum lessons last week and they had so much fun! Our lessons are every Friday morning in the hall with a music teacher. We can't wait for our next lesson!









This term in Y5 we have been using the book Glass Heart by Katherine Orton to inspire our learning, we used or creativity and flexibility skills to create stained glass windows - just like the character Nona does in our book! We have proudly displayed our artwork in the widow, they look amazing when the light shines through them.

Weekly attendance for 3rd—7th Oct 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 : MOMBASA & SANTIAGO

LONDON	91.25
NAIROBI	95.00
MOMBASA	97.00
CAPE TOWN	93.5



SAN FRANCISCO	83.13
ΤΟΚΥΟ	91.25
SANTIAGO	95.36
CANBERRA	89.19
DUBAI	84.81
OSLO	93.33







Attention parents of Santiago Class! On Tuesday, 18th October, we would like to invite you in at 2:15pm to celebrate your child's learning. This is a great opportunity to visit your child in their classroom and to share the learning they have completed this term. Please arrive through the main office.

Tokyo Class Assembly! On Friday 14th October you are invited to join us for Tokyo Class' assembly at 2:30pm in the school hall. Please arrive through the school office.



Mombasa Class Parent Reading session. Parents of Mombasa class are invited into school to read with their child on Thursday 20th October in the school library. Please arrive through the school office at 2:15pm.



On Monday 10th October **Years 3 & 4** will be having a prehistoric WOW day. On this day we will be doing lots of fun & interesting prehistoric themed activities and creating some fantastic artwork. This day will not be fancy dress and we ask that the children come in their school uniform. They do not need to bring anything in with them as we will provide the materials for the activities.



Dear Parents/guardians,



Your child is in **Year R to Year 6** from September 2022 and is therefore eligible for a free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on: **Thursday 3rd November 2022**

Seasonal flu vaccination remains one of the most important public health interventions to protect individuals and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. This contributes to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19.

For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible.

Full information about this live vaccination, including frequently asked questions and access to the NHS England information, are available when accessing the link. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

To <u>consent to, or to decline</u> the flu vaccination for your child please click on the link below:

https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon

Please note that this link with close at midnight on: Tuesday 18th October 2022.

It is important that you respond prior to this date for your child to receive their flu immunisation at the school session as there will only be one visit to their school this season.

If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school, however you will have the opportunity to book them into a community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

After your child has been vaccinated (if consent provided) you will receive an automated email to confirm this and provide post-immunisation advice. Please check your junk/spam box on the day of vaccination if you do not receive this in your inbox.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines are open 9.00 until 16.30) Email: <u>vcl.immunisations@nhs.net</u>

Many thanks for prompt response.

Yours sincerely

Roanna Ellis

Acting Professional Lead for School Aged Immunisations, BSW and Devon

s your child due to start secondary school next year?

Now is the time to start thinking about your child moving from primary onto secondary school.

If your child was born between I September 2011 and 31 August 2012 and are in Year 6, they are now eligible to apply for a secondary school place.

All the information you will need about secondary school admissions in 2023 is on our website <u>www.plymouth.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions</u>. From here, you can apply online for school places and read the 'Plymouth Parent's Guide' which contains all admission policies and application forms.

Applying online is quick and easy - all you need is an email address. Once you apply online we will let you know which school your child has been allocated on Wednesday I March 2023.

Remember:

- All Plymouth's 18 secondary schools hold 'open events' for families to visit the school and speak to staff. Please refer to the individual schools websites for dates and further information.
- If you are applying for a place at a faith school on faith grounds, you must also fill out a supplementary form, which you can obtain from our website or from the school.
- Some schools give priority to children of members of staff and will ask for submission of a supplementary form as proof.
- Please read the admission policy for each school carefully.

The deadline to apply is 31 October 2022 so visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions now.





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You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based JobSeekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please so not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.







HEAD LICE ALERT

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR TONIGHT!!

TO CHECK

Check the scalp for insects or eggs. Use a fine-tooth comb on wet hair then comb through the hair in sections looking for eggs or lice, repeat over a few days.

TO TREAT

Wet the hair and scalp with conditioner or use chemical shampoo/ lotion (containing insecticide) - this will kill the lice and eggs. Using a fine metal comb, or special head lice comb you can get from a chemist, go through the hair in sections to comb the lice and eggs out.

Always re-treat 7–10 days after the first treatment, to kill any head lice that may have hatched from eggs that survived the first treatment.

TIPS

✓ Check and treat the hair every night ✓ Please tie up long hair for school If your child has head lice please check everyone in the family home Do not share hairbrushes, towels, hats/ scarves etc.



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Wed 7th Sep 2022	2022/2023 TERM starts	20 Mr. 111 166
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct	HALF TERM	
Fri 25th Nov	Non-Pupil Day	11 92 92 9P
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	

Dear parents and carers.

Next term Y3 will be making mod roc dinosaurs. We would like to make miniature ones, therefore if you have any small boxes (e.g. stock cube boxes, paracetamol boxes, toothpaste boxes) please can you save them and pass them into school for Miss Tremayne

Thanks very much

