

MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



Friday the 1st April 2022

Message from Mrs Blake

We have seen some fantastic learning from the children again this week! Y1 were learning outside each morning in the outdoor classroom! It was so lovely to see them excited about being in a new learning environment.

We have had to amend the date of the parent consultations due to staff absence - these meetings will now run after the Easter break and we will send the information to you early next week. Our new online booking system will mean you are able to easily book slots with your child/ren's teacher/s at a time convenient to you. The system also offers you a chance to either book a face to face appointment in school or an online session/phone call. It is really important to share information about your child's progress so please sign up to these meetings. We will send a written report detailing your child's progress in each subject towards the end of the academic year.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to four members of staff. Miss Katie Brownjohn is leaving us to take up a new role at another school - we know you will join us in wishing her the best. Katie says "I am proud to have been part of the school community all these years, from PSCA, Millbay Academy and then also at High street. It has been a pleasure to work with the children and families, as well as making many lifelong friendships with staff. Working in Reception each year has meant that I am privileged to have taught most children in our primary phase and it has been a pleasure to see all children grow and develop as individuals". Good luck Katie! Mrs Rosie Crowford is our EYFS lead, and she will be teaching in the reception class alongside members of the EYFS and KS1 team. Rosie will lead the parent consultations for Reception after the Easter break so please get in touch with her if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Ashleigh Hedger leaves us for her exciting role of mummy to two! It has been wonderful watching Ashleigh's bump grow - we will be sure to pass on news and pictures when the baby is here.

Mrs Miriam Bennett is also leaving us so that she can take on a more flexible supply teaching role and spend time with her lovely family. We will miss Miriam but we hope she will come back and work with us at MBHS again in the near future! A separate letter has gone out to the Y5 and Y3 families to let them know of the changes to staffing in the year groups.

Finally, Mrs Cana Benford left us back in March last year to have her second baby, and she has since relocated to Germany so will not be returning to MBHS. We wish her all the best for the future.

Our Learning This Week - Pupil Voice

Nursery

Our story of the week this week was: "The gigantic turnip"








The children enjoyed continuing to learn about growth. We talked about how seeds and vegetables grow.

Tilly "that is huge" Winnie "it's massive"

The children also enjoyed learning about weight (Heavy and light).

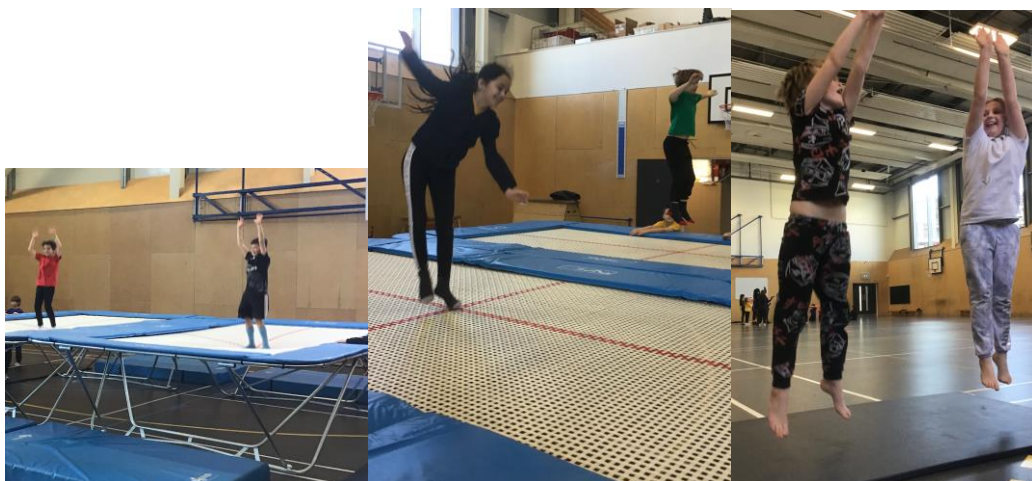
The children got to replant their beans so they could take them home.



Reception	<p>In Reception this week we have been enjoying learning in our garden in the sunshine. The children used the mud kitchen and mathematical language to measure the ingredients for their creations, they measured quantities by counting in spoons and comparing weights.</p> <p>Following science week, we have been exploring floating and sinking. We have been making boats, discussing materials and then testing them in our water tray. Some of them floated, and others sank! We then improved our boats to test them again. “We floated the boats in the water, we cut the boxes to make the boat shape. My boat floats!”</p> <div data-bbox="414 367 1382 669">  </div>
Year One	<p>We have been learning about explorers in History.</p> <div data-bbox="424 763 1286 952">  </div> <p>We have looked at what an explorer is, how they travel, and what they do.</p>
Year Two:	<p>For national Science week, we have exploring science activities over a few weeks. We have been making Slime, planting cress, and collecting Data.</p> <div data-bbox="440 1106 549 1279">  </div> <p>Rufus: We collected information on cars passing school. Lots were driving past.</p> <div data-bbox="842 1218 968 1420">  </div> <p>Lune: Slime was really stretchy!</p> <div data-bbox="413 1406 549 1565">  </div> <p>Riley: My plant didn't grow yet.</p> <div data-bbox="1112 1023 1503 1265">  </div>
Year Three	<p>Year three Geography Club finished their globe project today. Over the past term, the children have repurposed a large lampshade and created a piece of artwork aimed at disseminating their environmental message regarding global climate change. This piece of work will soon be on display at Millbay.</p> <div data-bbox="745 1796 1165 1998">  </div>

