

MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2024

Message from Mrs Macdonald - Head Teacher

What a cold and wintry start we have had to the term! Please make sure that your children are coming to school with warm coats, and hats and gloves if possible! It is lovely and warm in the school building, but we want the children to still be able to enjoy their playtimes and lunchtimes and if they don't have coats, it's too cold to go out!

This week saw our first trip of 2024 with Y5 visiting the Harbour Master at the Cattewater. The pupils were brilliantly behaved and were beaming when they arrived back at school despite walking to and from the Barbican in the chilly weather. See the 'Pupil Voice' section below for more information. As always we are exceptionally grateful to the charity 'Widening Horizons' who arrange these trips for our pupils, allowing them to experience jobs in the city and give them future career ideas.

Y6 are preparing for their end of year assessments which take place in May. The SATs are statutory assessments and are taken by ALL Y6 pupils across the country. These tests assess pupils' secondary readiness and help secondary schools to group and set Y7 pupils as they arrive into their new schools. To support as best we can, MBHS are offering extra early morning and afternoon sessions run by staff. Unfortunately, despite these sessions being planned, invited children are not always attending. If you are a parent of a Y6 child, and can support us in enabling your child to attend, please do. We want the absolute best for our pupils which includes supporting them to make a positive start at their secondary schools.

I am very sorry to say I have witnessed some unsafe parking since we have been back at school. I understand parents may be in a hurry to drop off pupils, but please be reminded it is an offence to stop on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school at ANY time, or to park on double yellow lines. Most distressing is when the school crossing point is obstructed by parked cars - please do not under any circumstances park here and potentially risk an accident. I have added a photo below to show clearly where not to park.



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
Winnie the Pooh Day	18.01.24	All Years	More information to follow
Tiny Tales - Winter Lights	24.01.24	Reception	More information to follow
Dave the Pug visit	25.01.24	Year 1 and Year 3	Author visiting each class to read her story to the children in year 1 and year 3.
National Height and Measurement	02.02.24	Reception and Year 6	Letter came home this week
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	More information to follow
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	Year 1 & 2	More information to follow

Pupil Voice - Our Learning This Week

Nursery



This week in nursery, we have welcomed many new faces. We have enjoyed building new friendships and adapting to routines. The children have enjoyed sharing stories with each other, exploring the dinosaurs, completing inset puzzles and developing our fine motor skills.

Reception

This week in Reception we have started our new theme 'Traditional Tales' and have had a new book arrive; The Three Little Pigs! The children have been very busy making traps for the wolf and looking for clues. They have also been building houses in our making and construction areas that we think the wolf would not be able to blow down. They did some amazing Drama this week, retelling the story at carpet time. We are so proud of how confident they are becoming! Well done Reception.

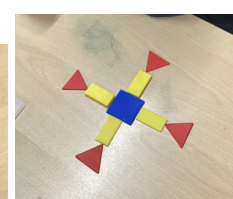
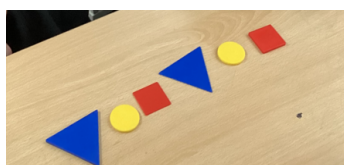
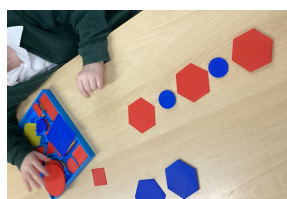
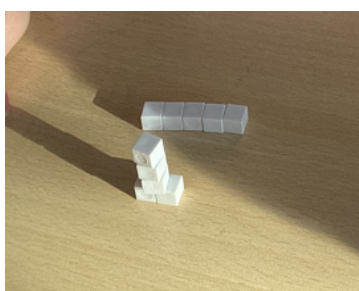


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Year 1

Year One has had a busy week, we have been planning our letters to Officer Pugh because Grandma Swagg has gone missing and she is wanted for lots of robberies from the book we have been reading, Cops and Robbers. In Maths we have been creating patterns and manipulating squares and cubes to create other shapes which has been very fun. In Geography we have been looking at what countries make up the UK. In Design and Technology we are very excited to hear that we will be making fruit salads for this half term. Today we have been looking at what makes a good advert when advertising fruit.



<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Year 2 have had a super busy week this week. They have dived into being authors, creating their own adapted narratives based on Mr Wolf's Pancakes. They have also enjoyed tasting a variety of different breads, to help them with their designing stage for their bread rolls.</p> <div data-bbox="403 338 916 689" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1075 338 1378 584" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Over the next few weeks, Y2 will be designing and making their very own bread, ready for The Great Year Two Bake off at the end of term.</p>
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>Year 3 have been enjoying getting started on this term's new topics, and have already loved conducting experiments into magnets and magnetism, understanding that magnets exert a non-contact force through a magnetic field. We've begun to study and explore different parts of the Bronze and Iron Age, including Celtic Roundhouses, and we can't wait to build our own Roundhouse in DT, in a few weeks time! We've also been writing our own version of the story 'Beowulf', and the results have been superb! It's going to be a fantastic term in Year 3!</p> <div data-bbox="341 1245 708 1525" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="775 1234 1046 1536" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1123 1234 1490 1536" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Year Four have got stuck into their new topics across all subjects with gusto! English has seen them explore features of film reviews and watch a film so that they might write their own. Whilst in science, the class showed much enthusiasm and curiosity when Steve Kendell (an Advisory Teacher for Deaf Inclusion) visited us for the afternoon, to help us understand how sound enters our ears. He has since emailed to say, <i>"thanks to your class for making me feel very welcome and for their participation and questions.- it's always good to have a group of children who are as interested and engaged."</i> Ask your child to name a part of the ear, or share an interesting fact about sound.</p>



