

Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Friday 12th July 2024

Headteacher's update

In the blink of an eye, we come to the end of another super busy week!

At the start of the week, we were so delighted and proud to share that we had been awarded a Gold School Games Mark. We have worked incredibly hard this year to allow children to have as many opportunities as possible to try new sports and get involved with a variety of sporting events! A special thank you to Mr K for leading Weston Mill on PE and doing a great job!

On Monday, Mrs Tremayne and the children from STEM club enjoyed a morning at Plymouth Argyle, where they showcased their locomotive builds at the Primary Engineer Celebration Event. The locomotives were put through some tough test, assessing their ability to pull loads and drive forward and backward in a straight line. After this, the children were interviewed by Engineers from local railway companies on the building process. All the children involved designed and made an electric train which successfully moved forward and backward, which used great collaboration, flexibility and problem solving skills.

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On Tuesday, we welcomed parents of Year 1 children in, for the children to share their learning over the course of the year and be really proud of all that they have achieved this year. A lovely afternoon!

As part of Year 3's topic this term "Plymouth Hoe- Our city", the children visited the Hoe. The children explored the landmarks we have been learning about in class: Smeaton's Tower, Sir Francis Drake's island, Tinside Lido. The children were fantastic representatives for our class and school and it was a great day.

On Thursday, EYFS had a fantastic trip to the Aquarium where they took part in a workshop and explored the wonderful creatures that live in our seas. Year 4 performed their show at the Drum Theatre. They were fantastic and were amazing performers.

As we head into our final full week of the term, we have got lots more exciting things happening. Next Tuesday we have our final Rock Steady Concert of the year at 10am. We also have our promotional video taking place during the morning. Next Wednesday at 1.30pm we invite our Year 6 parents in to watch their assembly. On Thursday, the PTFA are planning a leavers disco for Year 6. This will be at 5.30-7.30pm. This needs to be paid via ParentPay by 15th July as previously shared. Next Friday we are lucky enough to have M&M Production in for the children to watch a performance of The Railway Children in the afternoon.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Catherwood

Head of School

This week:

Attendance

Celebrating Success

Our Learning

Naval and Royal Marine mums

School Uniform

Important Dates

Stay & Play Poster

EYFS WOW Day

Year 1 WOW Day

Attendance

We are continuing to strive for our attendance target of 96% and are making some progress to achieving this and ensuring our children regularly attend school to achieve success. If your child's attendance is less than 90%, you will be asked to attend an attendance meeting with Mrs Catherwood. It is important that these meetings are attended to ensure that we are providing the right support for your child to continue to attend school regularly. Our attendance policy can be accessed using the following link: [Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Policies](#)

A gentle reminder to parents that contact **must** be made with school on your child's first day of absence and each day until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council. Arriving late for school after 9.10am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Weekly attendance for 8th July to 12th July

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 **90.7%**

This week's winners are : **DALEY Class** and

AINSLIE Class

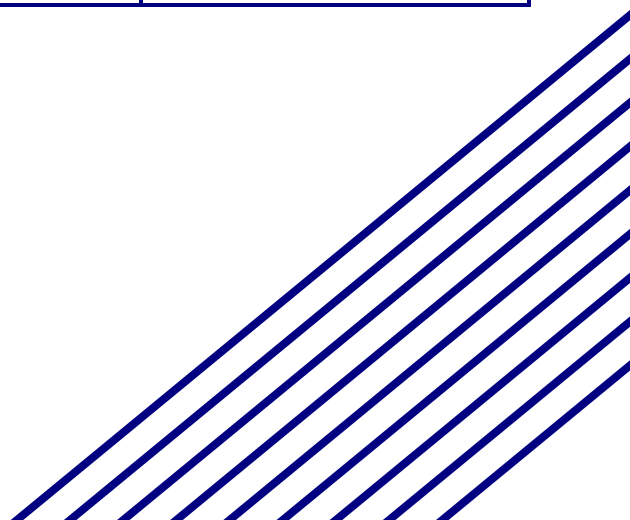
DALEY	90.7%
BOLT	87.5%
EVERSON	88.5%



WHITLOCK	93.8%
AINSLIE	95.7%
ADAMS	95.4%
BROWN	79%

Celebrating Success

Year	Value awards	Star Learners
Nursery	Murray Class	Murray Class
Reception	Daley Class	Daley Class
Year 1	Leon	Ava
Year 2	Ruby	Rio
Year 3	Lucas	Whitlock Class
Year 4	Ainslie Class	Eli
Year 5	Sophie	Hollie
Year 6	Ryan	Freddie

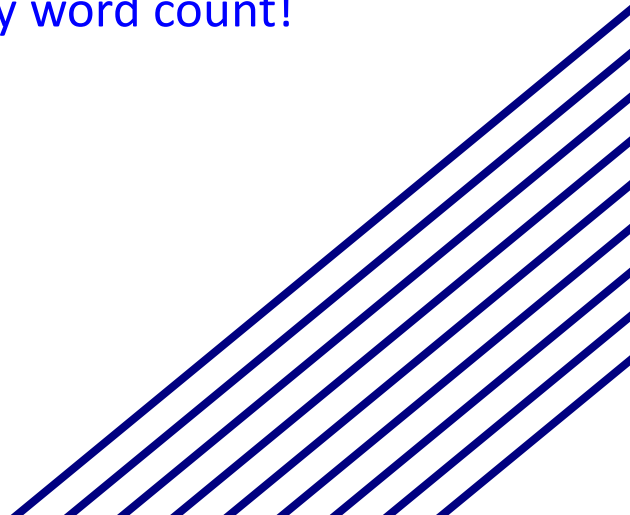


Celebrating Success

Key Stage 2 Readers Word Count Results for June

Whitlock Class	67,187 Words
Ainslie Class	7,385 Words
Adams Class	392,182 Words
Brown class	2,258 Words

Once again, well done to Adams class for the highest monthly word count!



