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Dear parents and carers

It is hard to believe that we are already entering the final few weeks of the school year. I feel incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved and the enthusiasm they continue to show every single day. The recent hot weather has certainly tested us all, but our children have been amazing. They have shown great resilience, looked after one another and continued to work hard despite the challenging temperatures. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for trusting us to keep your children safe during the heatwave. Your support with sending children in with hats, water bottles and suncream has made a real difference and is greatly appreciated.



It has been another month packed with exciting opportunities. Children have enjoyed visits to Central Park and Cotehele House as part of their Geography learning, giving them the chance to explore and learn outside the classroom. We have also had the pleasure of taking children to the theatre to watch Annie, as well as joining other schools for the Big Sing. Our Year 6 children are away on their residential, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.



It has been fantastic welcoming so many of you into school for our class assemblies recently. It has been wonderful to see the children sharing their learning with such confidence and pride, and I know how much they enjoy performing for their families. We still have Year 5's assembly to look forward to, along with our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday 21st July. While the Year 6 assembly is always emotional, it is also a wonderful celebration of everything our children have achieved during their time with us.



Although the end of term is now in sight, we are certainly not winding down! We still have three busy weeks ahead with lots of exciting learning planned and plenty of opportunities for children to continue making progress. Every day counts, and we are looking forward to finishing the year as positively as we started it.

I am also delighted to share some fantastic news. Two years ago, our school was awarded Champion Status for our phonics teaching, recognising the high-quality practice across our school. We are incredibly proud to have been reaccredited for a further two years. This is a wonderful achievement for our staff and children and reflects the hard work that goes into ensuring every child becomes a confident reader. We are also pleased that we will continue to support other schools in developing their own phonics teaching.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Claire Jones

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd July

Year 5 to take part in Babcock Life Skills Programme

Friday 3rd July

Ice-cream Friday 3:10-4:15pm KS1 Playground

Monday 6th July

Preschool Sports Afternoon 2:00-3:00pm KS2 Playground

Wednesday 8th July

EYFS and KS1 to watch Peter Pan Performance

Year 4 Swimming- Plymouth College

Thursday 9th July

Year 5 to take part in Babcock Life Skills Programme

KS2 to watch Peter Pan Performance 9:30-11:00am

Likes, follows and feelings workshop for parents and children- 1:30-3:00pm

Friday 10th July

5LS Class Assembly 9:15 – 10:00am

Whole school transition afternoon

Ice-cream Friday 3:10-4:15pm KS1 Playground

Saturday 11th July

Summer Fair 10:00-12:30pm

Monday 13th July

Read with Us- Year 5 and Year 6 -8:25-8:55am

Tuesday 14th July

Read with Us- Year 3 and Year 4 -8:25-8:55am

Wednesday 15th July

Read with Us- Year 1and Year 2 -8:25-8:55am

Year 4 Swimming - Plymouth College

Thursday 16th July

Read with Us- Preschool and Reception -8:25-8:55am

Friday 17th July

Performing Arts Club to perform Peter Pan to parents and families

Ice-cream Friday 3:10-4:15pm KS1 Playground

Monday 20th July

Children's Annual Reports to Families

Preschool Graduation 9:00am-10:00am

Tuesday 21st July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:15-10:15am

Wednesday 22nd July

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SUMMER FAIR

Stalls and Games

LAIRA GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fire Engine Visit

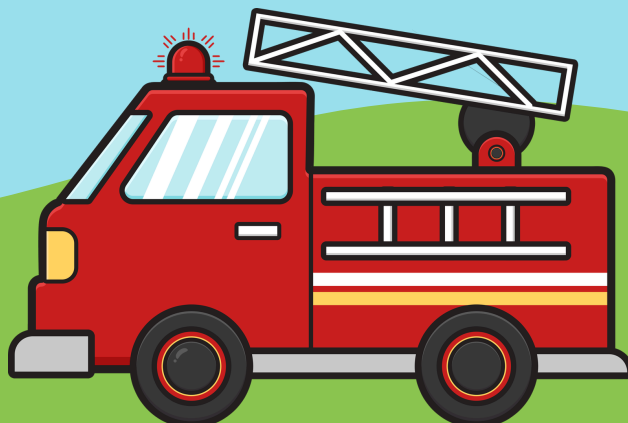
Train Ride

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

- 10AM TO 12:30PM -

RAFFLE- STALLS- GAMES- SOAK THE TEACHER-FACE PAINTING- TOMBOLA- FOOD- TOYS- BRIC-A-BRAC GLITTER TATOOS- MORRIS DANCING AND MUCH MORE...

