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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another short but incredibly busy half term, I would like to reflect on some of the wonderful experiences and achievements our children have enjoyed. Firstly, congratulations to our Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs this term. We are so proud of the resilience, determination and positive attitude they showed throughout the assessment period. They worked exceptionally hard and thoroughly deserved their trip to Jump, where they were able to let off some steam and enjoy time together after all their efforts.



Across the school, children have been taking their learning beyond the classroom. As part of History, they have enjoyed visits to some of Plymouth's most significant landmarks, including The Box, Elizabeth House, Plymouth Hoe and the Barbican. These experiences help bring learning to life and deepen their understanding of our local heritage. It was amazing to give a group of Year 6 pupils the exciting opportunity to attend the Devon County Show. They enjoyed seeing a wide range of animals and local produce, gaining an insight into rural life and the importance of farming in our part of the country. Our Year 4 children have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons at Plymouth College. This has proved to be a much-improved experience, with the children benefiting from having exclusive use of the pool during their sessions. We have already seen growing confidence and progress in the water. We were also incredibly proud of our School Council representatives, who recently visited the Houses of Parliament. It was a memorable experience and a fantastic opportunity to learn more about democracy and how our country is governed. You can read more about their visit later in this newsletter. Meanwhile, a group of Year 6 pupils successfully completed the Schools Challenge on Plymouth Hoe, demonstrating excellent teamwork, perseverance and determination throughout the event.





It has been wonderful to welcome families into school for the first three class assemblies of the year and we are very much looking forward to the remaining classes showcasing their achievements in the coming weeks. Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Progress Meetings. These meetings are always a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss the progress they have made and share examples of the learning they are most proud of. We look forward to seeing you there.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd June

First day of Term 6

4SM Swimming Lesson at Plymouth College

Plymouth Family Hub to run 'Ready Steady School' - Dell Centre 1:30-2:30pm

Thursday 4th June

Year 5 to take part in Babcock Life Skills Programme

Parenting Pathway being run in The Dell Centre - Plymouth Family Hub-12:30-2:30pm

Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement - Livewell Southwest

Monday 8th June

Y6 Swimming Top Ups at Plymouth College

Children's Progress Meetings 3:30-6:00pm - no extra-curricular clubs

Tuesday 9th June

Livewell Southwest to apply Fluoride to the teeth of children in RSC and 1MM

Children's Progress Meetings 3:30-6:00pm - no extra-curricular clubs

Wednesday 10th June

Plymouth Family Hub to run 'Ready Steady School' - Dell Centre 1:30-2:30pm

Children's Progress Meetings 3:30-6:00pm - no extra-curricular clubs

4SM Swimming Lesson at Plymouth College

Thursday 11th June

Attendance Drop in- 9:00-10:00am

No extra-curricular clubs

Year 5 to take part in Babcock Life Skills Programme

Parenting Pathway being run in The Dell Centre - Plymouth Family Hub-12:30-2:30pm

Friday 12th June

No extra-curricular clubs

Nethercott parent information meeting-6LG 3:30-4:15pm

PTA Ice Cream Friday -KS1 Playground 3:10-4:20pm

Monday 15th June

Reception and KS1 Sports Day- Lipson Cooperative Academy 9:30-10:30

Y6 Swimming Top Ups at Plymouth College

Tuesday 16th June

KS2 Sports Day- Lipson Cooperative Academy 9:30-11:00

Wednesday 17th June

RSC to visit Totnes Rare Breeds Farm

4SM Swimming Lesson at Plymouth College

Mental Health Schools Team to deliver Self-Esteem, Resilience and Confidence workshop to Year 6

Thursday 18th June

Y6 - Visited by South & West Devon Magistrates

Year 5 to take part in Babcock Life Skills Programme

Parenting Pathway being run in The Dell Centre - Plymouth Family Hub-12:30-2:30pm

Friday 19th June

RSC Father's Day Assembly 9:15-10:00am

2RB to attend The Big Sing - Lipson Cooperative Academy

Banardo's and Laira Green Primary Satellite Hub Open Afternoon- 2:00-4:30pm (information to follow)

Monday 22nd June

Summer Raffle Tickets go on Sale

Y4-Geography Cotehele House Trip

Y6 Swimming Top Ups at Plymouth College

Tuesday 23rd June

Healthy Eating Drop in Session for families 2:00-3:00pm

Wednesday 24th June

4SM Swimming Lesson at Plymouth College

Thursday 25th June

Year 5 to take part in Babcock Life Skills Programme

Parenting Pathway being run in The Dell Centre - Plymouth Family Hub-12:30-2:30pm

A group of children to watch Annie - Theatre Royal Plymouth 2:30-5:00pm

Friday 26th June

Mufti Day for Summer Fair

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Julia Donaldson

...try these!



