



MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd February 2024

Message from Mrs Macdonald - Head Teacher

We only have one more week left of term three! Please be reminded that we break up on Thursday the 8th February as staff have a training day on Friday the 9th.

We have seen some amazing learning this term - Y2 have loved designing and making their bread which I got to taste this afternoon. It was so hard to choose the best flavour as the children had been so inventive with their recipes. There was bread made with banana and honey, and even chocolate bread!

Y1 were also experimenting with amazing recipes as they made their fruit salads today. The children were so excited to choose and chop their fruit, and make a salad especially for someone in their family.

I was very proud of the Y6 class this week. We completed some SATs assessments and many of the children very much improved on previous test scores showing how much progress they have made since the start of the year. I awarded them all merits for being such diligent learners, and the pupils will get to exchange their 'merits for minutes' and earn reward time at the end of term next week.

Finally, my meeting with the school parliament was very exciting this week as the reps used a catalogue to choose some playground equipment to help redesign the space at the back of the school. Their ideas will be sent to the play company to create a design and begin our site improvement journey, hopefully next term!

Have the best weekend!

Best wishes,
Steph Macdonald



Dates For Your Diary

What's on?	When's it Happening?	Year Group?	How to Pay? More Information
UK Safer Internet Day	06.02.24	All Years	Information will be given to students from the class teacher.
Express Yourself Mufti	08.02.24	All Years	More information to follow
Babcock Workshop	08.02.24	Year 4	More information to follow
Last Day of Term 3	08.02.24	All Years	School will close for half term.
INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	09.02.24	All Years	School closed to all pupils.
First Day of Term 4	19.02.24	All Years	School reopens to all pupils.
The Eden Project	20.02.24	Year 6	Letter came home today.
World Book Day	07.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Comic Relief	17.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Paignton Zoo	16.04.24	TBC	More information to follow

Pupil Voice - Our Learning This Week

Nursery

In pre-school we enjoyed the story “Albert Talbot Master of Disguise”. The children loved the bright colourful pictures throughout the story and enjoyed talking about what they could see on all the pages.

During the week we used our senses to explore the sand tray, the tuff tray which contained water, glitter and sea creatures.

The children created rockets using different pre-cut shapes and black paper.



Reception

In Reception this week our beanstalks have started to grow! We have been watching closely and taking care of them. We have received some magical letters too and have been discussing the feelings of Jack and the Giant. We did a great job helping them resolve their problems.

We loved acting out the story of Goldilocks and the Three bears with Tiny Tales, and this will be our story next week. We have seen some great writing and maths this week; so be sure to check Tapestry for pictures. We have also been enjoying large construction with our crates and new wooden planks.





Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been finishing off our story of The ugly duckling. These have been fabulous to read and the children have worked incredibly hard on them. We have also been scientists investigating which materials will keep teddy dry, this was great fun and the children really enjoyed testing the different materials.



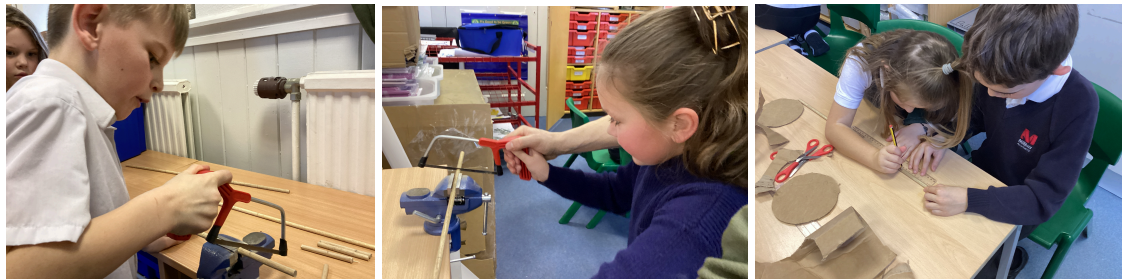
Year 2

Year 2 have been busy being Bakers today. Over the past 5 weeks we have designed, taste tested and explored everything bread related building up to our big bake off today! We included lots of flavours and have brought some home for you to try. Leea and Mrs Macdonald came and judged a selection of of breads giving some feedback we can include in our evaluations next week.



