

The Beacon

Academic Year 2020/21

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Hello from Mrs Hunter

Yesterday afternoon I was in a meeting with Mr Farr reviewing our fire practice plans. This involved the pre-arranged sounding of the bell on Friday morning so that the new Foundation children could be warned it was going to go off and learn what it was for while the teachers in other year groups could use it as a reminder to talk with their class about what their evacuation route from their new classroom would be. A full practice evacuating the building would then happen next week. However, by accident, the alarm was triggered at that very moment! It is always a 'heart in your mouth' moment as the Headteacher when the alarm goes off and you now that it is not a planned practice. However, once the initial relief was passed that it was a false alarm and the fire brigade called to say that they were not needed I took my position on the playground to supervise the evacuation. Oh My Word. I wish it had been filmed so that I could have shared it with you so you could have seen just how incredible your 642 children were. They filed out in total silence, lined up in bubbles (which we were going to practice next week) and they stayed focused and alert. All adults and children were out swiftly and were accounted for. As for Foundation Stage – the rest of the school gave them a round of applause as they did so well. I was a very, very proud Headteacher as I stood in front of everyone. And on another positive, as Miss Spragg pointed out to me, how lovely it was to see the whole school together for the first time in such a long time. So, fire practice ticked off! Knocked it out of the park!

Stay safe in the stormy weather and see you next week.

Mrs Hunter 😊

Free School Meal

If you receive certain benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Plymouth City Council is able to check your eligibility online, therefore minimising the need to provide proof of your entitlement.

It is of great benefit for our school if you are entitled to free school meals as we could receive extra school funding for all children who qualify.

Even if your child is aged 4 to 7, and would qualify for Universal Free School Meals, we would encourage you to register for free-school-meals, if you think that you may be entitled under any of the benefits.

School Term Dates for 2020/2021

(In light of the current situation dates might be subject to change)

Mon 26th Oct - Non-Pupil Day

Thurs 22nd Oct – KS1 individual photos (Foundation to Yr2 Inc.) – no family groups at this time

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct - Half term

Mon 2nd Nov– KS2 individual photos (Yr3 to Yr6 Inc.) – no family groups at this time

Fri 27th Nov - Non-Pupil Day

Fri 18th Dec – last day of term

Mon 21st Dec – Thurs 31st Dec – Christmas Holidays

Fri 1st Jan 2020 – Bank holiday

Mon 4th Jan – Non-pupil day

Mon 15 – Fri 19th Feb Inc. – Half term

Fri 2nd Apr – Bank holiday

Mon 5th Apr – Bank holiday

Tues 6th – Fri 16th Apr – Easter holidays

Mon 3rd May – Bank holiday

Fri 31st May – Bank holiday

Tues 1st – Fri 4th June Inc. – Half term

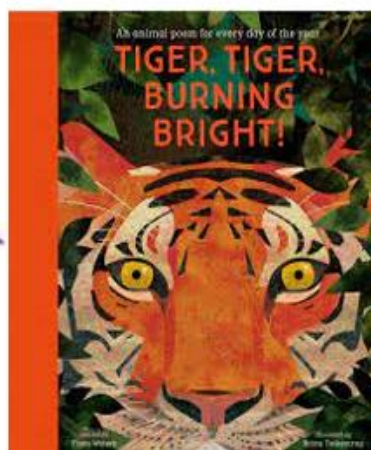
Fri 25th June – non-pupil day

Fri 23rd July – Last day of term (**1:30pm finish for Year 6 / 2:15pm finish for Foundation through to Year 5**)

Mon 26th July – start of the summer holidays

Book of the week

BOOK OF THE WEEK



The 1st October is National Poetry Day. What better way to celebrate than with a poem for every day of the year inside this beautiful book! Celebrate the animal kingdom through a diverse range of poetry, from Lewis Carroll to Grace Nichols. Illustrated by Britta Teckentrup (one of my new favourite author/illustrators). Her breath-taking illustrations bring together all the richness and wonder of the animal kingdom.

If you have shared a book with your child and would like to recommend it, please email me. daniellejones@mpsplymouth.net



LORD'S TAVERNERS
Giving young people a sporting chance

WICKETZ



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DEVON CRICKET

FREE CRICKET SESSIONS!

