



Head Teacher Newsletter 24/02/23

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term, from what the children have told me you have all been very busy and made the most of it.

Following our RWinc training we have hit the ground running with our phonics teaching. The children have been grouped into the appropriate groups, they are being taught in small groups and we are following RWinc well. The training and ongoing support will mean the children make accelerated progress with their reading. Please do use the RWinc videos and resources which are sent home, they will greatly support your child to read fluently and with confidence.

This week we have had very exciting Conductive Music sessions happening! These sessions have seen the children create sound and music in a variety of ways from using their mouths, digital sounds via iPads and even using electric circuits. Mrs Short has added a summary and some photos below.

As I am sure you will have read I will not be continuing as Headteacher at Marhamchurch. I am excited to continue supporting our school as we continue to develop and ensure the children leave us ready for their next stage.

Thank you for all of your support! I am sure you will welcome our new Head and continue to support us all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Thorne

Head Teacher

Stars of the Week!



Owl class: Bobby

Puffin class: Sonny

Kingfisher class: Tristan

Chough class: Lexi

Kestrel class: Serena

Well done for demonstrating our school values, being a positive role model across our school and learning to the best of your ability!



1 - Gardening Club

The fruit trees have had their annual prune and our Gardening Club children cleared all of the sticks and branches from the track - great work boys. They also replenished our compost bins with a bucket of worms so that our playtime fruit can be turned into compost. A very productive lunchtime. Thank you to those who have offered to ADOPT-A-POT in the front of school: there have been some lovely plans made by families to care for our tubs (weeding/re-planting/watering). We can't wait to see how they look soon.



Gymnastics

Training for the North Devon Schools Competition starts again next week.

Monday 27th Feb - year 5 & 6 3:15-4:30pm

Wednesday 1st March - year 1 & 2 3:15-4:30pm

Thursday 2nd March - year 3 & 4 3:15-4:30pm

Saturday 4th March - everyone. Your child should have brought a letter home this week with the dates/times of all of their practice sessions until the event on 25th March (there are spares in the office if needed). The closing date for ordering competition t-shirts (an optional extra) is 8th March - order forms are available in the school office.

SPORTS SQUAD

Our year 6 team - Zac, Jago, Tyler P and Lewis - have done a fantastic job with the playtime huff and puff toys for the past half term. They have made a great start with our new huff and puff shed and have kept it remarkably tidy for the entire time! Well done to all of you for taking on your role in such a mature manner. Our new Sports Squad who will now take over from the boys are : Hannah, Tyler S, Caiden, Charley & Evie. The Sports Squad from last half term have been busy running a Half-termly Challenge - the results from this football themed activity will be announced next week.



2 - Messy Church Club

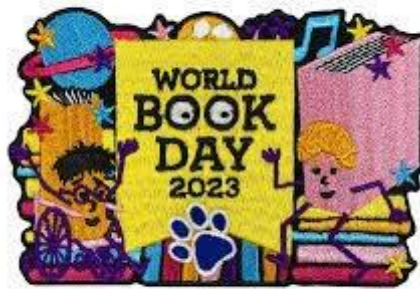
Children all enjoyed another creative session this week, learning all about Noah's Ark.



Upcoming Events



3 - PSFA PUFFIN CLASS CAKE SALE DATE CHANGE – This will now take place on Monday 13th March so that it does not clash with the Newquay Zoo trip on 21st March.



4 - WORLD BOOK DAY – Children will be coming home with a World Book Day token today. This £1 token can be used towards the cost of any book in local book shops. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March; children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book and each teacher will be bringing in one of their favourite story books to read to children.



5 - Chartwells St Pirans Day Menu

On Thursday 9th March we will be celebrating St Piran's Day. Instead of the usual menu children will be served Meat or Cheese & Onion Pasty then dessert will be a decorated chocolate cookie. The Jacket Potato option will still be available. Please order a meal on Parentpay as usual.



6 - PSFA Diary Dates 2023

Attendance Matters!

This week our attendance as a whole school is 95%

Owl class: 100%

Puffin class: 98%

Kingfisher class: 91%

Chough class: 97%

Kestrel class: 91%

A huge well done to Owl class for their 100% attendance, amazing! A good start to the new term for the school.

Conductive Music

Asone Music Hub organised Conductive Music based in London to visit schools in Cornwall. We were very fortunate to be one of the three schools on North Cornwall to have this amazing experience. Conductive Music's mission 'is to deliver engaging music learning programs for all school children in key stage 1 and key stage 2, mixing the Arts with Technology, and championing the STEAM approach. (mixing art and technology) We support you and your colleagues through our unique learning programmes to get all students believing: "I can do that too!"

The children used iPads and Chromebooks to make some music. The Puffins drew sounds on iPads and their pictures turned into music. The remaining classes played on keyboards on our Chromebooks after they had thought about electricity and made circuits. Kingfishers played 'Hot Cross Buns'.

All the children had a memorable day and would love to do it again.