Year 3

We've had another packed week as we near the end of the half-term! We've studied and written our own Kennings poems, all about dragons! We've practised counting money, and worked on efficient ways to add three-digit numbers, in maths. But most excitingly, we've begun to build our own model of a Celtic Roundhouse, which has involved some woodwork and hot glue gun-use! We can't wait to see how they turn out next week!



Year 4

In science this week, Year 4 continued to investigate sound. Using an instrument, they made a sound and recorded the volume using a decibel reader. They continued to repeat this, but adding another layer of material over the microphone to see if the thickness of material would impact the volume of the sound made...

I wonder what loud sounds they could measure at home...is there a way they could muffle them using their learning from today?



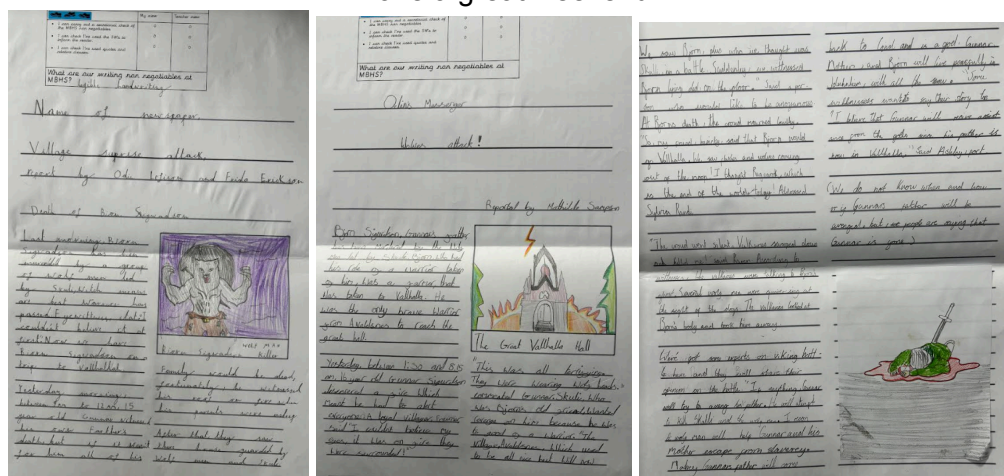
Year 5

Hello to all in the extended year 5 family. I'm constantly amazed by this class - this week is no exception. We finished our newspaper reports to such a high standard, so high I spent the afternoon showing them off to other staff.

We completed our science experiments and found that water and oxygen react with the iron in metal to create a new substance - Iron oxide.

We have also nearly completed our terms maths, looking at calculating using decimals. Home Learning is on Classroom and due by Thursday next week. Home Learning club will be open, on Thursday, for those wishing to use school tech and catch up.

Have a great weekend.



Year 6

This week Year 6 children have worked extremely hard, completing a full assessment week across English and Maths and we are so proud of the progress so many of them continue to make. It has also been a busy week across the wider curriculum where we have carried out experiments to show what happens when light is reflected twice, using periscopes to prove our ideas. In Geography we have researched how our school could be run more sustainably and come up with proposals to make this happen.



Golden Tickets

The following children will join Mrs Macdonald for lunch on Monday after displaying exemplary manners in the lunch hall and on the playground this week. Well done everyone!



- ★ Year 1 - Shyanne
- ★ Year 2 - Oscar
- ★ Year 3 - Max
- ★ Year 4 - Julia
- ★ Year 5 - Raad
- ★ Year 6 - Ringo

Attendance Winners



Our whole school attendance this week is: **92%**

Our weekly Class attendance winners this week are: **Year 2 with 98.34% Well done!!!!**

Please be reminded that our attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

Please be reminded we send home learning every week for all pupils. It is all online apart from reading - your children should read at home and log their reads on Boom Reader. Please support your children in accessing this learning.

HOME LEARNING!