Our Learning

A wonderful afternoon for our Year 1 celebration of learning!



Our Learning

Last week, year 1 visited Dartmoor Zoo. The children had time to explore the animals, we were looking particularly at the animals that live in Africa. In the afternoon we attended a workshop about African habitats, where we learned about the rainforests, savannah and deserts.



Our Learning

As part of our topic this term "Plymouth Hoe- Our city", we visited the Hoe. In the end the weather was kind to us and we managed to enjoy our visit. We looked at all the landmarks we have been learning about in class: Smeaton's Tower, Sir Francis Drake's island, Tinside Lido. We also had a walk around the Hoe and looked at Sir Francis Drake's statue. Of course we couldn't go to the Hoe and not have an ice cream! It was a great day and the children represented our class and school sensibly in public.



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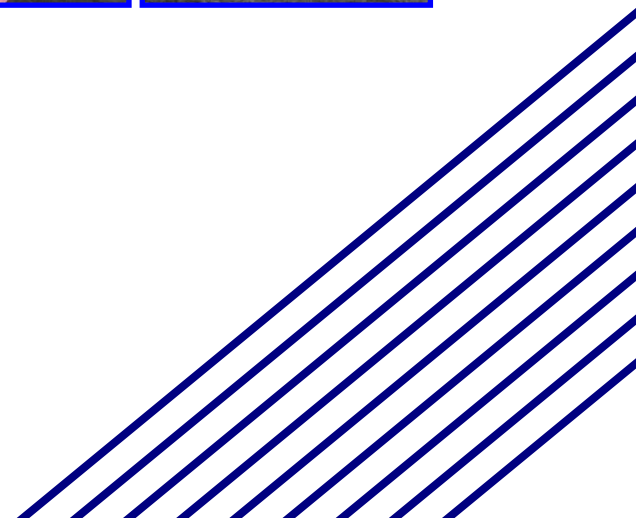
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[More Photos!](#)



Naval and Royal Marine mums



Do you want to meet other Naval and Royal Marine mums?



Do you have a child under 2?
Do you want to connect with other mums in a similar situation, and improve your well being?



Being a mum can be tough and Home-Start wants to be there for parents, so we have set up a support group with the RNRMC.

Fancy joining an online group where you can talk, get information, make new friends and create an ongoing digital support network?

Email us at homestart.shpt@gmail.com if you are interested. Our next group starts in July.

You will be able to meet other mums from across the country who may be sharing similar experiences.

Join our **'Mums On Board'** group!
(The group is delivered digitally over 6 weeks, once a week for an hour, by a Home-Start co-ordinator)

Visit the website or scan the QR code

Delivered by Home-Start South & West Devon

I joined to meet other navy mums but it has been so much better. It's nice to have a baby group where you can be open and honest

www.homestart-southandwestdevon.org.uk/navy-armed-forces or email homestart.shpt@gmail.com



Scan the QR code:



School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing the correct school uniform. If you require additional items of school uniform, please speak to Mrs Lavers who will be more than happy to help from our spare uniform.

Compulsory Uniform Items

Navy school jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)



White or blue polo shirt (with or without the school logo)



Trousers or shorts, or skirt (mid grey)



School Uniform

Parents are reminded that their child should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days. We ask that children are wearing black or navy sweatshirts to school as part of their PE kit. Children can also wear their school jumper/cardigan as part of their PE kit. We appreciate your continued support and invite parents to speak with Mrs Lavers if they require any support for any items of uniform.

PE Kit

White polo shirt or t-shirt
(with or without logo)



Black shorts



Navy/Black jogging bottoms



Plain sweatshirt
(with or without logo)



Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

July

16th July Rock Steady Concert for Parents of Performers @10 am

17th July Parent and Toddler Group @ 9am

17th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 1.30pm

18th July Murray and Daley Class Summer Come and Play @ 2pm

18th July Year 6 Leavers' Disco @ 5.30pm to 7pm

22nd July Year 1 WOW day.

22nd July Daley and Murray Class/EYFS WOW day/Beach Party

23rd July Last Day of Term

For July onwards click below:

[Weston Mill Community Primary Academy - Calendar](#)



Stay & Play Poster



Early Years Stay & Play

Thursday 18th July - 2pm

Please join your child in our Foundation learning environment where there will be a selection of beach themed arts and crafts activities for you to complete together. All Nursery children welcome



EYFS WOW Day

Early Years Beach Party

Monday 22nd July



To celebrate the end of term, Murray and Daley classes will be having a “beach party” on Monday 22nd July.

The children are invited to come to school dressed as a pirate, mermaid or under the sea creature. Throughout the day they will enjoy lots fun activities and party games!

Year 1 WOW Day



Monday 22nd July
Year 1 Kenyan

Wow Day



We will spend the day immersing ourselves in Kenyan culture, music, and food.

Your child is invited to dress up for the day:

- African animals
- Traditional Kenyan dress
- Safari/National Park guides
- Safari tourists