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If you like...

Bunny vs Monkey

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CLASS UPDATES

Preschool

Preschool have settled brilliantly back into school life since the Easter break and have been engrossed in our new topic 'Wriggly World' where we have been exploring minibeasts. We started the new term with our rhyme of the week 'Incy Wincy Spider' and the children were fascinated to learn that there are lots of different spiders. They showed great focus and attention to detail as they drew spiders, looking carefully at photographs of them to help them. The children have loved going on minibeast hunts and so far we have found snails, spiders, slugs and woodlice. We have also been keen gardeners, ensuring that we take cake of our plants by watering them daily and also sowing seeds in the hope that we can grow our own snack! During our tuning into sounds sessions, the children are continuing to learn new phonemes and they are carefully putting these phonemes together to make words. Our youngest children continue to develop their recall of familiar rhymes. In our number sessions all of the children have been practicing their counting skills in lots of practical situations including following some simple recipes in our mud kitchen area! This half term our PE sessions will focus on gymnastic skills, we can't wait to explore all of the different ways we can move our bodies. In our music sessions, we are off to the jungle and have so far looked at how monkeys move, creating our own dance moves in time to a piece of music. Well done Preschool for settling so well after the break and embracing your new learning with such positivity and collaboration. There have been lots of smiles and laughter and we can't wait for another half term of playing and learning together.









Reception

What a month it has been, full of African adventure and exciting learning! This month, the children in Reception have continued to immerse themselves in their topic, African Adventure, exploring fascinating African animals and vibrant patterns. They created some wonderful artwork inspired by animal prints and worked hard on their class story, 'The Selfish Crocodile', focusing on story ordering and writing. A particular highlight was exploring Handa's Surprise. The children had the opportunity to taste a variety of exotic fruits from the story, describing them using words such as "tasty," "delicious," "soft," and "squishy." Passionfruit, however, received some mixed reviews!

In Phonics, the children have shown fantastic resilience and progress, with confidence in reading and writing continuing to blossom. In Maths, they have been busy spotting patterns, counting in twos, and exploring odd and even numbers. The fun has continued in Music and PE, where Reception have especially enjoyed using the new climbing frame in the sports hall. They have developed their confidence and skills in moving, balancing, and climbing safely at height.

Well done, Class RSC - we are so proud of everything you have achieved this month!

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Year 1

What a busy and exciting month May has been in Year 1! In English, we explored the non-fiction text Seeds to Sunflower, learning about plant life cycles and the key features of non-fiction books. The children enjoyed identifying headings, labels, diagrams and facts before designing and creating their own non-fiction posters. This learning linked closely with our Science lessons, where we investigated the key features of plants and compared the life cycles of different trees. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as finding and making equal groups. We also began our fractions unit, learning how to find half and a quarter of shapes and small quantities. Our Art learning focused on the Paper Play unit. The children loved experimenting with different colours of paper and card, using techniques such as rolling and folding to create structures. We worked collaboratively to apply these new skills and created a fantastic giant class spider from newspaper! In PE, we have been developing our ball skills, focusing on throwing and catching with increasing control and accuracy. Through a range of fun activities and games, the children practised working independently and with partners to improve their coordination and confidence. In PSHE, we discussed different types of families and explored how we can show kindness, respect and inclusion to everyone around us. In Computing, the children used the Chromebooks to develop their digital skills, learning how to add text and pictures to a Google Doc. We are incredibly proud of all the hard work, enthusiasm and creativity shown by the children this month. Well done, Year 1!





Year 2





The month of May was filled with lots of exciting learning in Year 2! Our highlight of course was our trip to The Box to further our History learning about World War 2. The children's knowledge of the war was very impressive and it was great to see all of their learning in the classroom come to life. We were also lucky enough to have a visit from Rania Osman this month, who spoke to us about what her life was like as a Muslim in Plymouth. The children asked really thoughtful questions and again, displayed impressive knowledge of their RE learning. Our Science learning this month has revolved around bulbs and seeds. We are currently enjoying watching our bulbs and seeds grow each week and we are looking forward to seeing the results of an investigation about how temperature affects growth. In our English lessons, we have been learning about biographies. We read an inspiring biography about Amelia Earhart before researching and writing our own about the famous author, Julia Donaldson. In Maths, Year 2 have done an amazing job with their learning about fractions and have persevered with some tricky learning about telling the time too! Well done for another brilliant month of learning, Year 2!