MHS Home Learning 2023 - Y2

Date	Friday 21 February 2024
Reading	At least 30 mins per week - record on Boom Reader - BoomReader - The Digital Reading Record (go to boom.co.uk)
Spelling	Create a picture that contains these words with the correct spellings written inside or alongside it. How imaginative can you be?
Tables	Login to TTTS. Once again, over the weekend we are competing against the Year 3 class to earn the most points by playing as much as possible and scoring as high points as we can! Which Year group will be the best?
Maths	My Maths Homework - MyMaths Portal - for more info - Times Tables - TTTS





Nuts

Can we also remind all parents that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL - this includes all products containing any form of nut. If we find your child has a nut product as their snack or part of their lunch we will not allow them to eat this at school and it will be sent home with them.



School Lunches

Please see below the menu for next week's school lunches:

WEEK 3

W/C - MONDAY: 15TH JAN, 5TH FEB, 4TH MARCH, 25TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce Allergens: (Wh)	CHOICE 1 Beefburger in a brioche roll with wedges Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E), (Su) M/C (So, Se, Mu, R, Bar)	CHOICE 1 - H V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) M/C (So)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 1 - H Homemade fish croquettes served with fresh chips Allergens: (Wh), (F), (E)
CHOICE 2 - V VE Quorn dippers with seasoned wedges & tomato dip Allergens: (Wh)	CHOICE 2 - H V Courgette sausages, mash & gravy Allergens: (Wh), (Bar), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan sausage savoury rice Allergens: (So)	CHOICE 2 - H V VE Vegetable bubble and squeak Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E)	CHOICE 2 - H V Pizza wheels Allergens: (Wh), (So), (Mi), M/C (E)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
DESSERT - V VE Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (Mi)	DESSERT - H W V Chocolate brownie Allergens: (Wh), (E)	DESSERT - H V Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (Su), (Mi)	DESSERT - H W V VE Banana bread Allergens: (Wh)	DESSERT - H V Jam sponge & custard Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (Su), (E)
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH, V = VEGETARIAN, 2 = THE VEGETARIAN LINE.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c May Contain.

Allergens and ingredient information correct at the time of menu production but subject to change due to stock availability. Please speak to your catering manager for the most up to date information.

DID YOU KNOW

You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!

Tilda

PE Days

Our PE days are detailed below. On their nominated PE day it is important that children should arrive at school already wearing their kit. PE kit consists of black jogger or tracksuit bottoms, a plain tshirt (either white or their nominated house colour) and suitable footwear. **There is no need to change, they will remain in the kit all day.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Monday	Year 5
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday	Year 6
Friday	Year 3

Staying Safe and Well - Helping your Children to Stay Safe Online

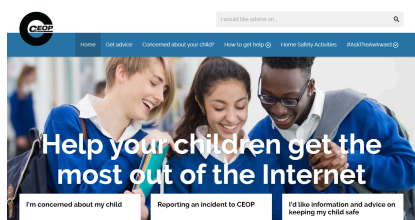
It is UK Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February 2024 with the focus on the changes with online use and staying safe. Do you know what sites and apps your children are accessing? Who are they talking with? Are they sharing photos and personal information?

The UK Safer Internet Centre has some top tips for parents and carers for keeping your children safe online such as

- How to keep up with the changes
- What does an influencer do
- What to consider when buying a new device for your child
- What are the specific issues you need to be aware of



Click [here](#) for more information.



[Think U Know](#) has guidance for parents and carers about how to keep children and young people safe online.

It gives advice about what to do if you have a concern and what to look out for.

If you are concerned that your child is being groomed online or sexually exploited then you will find guidance on how to do that [here](#) through the Child Exploitation and Online Protection, run by the police.



School Calendar

Please see below our term dates for 2023/2024.

	September 23					October 23					November 23					December 23				
Monday						2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
Tuesday						3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
Wednesday						4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
Thursday						5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
	January 24					February 24					March 24					April 24				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
	May 24					June 24					July 24					August 24				
Monday						3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday						4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday						5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday						6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday						7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

Term	No. of Pupil Days
Autumn 1	33
Autumn 2	37
Spring 1	27
Spring 2	29
Summer 1	29
Summer 2	35
Total:	190

Public Holiday School Holiday School Inset Day



Girls Turn Up & Play Free Sessions

Argyle Community Trust are holding free taster sessions, for the next 2 weeks, for their Turn Up and Play sessions for Girls in school years Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3.



Sat 3rd Feb & 10th Feb



Harpers Football Centre



10am - 11am

Scan Here to
Book



ARGYLE
COMMUNITY
TRUST