Please book your place in advance. Contact Katie Holland:
katie.holland@devoncricket.co.uk/07498 751414



**Come along
to your local
Wicketz hub,
make friends,
have fun and
stay healthy!**

WHERE: Manadon Sport & Community Hub,
121 St Peters Road, Plymouth, PL5 3FD

WHEN: Thursdays 4pm - 5pm

WHO FOR: Boys & girls aged 8-16 of all abilities welcome.
Booking your place in advance is essential.

COST: Free!

WHAT TO BRING:
A drink (not fizzy). Wear
appropriate clothing for
indoor and outdoor activities.

Starts 8 October

Plymouth Dads Project



Sat 3rd Oct , 1-3.30pm, Apple Pressing

For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Sat 17th Oct, 2-3.30pm, Autumn Leaves

For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Tue 20th Oct 7pm, Dads' Conversation Café

Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 14th Nov, 1-3.30pm, Campfire Cooking

For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Sat 21st Nov, 2-3.30pm, Build a Story

For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Tue 24th Nov 7pm– Dads' Conversation Café

Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 12th Dec, 1-3.30pm, Christmas at the Cabin

For over 5s and their dads @ The Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1 EJ

Tue 15th Dec 7pm– Dads' Conversation Café

Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 19th Dec, 2-3.30pm– Christmas Creating

For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Calling all dads and male carers (step dads, uncles, grandads...) come meet other dads, make new friends, enjoy fun FREE activities with your children on Saturdays and discuss the challenges and successes of being a dad at our Tuesday Conversation Cafés— a safe space to talk all things dad & eat pizza...

Please book your FREE place through info@dangerousdads.org.uk or call/text 07934739098.

Limited places to ensure we can provide safe, socially distanced events and the right amount of refreshments so booking is essential...

FREE Events for Dads-Autumn Series 2020

Restricted places available due to COVID 19 - please book early to avoid disappointment



Prizes and medals to be won every day!!

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ARGYLE SOCCER ROADSHOW

Our Soccer Roadshows are age and football specific with the emphasis on fun, enjoyment and development. Sessions include skills, technique, competitions and small sided games.

ARGYLE HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

Finish the October half term with an action packed day of football activities from shooting to world cup tournament. Added incentive all participants will walk away with a prize and be involved in a prize draw at the end of the day.

GIRLS ONLY ROADSHOW

Girls of all abilities have the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and really feel part of the football community. These sessions are in place to shatter any lingering pre-conceptions about women's and girls' football and boost participation whilst learning skills and technique and playing small sided games.

MINI PILGRIMS

Mini Pilgrim football sessions are for children from 18 months to 5 year olds, who are experiencing their first taste of structured coaching sessions. The emphasis is to improve the children's listening and concentration skills whilst working on balance and co ordination within a social environment. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions.

T 01752 562561 ext 4

E community@pafc.co.uk

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years.

Courses run from 10am to 3pm with the exception of Mini Pilgrims 10am to 12pm

For our cancellation policy please visit <https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/terms>

DISABILITY SOCCER ROADSHOW

A fun-filled day packed with football games in an inclusive and comfortable environment. The day is tailored for children with a physical impairment, learning disability or mental health condition.

PRIMARY STARS DAY

Premier League Future Stars offers multi-sports activities that include football, handball and dodgeball. From learning the sports to engaging within competitions we focus on the core PL Stars values - Be Connected, Be Ambitious, Be Fair, Be Inspiring. Can you be the next future star?

MULTI SPORTS

Chance for participants to undertake a wide range of sports throughout the day. Sports will vary from football, handball, tag rugby plus many more. Each venue and area will offer different sports.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS

Saturday Morning football sessions are aimed at children 4 -11 years old. The sessions are staffed by qualified & full time members of staff. The emphasis is to improve the children's football skills and confidence, whilst working on balance and co ordination. The children can develop in a safe and fun environment over the duration of the sessions. This is open to players of all experience and ability.

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2020

Book our courses online

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk



Prices from £5 to £30
Registration opens at 9.40am

All courses for boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15 years
Courses run from 10am to 3pm with the exception of Mini Pilgrims 10am to 12pm
Additional activities are available

LEARN.
PLAY.
SUCCEED.