Year 5

Wonderful week in year 5. We have worked tirelessly on our short division and made some excellent progress ready to move onto Area and scaling next week. In English we have explored Norse myths, specifically Ragnarok. Next week, the class will innovate this into their very own version. We also visited the Harbor Commissioner at Cattewater harbour and learnt about how fascinating their jobs are and how truly vibrant and busy Plymouth is. The imports and exports are astounding. As always, home learning is on GoogleClass and there is a home learning club on Thursdays for those wanting to catch up. Have a great weekend.





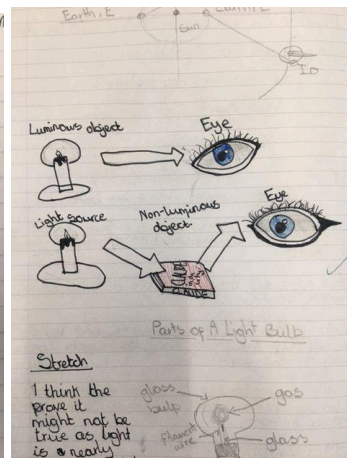
Year 6

This week in English we completed our narrative setting descriptions, where we worked on choosing appropriate noun phrases and adverbials to build a clear picture for the reader. In Science, we investigated how light behaves and in Geography we began to explore the impact that humans have on the environment. Our maths learning continues to focus on fluency in multiplication and division and we have explored the 'factorising' method as a possible alternative to long multiplication when factors can be found.

Human behaviour

Human behaviour	Impact	Solution
• Forest fires	• habitats being burnt	• make wildlife habitats
• War	• houses being destroyed	• Treat people with respect
• Pollution	• Lung cancer	• Drive your car less
• Rockets	• Cause water vapor	• Use solar pumps
• Dams	• Upsets rivers	• Water in
• Deforestation	• habitats being lost	• Eat less meat
• Gases and fuels	• Carbon dioxide	• Keep fossil fuels in the ground
• Water rising	• Ocean population	• Protecting wetlands

What do you think is the biggest threat to the



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Spring Census

Next week sees the return of the School Census. Many people have asked Why is census data useful? The census provides information that the government needs to develop policies, plans and run public services, and allocate funding. This is done by using the information provided by school on their school lunches. They base our number on how many hot meals are taken on census day! To help our school provide as many hot meals as possible we will always try to link the day with a world event, put on a special lunch and even hold a mufti event to encourage as many pupils to have school lunches! The more meals we provide the more funding we can get! This census theme is Winnie The Pooh - below is our flyer for this event!



Staff News

At the start of our Spring Term we welcomed Olena to the team. Olena is currently covering Anita as the Teaching Assistant in Year 3. If you see her around please say hello!

Talking of our lovely Anita, we have not heard any news yet regarding the baby but as soon as we do we will of course share this with you!

Your children may have mentioned that Lisa, our Year 4 HLTA, is leaving. Although this is not entirely sure she will be taking some time off due to her finally receiving her date for the operation she is waiting for! Lisa will be with us until Wednesday and we are hoping to see her back with us in the Summer term! You will have probably already met Alice who will be filling in for Lisa whilst she is off. We all wish Lisa a speedy recovery!

Attendance Winners




Our whole school attendance this week is: **87.5%**

Our weekly Class attendance winners this week are: **Year 5 with 95%!!!!**

Please be reminded that our attendance target is 96%

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), (M), (E), (Su), M/C (So, Se, Mu, R, Bar)	CHOICE 1 - H V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (Wh), (M), (Mu) M/C (So)	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy Allergens: (Wh), (M), (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), (M), (E)	CHOICE 2 - H W V VE Vegan sausage savoury rice Allergens: (So)	CHOICE 3 - H V VE Vegetable bubble and squeak Allergens: (Wh), (So), (M), M/C (E)	CHOICE 3 - H V Pizza wheels Allergens: (Wh), (So), (M), 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: (M)	DESSERT - H W V Chocolate brownie Allergens: (Wh), (E)	DESSERT - H V Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt Allergens: (Su), (M)	DESSERT - H W V VE Banana bread Allergens: (Wh)	DESSERT - H V Jam sponge & custard Allergens: (Wh), (M), (Su), (E)
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				
<small> 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, Z = THE VEGETARIAN LINE. Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (M), Milk (M), 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. </small>				

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



Please could we ask you to ensure all contact details that we hold for you are up to date.

- Names and contact details for two adults (usually the main parent or carer) and one other family member or trusted adult.
- The contact details should include at least one current contact number, home address and email address.

If you are the main parent or guardian please could you speak to or email Reception in the first instance if there are details that need updating on your child's Arbor account.

School Calendar

Please see below our term dates for 2023/2024.

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