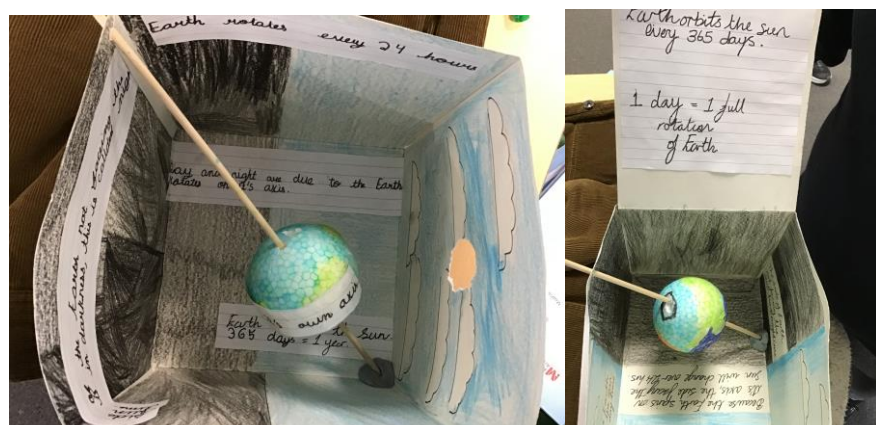
Year Four

Over this last term, Year four have made the most of the visiting sports coach to develop their Gymnastic skills! They have particularly enjoyed getting to be the first Year group to use our professional trampolines! As well as the special one-off circus skills session!



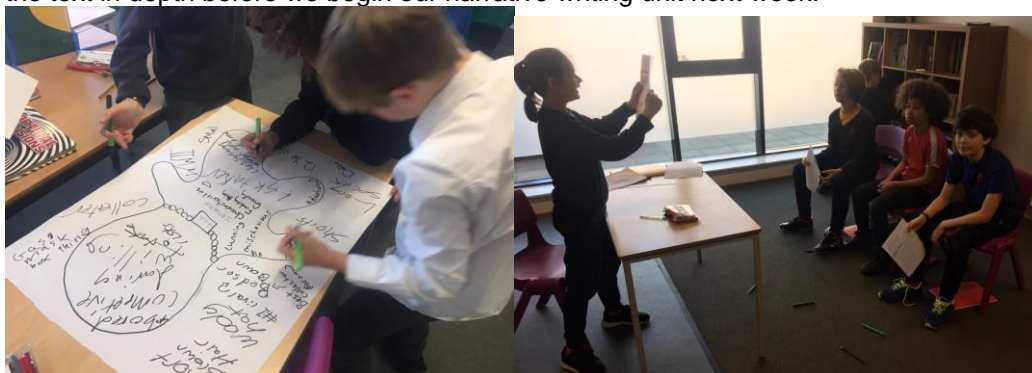
Year Five

Over the past week children in Year five have been creating models to show, and explain, why we have day and night (as part of national science week). The models show the tricky concepts of Earth's rotation in a brilliantly clear way. The models will be on display during parents evening, should anyone wish to have a closer look.



Year Six

This week, Year six have been getting SATs ready, practising conversions using standard and imperial units and finding fractions and percentages of amounts in arithmetic. We have continued our learning on the Ancient Greeks and the children have also completed their fictional diary entries. We are now exploring an exciting historical fiction text 'The Machine Gunners' by Robert Westall. Year 6 have been using art and drama techniques to explore the text in depth before we begin our narrative writing unit next week.



Widening Horizons



Today Ashleigh's Year 5 class went on a Widening Horizons trip to MSubs Engineering. The children learned all about the different roles and processes involved in engineering a submarine. They even got to use some of the specialist machinery and go inside a real submarine! Be sure to ask your child about the different jobs they learned about today.

External Opportunity

We have been approached by a company called Love Productions with an exciting opportunity for children in years 4, 5 and 6. Love Productions are responsible for programmes like Great British Bake Off and Junior Bake off and are making a new programme for Channel 4 called "Kids in the Wild". Love Productions are looking to find children to take part in a once in a lifetime wild camping adventure this summer. They are looking for children ages 9-11 from all areas of the country, from a range of backgrounds and abilities.

If you think this might be something your children are interested in and for more information about this opportunity, please contact Love Productions directly. You can find our more information at: www.applyforthewild.co.uk
Parents can also email the production company at kidsinthewild@loveproductions.co.uk
Please note we are not endorsing this - we are sharing the information for families who may be interested.

Special Events and Curriculum Enhancement

WB 2.5.22 - Parent consultations

Friday 8th April - PD and wellbeing day for staff and pupils

Friday 8th April - Break for Easter

Monday 25th April - Return to school

Year Six Leavers Hoodies



We have been made aware that some parents were unable to access the online forms for the leavers hoodies. This issue should now be rectified and paper forms have now been sent home with year 6 however, if you have not received this, please contact Antonia at High Street on 01752 225 649 who will be happy to help.

Attendance



Our weekly attendance winners this week are:

3DPe - 96.6%

Please be reminded that our attendance target is 96%

Top Merit Earners

Most earned this week:

Rani, Laila, Bonnie, Jessica, Max, Sunny, Noah and Kitty - Y1

Most earned so far this term:

1. *Rayyan - Y3*
2. *Malakai - Y6*
3. *Rani - Y1*
4. *Laila - Y1*
5. *Ruby - Y1*



Contacting us

Contact Books

Please use your child's red contact book for messages that may need to be sent to class teachers; they are checked daily by staff.

Here, for your convenience, are the email addresses for both school admin teams.

- high.st.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk
- primary@millbayacademy.org

Web links

For up-to-date information about all aspects of our MBHS federation, please check the [Parent Hub](#) on the Millbay Academy website including the following:

- The School Day
- Attendance
- Term Dates
- Uniform
- School Meals
- Wrap Around Care
- Primary Learning Spaces
- The Primary Team
- How to Contact Us