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CLASS UPDATES

Preschool





What a super month the Preschool children have had. They are really enjoying exploring our new topic, 'Farmyard Fun'. We have explored the rhymes Old MacDonald had a Farm, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Five Little Ducks and Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. The children have especially enjoyed using puppets, masks and other props to perform these rhymes, and we really do have some budding performers in our class! The children have produced some wonderful artwork and models, including paintings, drawings, collages and farmyard scenes. They have also enjoyed finding out about the different animals that live on a farm and using the books in our classroom to learn more. During our tuning into sounds sessions, the children have shown great confidence and enthusiasm as they join in with the games. Our youngest preschool children have also loved singing familiar rhymes and remembering the words as they play with their friends. In our number sessions, the children have been reviewing the numbers they have learnt this year, practising their counting skills and enjoying games about the number zero. In PE, we have been taking part in different games as we prepare for our Preschool Sports Day on Monday 6th July, which we are all looking forward to. In music, we have been using the traditional tales The Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk to explore pitch and rhythm. It has been another fantastic month in Preschool- well done, everyone!

Reception





RSC have had a fantastic month exploring our exciting topic, 'Let's Get Growing!' The children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. It has been wonderful to hear them retelling the tale in their own words with increasing confidence, expressive prosody and accompanying Makaton signs. There has been great excitement in the classroom as we are currently observing our class caterpillars turn into chrysalises. We are now eagerly waiting for them to emerge as beautiful butterflies! The children have shown such care and curiosity while learning about the butterfly life cycle, even creating informative posters to remind everyone not to touch them. We have also been learning about the life cycle of a frog, helping to deepen our understanding of the amazing changes that take place in nature. In Maths, we have been learning all about measurement. The children have explored key vocabulary such as tallest, shortest, heavier, lighter, longer and shorter, using these words in practical and engaging activities to compare and describe the world around them. To round off a busy and exciting month, we enjoyed a wonderful visit to Totnes Rare Breeds Farm, where the children loved experiencing life on the farm. They had the opportunity to hold guinea pigs, feed the goats and pigs, and meet the ponies and alpacas. We also had a fantastic time taking part in Sports Day, where everyone showed great enthusiasm, determination and team spirit. Well done, RSC - you have all been amazing this month

CLASS UPDATES

Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful few weeks of learning and should be very proud of their efforts! In English, we have been exploring the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs. The children enjoyed learning the story, innovating it with their own creative ideas, and then writing their own fantastic versions. We were so impressed with their imagination and storytelling skills. In Maths, we have been learning about position and direction, using mathematical language to describe movement and location. We are now beginning our new topic on place value to 100, where we will be developing our understanding of numbers, tens and ones. In DT, our focus has been cooking and nutrition. We have been learning where food comes from, identifying different fruits and vegetables, and enjoying opportunities to taste and prepare some healthy foods. Our Geography topic, Wondrous Weather, has involved learning about weather patterns and seasonal changes. The children even made weather streamers to help test the direction of the wind! In PE, we have been developing our skills through invasion games, learning about the important roles of attackers and defenders. A wonderful effort from everyone – well done, Year 1!









Year 2

The month of June has been very exciting for Year 2! We have had so many highlights, including trips to Sports Day, The Big Sing and Efford Library. We have been so impressed with the way Year 2 represent Laira Green Primary on these visits and people from other schools often compliment the children on their excellent manners and behaviour. Across all areas of our learning, Year 2 have been working very hard on their cursive handwriting. They are enjoying the challenge and are demonstrating our school value, 'Be Determined', every single day. In Science, we have been exploring the life cycles of different animals, including humans, dogs, cats, frogs and butterflies. In Maths, we have been learning about statistics and the children have enjoyed discovering different ways to present information, including tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms. In our English lessons, we have been studying a book called The Disgusting Sandwich. The children have loved writing their own imaginative stories about food that gets dirtier and dirtier! It has been another fantastic month of learning – well done to everyone in Year 2.

