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### Newsletter 25th March 2022

This week we have celebrated National Poetry Day, which was on Monday 21st March. Children have learnt poems in their classes and performed these together. I have been able to visit classes this week to see the wonderful learning taking place. In Goldsworthy class they have been growing beans, and the children were very excited to see whose beanstalk had grown the tallest. Picasso class have been working on the theme of plastic pollution using the picture book 'Flotsam' and are really enjoying this topic. The Year 1 children in Matisse class performed their class assembly to their parents/carers today and they were amazing! We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Matisse class used their collaboration STEM skill to learn a poem to celebrate world poetry day. They worked together to perform the poem alligator problem by Michael Rose as a class.



Last week during STEM week Mondrian class learn all about Mars planet as it was Mars day! Then we took part in a live event by Robokids where we found out about the missions to planet Mars and how useful space robots are. After that we designed and built parts of our own space robots! It was a great week!











The foundation stage children have been using their STEM skill of observation to look carefully at their beans as they have been growing. Each week they update their bean diaries and soon they will be able to transfer their beans into the garden so they can grow even taller!









This week, Year 5 started their mini project, based on the theme of plastic pollution. They have enjoyed using the picture book, 'Flotsam' and discovering photos linked to the story where they got creative by thinking about the camera and the journey it took. Also, they have explored various rivers in the world and were shocked when they inquired about how much pollution ends up in those rivers! Finally, Year 5 observed an irreversible, chemical reaction between milk and vinegar to create plastic.



### **Our Lego Workshop**



Last week, children from Y6 visited All Saints to explore 'Growth'. They worked collaboratively to look at how different cells develop and what this can look like through a microscope. Then they looked at different plants and took the opportunity to plant their own seeds. The seeds planted were brought back to school and the children will continue to observe the changes as they grow. They were also lucky enough to be given free seeds and goodie bags which they will plant and observe in the coming weeks.



This week, Hockney class used their collaboration STEM skill to learn a class poem about the environment using a range of memory techniques. Some children preferred copying out the poem line by line with a partner, whereas others found it beneficial to repeat the poem verbally in small groups. The whole class were able to memorise the poem really quickly and they all enjoyed reciting it together for World Poetry Day.

Well done Hockney class!





### Odd Socks Day – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

School Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, across the school we will be celebrating our antibullying week. We will be following the national theme of One Kind Word. Children will engage with a range of activities in class related to the theme and raising awareness of the anti-bullying message. We will link the theme to STEM and Art related activities.

### Attendance 21st—25th 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:

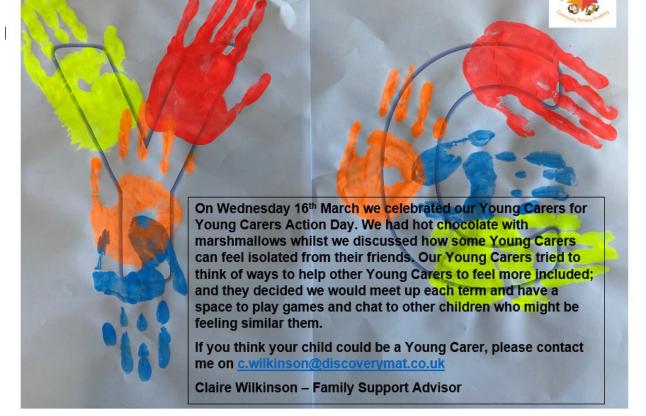
### MATISSE

### MONET

GOLDSWORTHY	85.96
MATISSE	87.04
MONDRIAN	83.46
KEILY	78.80

KAHLO	90.00
DA VINCI	83.72
MONET	95.56
PICASSO	71.54
GAUDI	84.73
HADID	88.10
HOCKNEY	94.21





### School & Family Photo's

On the 26th April **Jelly Images** will be in school taking photo's of the children. They will also be staying after school to complete family photo's too! If you would like to have a 15 minute, family photo session, please contact Tracy Webley on reception 01752 365250 to book your slot.



Monday 11 April from 10am to 5pm Keyham Green Places, 163 Renown St, Keyham PL2 2DT

# A BIG DAY OUT IN

A DAY OF FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES.. Displays, activities and performances from:

North Prospect Community Choir Plymouth Argyle Community Trust - Street Sports Green Minds Keyham Krafties Black Dog Honeybees Ministry of Martial Arts Weston Mill Fire Brigade North Prospect Garage Project Wellbeing Warriors Royal Navy The Rock Project Face Painting Easter Egg Hunt Raffle Circus Skills

...and much more!

Registration will be required on the day to gain admission, some activities for young people will also require consent from a parent or guardian. Use the QR code to pre-register your attendance. Food and refreshments will be provided. Admission is free but please support our wonderful Foodbank by bringing as many donations as you can on the day to help us feed children and families across Keyham. Email brian.gill@plymouth.gov.uk with all enquiries





PLYMOUTH



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, we will have a book fair in school. Through the day the children will be able to visit the book fair and have a look through the books and then after school, parents will be able to come in and purchase/order the books.

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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! A crèche can be provided for siblings 12months & over but this must be booked in advance.
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.
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A group for parents and carers

### Would you like to know more about your child's development?

Do you understand your child's behaviour?

Would you like a chance to meet other parents with children of a similar age?

### Do you know why children have temper tantrums?

Find out more about our Solihull group!

#### We explore issues such as:

- Having fun together
- Developmental needs
- Behaviour difficulties
- Communication
- Parenting styles
- Sleep

The group runs for 2 hours a week over ten weeks (term time only) and is free of charge. Booking is essential.

Please contact Whitleigh Children's Centre on (01752) 875933 for more details.

Believe in children M Barnardo's

Beechwood Primary Academy will be running this course from the 5<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am-11.15am for 10 weeks. If you would like to attend, please contact <u>c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk</u>

Thank you



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### RE: E-Safety Learning Resource.

At Weston Mill Community Primary Academy, we are always developing new ways to show our commitment to E-safety and keeping children safe online. The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers and how to act safely when using the internet.

We are therefore delighted to announce that Weston Mill Community Primary Academy are continuing to engage with the National Online Safety Platform and we would like to extend this partnership to parents. The platform offers an opportunity to explore E-safety through an interactive online workshop. Alongside this, the platform offers a plethora of resources to support the safe use of social media and games.

The course can be taken at your own convenience and covers:

- Information about online dangers and the newest platforms.
- · What online risks to look out for and how to protect your child.

Please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown:

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). This aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to educate and support their children when using the internet.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Natasha Irvine Team Leader for 5/6 /Computing Co-ordinator for Discovery MAT

# KEYHAM GREEN PLACES YOUTH DROP IN

Every Monday 5pm to 6.30pm from 21 March 2022

An inclusive space for young people to be. Different activities every week, II to 18 years

Email brian.gill@plymouth.gov.uk for more information





I will be contacting the parents of our MKC Heroes next week to let you know how we will be celebrating.

Remember to let me know if you are a serving or exserving family, and you are not sure if you have already made us aware.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wilkinson

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