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PLYMOUTH

NO.	VENUE	DATE	THEME
P01	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	26 October	PL Primary Stars Days
P02	Lipson Vale Primary	26 October	Multi-Sports Day
P03	Lipson Vale Primary	27 October	Multi-Sports Day
P04	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	27 October	Strikers & Goalkeepers
P05	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	27 October	Girls Only Football Roadshow
P06	Newton Ferra Primary	27 October	Multi-Sports Day
P07	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
P08	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	28 October	Mini Pilgrims (10am-12pm)
P09	Newton Ferra Primary	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
P10	Wembury Primary	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
P11	Newton Ferra Primary	29 October	Multi-Sports Day
P12	Wembury Primary	29 October	Multi-Sports Day
P13	Plymouth Argyle FC, Home Park	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special
P14	Plymouth Academy	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special
P15	Lipson Vale Primary	30 October	Multi-Sports Day

EAST CORNWALL & NORTH DEVON

NO.	VENUE	DATE	THEME
EC01	St Joseph's School, Launceston	26 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
EC02	Lanivet Community Hub	26 October	Argyle Match Day Special
EC03	Wadebridge Football Club	27 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
EC04	Dobwalls Football Club	27 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
EC05	Saltmill 3G Saltash	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
EC06	Budehaven Leisure Centre All Weather Pitch	28 & 29 October	2 Day Argyle Football Roadshows
EC07	St Teath Football Club	29 October	Argyle Match Day Special
EC08	St Joseph's School, Launceston	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special
EC09	Lanivet Community Hub	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special

DISABILITY

NO.	VENUE	DATE	THEME
D01	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	26 October	Short Breaks (10am-1pm)
D02	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	27 October	Short Breaks (10am-1pm)
D03	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	29 October	PAN Disability Soccer Roadshow

MID & WEST CORNWALL

NO.	VENUE	DATE	THEME
MC01	Penair School, Truro	26 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
MC02	Treviglas School, Newquay	27 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
MC03	Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Pool	28 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
MC04	Helston Football Club	29 October	Argyle Football Roadshow
MC05	Falmouth School	30 October	Argyle Halloween Special

All courses
£16 for 1 day,
£30 for 2 days.
Halloween Special
Just £18

SATURDAY MORNING CENTRES

VENUE	TIME	THEME
Manadon Sports and Community Hub	9am -10am	Saturday Morning Centre
Manadon Sports and Community Hub	9am -10am	Mini Pilgrims
Lanivet Community Hub	9am -10am	Ability Counts Centre
Lanivet Community Hub	10:15-11:15am	Lanivet Saturday Morning Centre
Dobwalls Football Club	9am -10am	Dobwalls Saturday Morning Centre
Launceston College 3G	9am -10am	Southgate Saturday Morning Centre
Falmouth School	9am -10.30am	Saturday Morning Centre
Carn Brea	9am -10.30am	Saturday Morning Centre

Every Saturday
till Christmas!
Only £3 a session

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Is your child starting secondary school in September 2021 or 2022?

We'd like to invite you to one of the Marine Academy Open mornings!

There is no doubt we are one of the most improved schools in the country with very high expectations both of terms of student behaviour and academic success. **We unreservedly believe that every child should have the opportunity to attend University when they leave us** and our academic curriculum is designed to ensure that this is the pathway that our students will follow.

We accept no excuses for poor behaviour and instil a belief in our children that they can match the success of students attending schools such as Eton, Harrow and Wycombe Abbey.

Our very own bespoke leadership initiative offers all students the opportunity to develop key attributes relating to the MAP core values.

Leadership - Resilience - Aspiration

Students will be required to complete a number of tasks to achieve the Bronze, Silver, Gold, and MAP Award, which will enrich students' cultural capital and provide all students with the personal attributes needed to succeed on the path to University and into adult life.

We also offer a vast array of clubs and activities for students to become involved with outside ranging from sports clubs to café Scientifique, from Spanish club to Uno! As well as this all year 7 students are given access to free music 1-2-1 music tuition!

Come and see one of the most improved schools in the country!



Open Events 2020



Come and see the best school in Plymouth in action!

Open mornings:

18th, 24th, 25th September & every Friday in October!

Our open mornings will run from 8.45am - 10.05am where there will be a welcome presentation followed by a chance to see our school in action! All mornings will include a tour of the school for you to see our calm and safe environment, meet current staff and students and experience our world renowned teaching strategies! Open mornings will be appointment only so if you'd like the opportunity to find out what makes us different, please book by contacting reception and reserving a space on your preferred day!

To arrange a visit, please contact us on 01752 213939 or email contact@marineacademy.org.uk. For further information about the academy, please visit our website:

www.marineacademy.org.uk/secondary

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