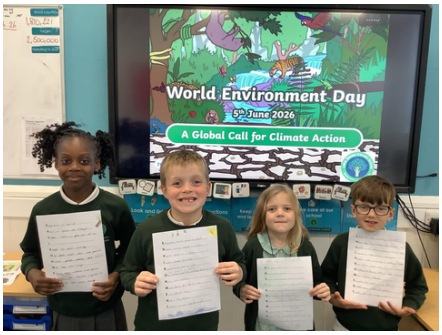
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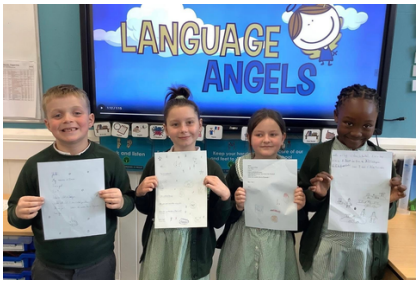
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Year 3

It has been another busy and enjoyable month in 3MT!In English, we have been completing our storytelling unit based on the wonderful book Chalk. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas and have worked hard to use ambitious vocabulary to make their writing more engaging. We are looking forward to reading their finished stories. Our next unit will focus on poetry, inspired by the book Rivers. In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time to the nearest minute and work out how long different activities take. This has been a challenging topic, but the children have shown real determination and have made good progress. Any extra practice at home using clocks and watches would really help to build their confidence. In Science, we have been learning about the life cycle of plants and what they need to grow. We have also carried out investigations to discover how water moves through a plant. In DT, we have started our unit on seasonal food. The children have been practising safe knife skills, including peeling and chopping vegetables, ready to make a delicious seasonal tart. Music has been closely linked to our Geography topic on volcanoes. The children have enjoyed exploring how different sounds and musical elements can create atmosphere and bring a performance to life. It has been a wonderful month in 3MT, and the children should be very proud of all they have achieved. We are looking forward to making the most of the final few weeks of the school year together.











Year 4

It has been another busy month for 4SM! In Science, we have enjoyed learning about our teeth and the digestive system with lots of hands-on learning and experiments. The children have particularly enjoyed exploring why different animals have different types of teeth depending on their diet. In Music, we have enjoyed composing our own pieces, using the inter-related dimensions to express mood and emotion such as high and fast paced to show happiness or low and slow to show a more melancholy mood. Year 4 have also enjoyed two great trips this month. The first being a very interactive trip to the Barbican Theatre, where we enjoyed creating freeze frames of a Plymouth myth followed by a very sunny trip to Cotehele Quay where we explored the depth and speed of the river as part of our Geography learning. As always, the children represented our school wonderfully by using their beautiful manners and behaving exceptionally. Well done 4SM!

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Year 5

Class 5LS have had a busy few weeks! In English, we have loved reading *ART* by Tony Ross from *A Word in Your Ear*. The children were inspired by its humour and lively style and have been trying to write their own short stories using expanded noun phrases and dialogue to bring their characters to life. In Maths, the class have worked extremely hard to deepen their understanding of decimals and place value. They have been learning how to add and subtract decimals, as well as multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 using decimals and have shown great determination. Music has been a real highlight this term. We have been exploring Rock and Roll and the children have particularly enjoyed singing *Blue Suede Shoes*. Alongside singing, they have begun learning how to harmonise and use the pentatonic scale to improvise simple melodic patterns. In PE, 5LS have been enjoying athletics and Sports Day as well as working with Plymouth Argyle as part of the Babcock project. They have learned about teamwork, communication, finances and the different roles within a football club. Their maturity and enthusiasm has been fantastic.In PSHE, the class have been learning about how our bodies change, approaching these conversations sensibly and respectfully. Finally, in Geography, we have been thinking about sustainability and came up with thoughtful ideas for how Central Park could become more environmentally friendly.





Year 6

We have had another busy and exciting month in Year 6 as we make the most of our final weeks together! The children have enjoyed welcoming visitors into the classroom, taking part in an MHST workshop focusing on self-esteem, resilience and confidence, as well as learning about the justice system during a visit from a local magistrate. Sports Day was another highlight, where the children showed fantastic determination, teamwork and resilience while making lasting memories in their final primary school Sports Day. In English, we have begun reading My Secret War Diary, exploring different writing styles and comparing formal and informal language. This has linked brilliantly with our Whole Class Reading text, Anna at War, which the children have become completely engrossed in as they continue to compare Anna's new life in England with her previous home in Germany. Our History topic on Twentieth Century Conflict has also deepened their understanding of both World Wars, including learning about the causes of the First World War and the Treaty of Versailles. In Maths, we have been consolidating key learning in preparation for secondary school, with a focus on area and volume. In Science, we have completed our learning about the circulatory system and have begun using research to investigate the effects of diet, drugs and healthy lifestyles on the human body, a topic the children have already shown great knowledge of and interest in. We have explored Globalisation in our Geography lessons, learning about the impact of technology and transport, while in DT the children have enjoyed using Tinkercad and their coding skills to design an innovative navigation device for hikers. Alongside all of this learning, we have also begun rehearsing for our Leavers' Assembly. The children are working incredibly hard and would really appreciate any support at home with learning their lines and songs. A reminder that our Leavers' Assembly will take place on **Tuesday 21st July at 9:15am**. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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DICE Programme

Parent or carer of a pre-teen or teenager?
Want to know more about our DICE Parenting Programme?
Why not come along to one of our summer drop in sessions!
All sessions Thursday 10am-12pm online.