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Year 3

It has been another busy and exciting month in 3MT! The children have shown great focus and effort, and we're really proud of everything they have achieved. In English, we have been exploring how to write engaging interviews, showing a character's personality and emotions. We are looking forward to writing our own on the animal we have each selected. In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time to the nearest minute and work out how long things take. It has been tricky, but the children have shown great determination. A little extra practise at home with clocks and watches would really help build their confidence. In PE, we have been working on our Tennis skills, using our hand-eye coordination to control the ball and hit the ball back in our rallies and make sure the ball doesn't go flying over the wall! In Art, we have made our own Egyptian scrolls, drawing our own hieroglyphics and images to send messages to each other in class. Computing has been really fun, creating stop motion animations of our stick people dancing, weaving or kicking a ball! It has been a fantastic month of learning in 3MT. The children should be very proud, and we are excited for the term ahead.

Year 4

What a lovely few weeks for 4SM. The children have continued to enjoy their swimming lessons particularly the session on water safety. It is lovely to see their confidence in the water grow each week. In Art, we have loved exploring a range of different sculptures including shadow sculptures and pieces made from weaving recycled materials. On Thursday afternoons, we were lucky enough to participate in workshops with the Mental Health Team who helped us to find different strategies to help with nerves and anxiety. All of the children showed excellent listening skills and really put their all into exploring which mindfulness activities worked for them as an individual. Finally, the children enjoyed working towards our class assembly and all put a lot of effort into learning their lines and practising the songs. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it.





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Year 5

The Year 5s have had a wonderfully busy and productive few weeks, filled with curiosity, creativity and hands-on learning. In Maths, the children have been developing their confidence with reading and drawing line graphs and interpreting information in tables. They have also been exploring translations, learning how to move shapes accurately across a grid using precise mathematical language. In English, our focus has been the beautifully illustrated book 'Dragonology', which has captured everyone's imagination. We have been studying the features of non-fiction texts, identifying how headings, diagrams, captions and fact boxes help a reader understand complex information. We will use this to inspire us to plan, create and write our very own dragons, complete with habitats, behaviours and magical abilities. PSHE has encouraged thoughtful discussion about how to stay safe online and why a balanced lifestyle matters. The children have been reflecting on healthy routines, screen time, friendships and making positive choices that support both physical and emotional wellbeing. The highlight of the term, without a doubt, was our fantastic trip to the Barbican, the Hoe, and the Box. This experience brought our topic,' Plymouth: A City of Voyage and Discovery' to life. From exploring the historic waterfront to discovering artefacts and stories from Plymouth's past, the children were able to see how the city has been shaped by exploration, trade and adventure. It was a brilliant way to celebrate and conclude our learning.





Year 6





We have been so proud of our amazing year 6 pupils this month! They were so focused and determined during their SATs tests, and we were delighted to see how much care and attention they gave each paper. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed our post-SATs trip to Jump, where they let off steam and had hours of fun playing together. In our writing lessons, we have been exploring stories from different cultures across the commonwealth with a theme of "fire", and children have been exploring high level vocabulary and language features to create excellent descriptions. In Maths, children have continued to consolidate their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, alongside participating in a TTRS battle against our year 5 friends! In Reading, after finishing the excellent "Journey to Jo'Burg", we have now begun a longer novel, "Anna at War". The children have reflected very sensitively and maturely about what it must have been like to be a young German Jew in the 1930s, and we are excited to see what will happen to the protagonist, Anna, when she reaches England. During our art unit, children studied the styles of both international and local artists, before creating their own unique final pieces which they are very proud of. Our PE sessions have continued to develop the children's teamwork, ball skills and agility, and our tag rugby games have been very much enjoyed! Well done year 6 - keep up the great work in your final term!





