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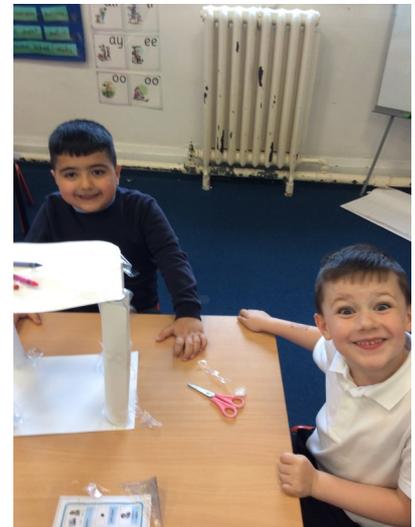
I would like to take this opportunity to officially introduce myself to you all as the new Acting Head of School. I am very pleased to have returned to Weston Mill, after working elsewhere in Discovery Mat and returning from maternity leave. Having previously worked at the school for several years, I am delighted that I have been given the opportunity to return to the school in the role of Acting Head of School. It has been lovely to see the children settling back into school and their learning this week following the half term break and having the opportunity to see them as they learn.

This is always a busy term, and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to. Next week, is our school Sports Week and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to join us for our Sports Day activities next Thursday or Friday. Our class reading sessions will also continue this term, so keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page and newsletters for any key dates. This is a great opportunity for you to come into school and read with your child.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to promote open communication and a positive partnership between school and home to support our children. I would like to extend an invitation to a coffee morning on Thursday 23rd June at 9am and an opportunity to come and meet alongside our FSA.

Mrs Kathryn Catherwood
Acting Head of School

Matisse Class used their creative and collaborative STEM skills to work in pairs to build bridges using tape and paper. They thought about what makes a bridge strong and then applied their knowledge to their models. The children tested their bridges strength and then used their flexibility STEM skill to change their model to make it stronger. Great building and investigating Matisse class!



The Foundation Stage children were very excited to discover the butterflies had hatched over the half term break! They used their observation skills to look carefully at the butterfly body parts and the symmetrical patterns on their wings, and then they carefully drew and labelled them.



Year 5 have had a busy first week back to start Term 6. The children have enjoyed starting our new theme 'Rainforests' and used their inquiry skills to discover the layers of a rainforest and where they are located. We welcomed coaches from Plymouth Argyle on Wednesday morning. The children enjoyed learning about the science behind physical activity in their first session and got moving in a second practical session outside learning some new warm up games. We've also had a visit from representatives of Santander Bank where the children took part in a 'Money Wise' workshop where they learnt about everything from saving, debit cards and even investing.

Weekly attendance for 6th—10th June 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 : GOLDSWORTHY & HOCKNEY

KAHLO	88.41
DA VINCI	85.23
MONET	91.66
PICASSO	90.23
GAUDI	89.85
HADID	90.54
HOCKNEY	93.32

GOLDSWORTHY	94.87
MATISSE	86.02
MONDRIAN	88.97
KEILY	90.93





Wow, this is amazing! Da Vinci completed some Andy Warhol inspired art work with their parents during our Jubilee celebrations.

This week, Year 6 used their creativity STEM skills when creating their homework project. They researched World War II as part of our 20th Century Conflicts theme and presented their research in a creative and imaginative way. Emily went to the next-level with this wonderful poster full of information and linked together her ideas using coloured paper and string. Great effort Emily!





FSA news

DISCOVERY
Multi Academy Trust

Day	Time	Event & place	Staff	Additional
Mondays	2 hours	Wellbeing Through Crafting in School Dining Hall	Claire Wilkinson & TBC	FREE 4 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 course in the new school year, with a focus on functional skills like Maths, English and IT or other lifestyle skills, it's entirely up to you!
Monday 20th June	9:10-11:10am			
Monday 27th June				
Monday 4th July				
Monday 11th July				
Course code- W14BF51Q				

To sign up to the above course, 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 have any questions, please email c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk

Parents/carers,

Please ensure you put your child's name inside their clothing to ensure we can return items lost.

All unlabeled items, not claimed by the children, will be put into the lost property box just inside the play-ground door in reception.

Thank you.



It's getting warmer, which is fabulous, but the weather is very changeable so please send your child to school in a coat in case it turns colder during the day.

Thank you.

Please provide your child with a drink of water to come to school. It's getting warmer, they're running around outside and the need a drink.

Thank you.



PTFA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We currently organise a range of after school activities such as a number of discos for all of our children, Christmas and Summer Fayres (building relationships with local businesses in our community!) and raising money to provide our children with lots of enriching activities and prizes to spur them on with their learning!

We are a thriving and friendly team and we are always looking for parent volunteers to help us in organising and supporting events. We would love to expand our team and always look forward to welcoming new faces!

If you're interested in being a part of such a valuable group, please email weston-mill.desk@discoverymat.co.uk



OFFICIAL

Plymouth City Council's Road Safety Team

Child Car Seat Check Event

Friday June 24th from 10 to 15.00

51% of all car seats are not fitted correctly

Pop along for a free & independent check.

Ask the experts – as seen on BBC Watchdog

Venue

Lark Children's Centre
The Beacon
Lark Hill
PL2 2LL

Child Seat Safety Ltd

PARKOUR

**THE ALTERNATIVE WAY
TO KEEP FIT AND
HAVE FUN**

**WE WILL BE RUNNING A PARKOUR SESSIONS IN
YOUR AREA
ON MONDAYS**

VENUE – NORTH DOWN PARK
TIME – 4.00PM – 5.00PM

**KEEP CALM AND DO
PARKOUR!**

WolseleyTrust

**Dr Bike ~
free Bike
repair sessions**

Tuesday 21st
&
Tuesday 28th
June
3pm - 6pm

@ Wolseley
Community
Hub

Bikespace CIC

WolseleyTrust



ACTIVE MUMS

Sessions are being delivered locally at The Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre.

Sessions are held on a Friday 9.30-10.15. Babies are welcome too.

Please email jess@activemumsplymouth.co.uk

THURSDAY'S @ 1:30-2:15pm

The Barn, Barn Barton PL5 1EJ

To book call Barnardos
01752 362320

FRIDAY'S @ 9:30-10:15am

The Jan Cutting Healthy Living
Centre, Beacon Park PL2 2PQ

To book email
jess@activemumsplymouth.co.uk

TERMS DATES

Mon 27th Jun

Wed 27th July

Wed 7th Sep 2022

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct

Fri 25th Nov

Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023

Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb

Mon 20th Feb

Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April

Mon 1st May

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun

Fri 23rd Jun

Wed 26th July

Non-Pupil Day

SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

2022/2023 TERM starts

HALF TERM

Non-Pupil Day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Half Term

Non-Pupil Day

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Bank Holiday

HALF TERM

Non-Pupil Day

SUMMER HOLIDAYS START



Parents are invited to attend Sport's Day events next week at the following times:

KS2 (Year 3 - 6) – 11 – 12 on Thursday 16th June

KS1 (Year 1 and 2) – 2:15 – 2:45 on Thursday 16th June

Foundation – 10:30 – 11:00 – Friday 17th June