6th August

Session 01: Introduction and the life of a teenager
The teenage brain, why teenagers might take risks and the pressures they face in the modern world.

13th August

Session 02: The exploitation of children and young people
Grooming - what is it, how does it happen, where and by whom? How can we spot the signs?

20th August

Session 03: Digital dangers
Social media, nudes and the complexities of the online world. How can we be better digital parents/carers?

27th August

Session 04: A safe place to share ideas about parenting
Parenting top tips - practical advice and information about communicating effectively, support networks and working together.



For more information or to register your interest,
please contact the Exceed Team at **exceed@barnardos.org.uk or 01752 256339**





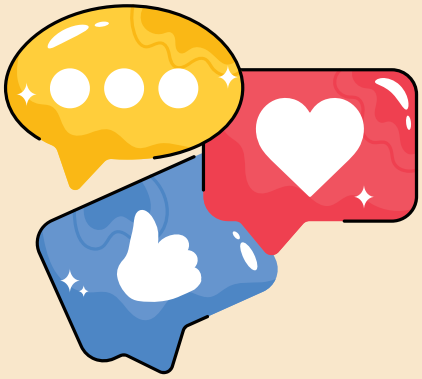
Likes, follows and feelings workshop

Thursday 9th July 1:30-3:00pm

Come and join a 1.5 hour parent and child workshop that looks at the effect of *social media* on children's mental health and wellbeing, and strategies we can use to support our young people. This is for Years 5 and 6 and will run in the school day with you and your child. Please sign up using the google form below.

Likes, Follows and Feelings.







Livewell Southwest

MHST

Attendance Update

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

As we near the end of term, we know that families are thinking about planning their time together.

We understand that booking family trips during the school holidays can be very expensive, and we recognise the frustration this causes. However, missing school can impact on your child's learning progress, friendships, confidence and development of personal skills.

Please remember we are unable to authorise holidays within term time (unless in exceptional circumstances). Unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice issued by the Local Authority.

We will be planning lots of exciting learning and wider opportunities right up until the last day of term, while also preparing children for their transition to their new classes. Therefore, we kindly ask that you avoid taking time off during term time whenever possible.

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping your child make the most of every school day.

PENALTY NOTICES

The Local Authority may issue a penalty notice for 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period.

- A penalty of £80 (if paid in 21 days) or £160 (if paid within 28 days of being issued) will be issued per child, to each adult within the household.
- If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
- If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, other enforcement options may be used.



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Inclusion Update

If you have any questions or worries about your child, we are always here to listen. Please speak with the class teacher or call/email to arrange a time to come for a chat with Mrs Trembath

MANAGING CHANGE

For many children, change can be exciting and positive, and is a normal part of every day life. Whether it is moving to a new class or school, welcoming a new family member, or starting a new activity, change can sometimes feel overwhelming for children. Here are some top tips for supporting children during times of transition.



TIPS FOR MANAGING CHANGE

- Talk openly and positively about any change - offer reassurance
- Provide lots of opportunities for children to express their feelings, and acknowledge that it is ok to feel this way
- identify things to look forward to
- Discuss things that will stay the same
- Explore any questions or worries they may have
- Keep routines consistent where possible - use pictures/visual aids to show routines

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Young Minds Parent Resource

Action for Children Parent Resource

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



Mooncat and Me
Written by Lydia Corry

A beautiful book exploring the theme of change and transition and the importance of not having to face challenges alone

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Laira Green Primary School Council

Our School Council is thrilled to announce that Laira Green Primary School has earned the recognition for being a Social Impact School. SuperKind Social Impact Award integrates active citizenship and charity within the wider curriculum and classrooms.

School Council members have promoted the Social Action Award and have coordinated numerous fundraising events throughout the year and run campaigns to raise awareness on matters that are important to them.

The Social Impact Award recognises and celebrates the positive difference children across the school have made. It acknowledges efforts focused on social responsibility, community development and addressing social challenges through various means such as volunteering or sustainable initiatives.

We are incredibly proud that Laira Green Primary has been accredited with the Social Impact Award. It highlights how kind and caring the pupils at Laira Green Primary School are through their amazing contributions collectively and individually.



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A Month in Pictures



















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