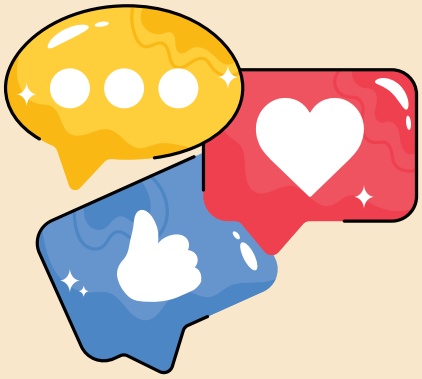
Likes, follows and feelings workshop

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 register your interest using the google form below.

Likes, Follows and Feelings.







Livewell Southwest

MHST

Attendance Update

We hope that you have all had a wonderful half term! We have a fantastic summer term planned with lots of engaging experiences, which we know the children will love. We understand that the return to school can be challenging when getting back into the routine of school. If you have any concerns or worries - no matter how big or small - please do get in touch. We are here to work together with you to resolve any barriers to attendance that your family may be experiencing. Come along to our informal drop-in session or contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Trembath.



REPORTING ABSENCE

Please call/email the school as soon as possible (by 9am) to let us know your if your child will be absent, letting us know the reason and when you are expecting them to return.

For safeguarding reasons we have to know where each child is. If we have not heard from you, we may need to complete a home visit or request a welfare check from support agencies.

inclusion@lairagreen.plymouth.sch.uk

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

INDEPENDENCE WITH DAILY ACTIVITIES

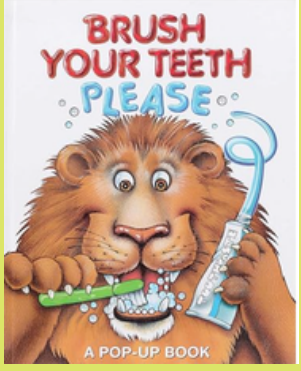
All children develop self-care skills at their own pace. Every child is an individual and will develop different skills at different times. Learning to get dressed, brush teeth, and manage personal care independently can be challenging. Moving gradually, step by step to becoming more independent, builds children's confidence, self-esteem and gives them important skills for life.

TIPS FOR DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE

- Try to keep the same routine everyday - the same order and the same time
- Break tasks into smaller, manageable steps
- Allow extra time for your child to complete tasks independently
- Celebrate effort, not just the end result
- Use visual checklist (e.g. undress, wash body, rinse, dry, get dressed)
- Encourage your child to become independent with one aspect of washing first. For example, you put the soap on the wash cloth, and then give it to your child to wash their body
- For toothbrushing , use a 2 minute timer or song. There are lots of apps with games on to help with this.
- Try backward chaining - help with each step and encourage your child to complete the final step to get a sense of success. Gradually encourage them to complete more steps working backwards.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



Brush your teeth please
Written by Jean Pidgeon

A fun, interactive pop up book where children can help to brush the teeth of different animals.

inclusion@lairagreen.plymouth.sch.uk

EGGBUCKLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Everyone can

Year 5

Open Evening

Thursday 11th June

5pm - 8pm

Your invitation to meet our students, the Principal, and our staff.



Come and see us in action

Formal talks will take place at the following times:

5.15pm

6.00pm

6.45pm

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

It has been a busy month for our school councillors. We started by organising a food collection for the Plymouth Foodbank. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A highlight for our school councillors this month was a day trip to London. First stop was a visit to Big Ben before heading into the Palace of Westminster where we explored both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The children were so excited to discover King Charles III had visited the House of Lords only one week earlier for the State Opening of Parliament. It was also fascinating to learn about the House of Commons, to see where MPs debate laws and question the Prime Minister and where the Speaker makes sure discussions are fair and follow the rules of Parliament. During our tour, we learned about the history of the building and discovered Westminster Hall is the oldest surviving part of the parliamentary estate. The children were amazed to find out that it has hosted famous state trials involving historical figures such as William Wallace, Guy Fawkes, and Charles I. To finish our day, we enjoyed a ride on the London Eye, taking in the breathtaking views and famous landmarks across London. Our school councillors were fantastic ambassadors for our school throughout the trip, and we are incredibly proud of them.

Here are the views of the children:
"I liked learning about the history in the Houses of Parliament." Jacob
"I liked going really high and I loved seeing all the Landmarks!" Teddi
"I could see Buckingham Palace from the London Eye." Pixie
"The House of Commons was really interesting. I liked that the best." Alice
"I loved everything." Emily
"Big Ben is amazing!" Malachi
"I loved going up high on the London Eye!" Aliyah







A Month in Pictures



















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