

Deputy Headteacher News The Children's University

Last night I had the privilege of attending the Children's University graduation ceremony at The Rolle Marquee, Plymouth University. The Sunday Times describes it as 'The University of Fun', encouraging 5-14 year olds to try new experiences, develop new interests and acquire new skills. The event was packed full of entertainment, inspirational talk and was attended by children, teachers and families from schools across Devon and Cornwall. Our children (Alexa Uren, Hania Srokosz, Oscar Rayner, Elizabeth Ryles, Esme Cooper, Lily Summerfield, Alex and Jessica Hudson) were a little apprehensive, but excited, with everyone in attendance feeling extremely hot, the temperature in the marquee was comparable to the warmest of summer days, but as the ceremony commenced everyone soon settled into the evening with the children picking up their commemorative badge that acknowledged their accomplishments outside of school. The highlight of the evening for many was the throwing of the cap as the ceremony drew to a close. It was a fantastic event to be part of and my thanks goes out to the parents for their part in the achievements of the children. If you would like more information about the Children's University please visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk.

Have a fantastic half term break (I know I will) and I look forward to seeing you all again on October 31st.



School Games - Cross country

Congratulations to the year 5/6 boys who took part in a friendly cross country event held at Heles school. The boys team finished in 2nd position overall.

On Thursday was the last warm up cross country event held at Coombe Dean. This by far, was the hardest course but didn't faze our children. First race was the year 4 girls, having 2 of them finishing in the top 10 giving the team 4th position overall. The year 4 boys also put in an incredible performance finishing in 3rd. Our last athletes to race were the year 5/6 girls, once again the girls ran extremely well. The A team finished in 2nd position overall and B team in 6th. The girls' team was waiting nervously at the end for the announcement of the league winners, and to no surprise the A team won overall by 100+ points B team in 3rd. Congratulations teams you were all amazing.

C4L

10 children across KS2 was invited to a C4L event held at Plymstock, it was great to see them all trying new and different activities while mixing with other schools. Fantastic atmosphere, well done. A C4L club will start on the first Friday back after half term during lunch times.

Quicksticks

Year 6 hockey team had their first competition at Brickfields last Friday. These children were spotted by the hockey coach that visited our school a few weeks ago. What talent we have, winning all matches and not conceding a single goal. The team won their group with maximum points and have progress to the level 3 Winter Games next year. Congratulations, fantastic team spirit.

Diary Dates

Mon 24th to Fri 28th Oct 2016

- Half term

Mon 31st Oct 2016

- KS2 individual photos (family groups from 8am)

Fri 2nd Dec 2016

- 3:15 to 5pm Christmas Fair

Thurs 8th December 2016

- Christmas lunch

Mon 19th Dec '16 - Tues 3rd Jan Inc.

- Christmas Holidays

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb 2017 Inc.

- Half term

Mon 3rd - Tues 18th Apr 2017 Inc.

- Easter holidays

Mon 1st May 2017

- Bank holiday

Sun 21st - Fri 26th May 2016

- Bude Residential (Yr 6)

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June '17 Inc.

- Half term

Tues 25th July 2017

- Leavers' assembly
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish (Yr6 finish at 1.30pm)

Wed 26th July 2017

- Start of the summer holidays



Monty's Den

Monty's Den is our onsite after school care. Call Tammy on 07522 429599 for more information or to book a session. Sessions start from £6.50. Flexible booking available www.thedens.co.uk

Secondary School Applications

May we remind year 6 parents that the deadline for secondary school applications is Mon 31st October 2016 via web.plymouth.gov.uk

Foundation News

Aliens have taken over Foundation! We have been busy making aliens using junk modelling and blow painting.

Foundation now have their very own Space Station and are preparing for take-off on Thursday 3rd November. Could we please ask you to make a space helmet with your child over the half term holiday. The children can then wear them into school on the space day on the 3rd November.

Could we please ask for large boxes, tubes and container which will be used for a building project on the Thursday. Hope you have a lovely half term.

Year 1 News

What a great end to a fantastic first half term in Year One! It was lovely to meet lots of you at parents' evening and share some of the brilliant things the children have achieved. We look forward to seeing you again on Friday 4th November at 2:15pm for our Giant's Tea Party! We hope that you all enjoy a well-earned rest over half term... See you when we get back to delve deeper into our Journey with the Giants topic!

Year 2 News

How fast has the first term gone? It has only been a short amount of time since the children began their journey in year 2 but they have progressed so much. Every challenge they've faced has been met with enthusiasm and determination - well done year 2! It was a pleasure to meet so many of you this week and share your child's brilliant learning and the whole team would like to thank you for your continuing support. We are thoroughly looking forward to our Eden project visit and would like to encourage any outstanding voluntary contributions to be made at your earliest convenience (we currently cannot afford the trip). Have an enjoyable half term. The children really deserve it. Thank you.

Year 3 News

Year 3 have been using all the amazing facts they learnt at Kent's Cavern this week to help them write their amazing 'Prehistoric Beast' guides. We hope you enjoyed coming in to see their dazzling writing and amazing art work. This week we have also checked the children's bronze and silver spotlight spellings- it is brilliant to see lots of cups starting to go up on our class champion's display. After half-term we will be checking times tables so if they could continue to practice these that would be a great help (2, 5, 10 x tables= bronze cup, 3, 4 times tables= silver cup, 8 x table= gold cup). Thanks for all your support in what has been a busy but successful term, it is much appreciated. Have a great half-term.

Year 4 News

Wow! We have been really impressed by year 4's focus and enthusiasm for their learning during this week, rounding off a successful first term in year four. In Maths this week we have been looking at the properties of 2D shapes and investigating which 2D shapes have lines of symmetry. During half term ask your child if they can spot shapes with lines of symmetry in the environment. In English we have been writing our own poems which have included metaphors and similes. During parents evening it was lovely to meet so many supportive parents and an absolute pleasure to share your child's achievements. Enjoy your half term.

Year 5 News

How quickly the weeks have gone by and we are at half-term already. The children have been completing their persuasive letter this week and trying to 'convince' their teacher with their understanding of rounding whole numbers and decimals.

We will confirm the 'Buckland Abbey' visit after half-term to allow further contributions to be made. There were a few 'Bikeability' forms to be returned and we ask that these be returned as soon as possible.

The year 5 team would like to thank those parents, who attended the GLT session last Friday, and we hope you found it a worthwhile experience.

Enjoy the half-term break and remember to complete the 'Half-Term Reading Challenge' during the week.

Year 6 News

Wow! It has certainly been a busy start to the school year. As we come to the end of the first half term, we would like to thank all the children who have been trying their best, both in their learning and their attitudes in school. Also, we would like to thank all the parents that took the time to see us at parent's evening, and those that came in to school to support their child on Art day.

We hope you have a good holiday but also complete all the homework we have set! You can ask your child to explain and you will also find this information on eSchools.

School Dinner Payments

Please ensure payments for school meals are made in advance in accordance with school policy.

School Meal Menu Winter 2016

You should now have received a copy of the new winter menu which comes into effect on our return after half term on 31st October 2016. A copy can also be viewed on our school website.

Changes to Dinner Menu

Week 1 - 31.10.16 ONLY:-

Wednesday 2nd November - Celebrating

National Roast Day

Option 1 Roast Beef

Option 2 Vegetable Pie

Jacket or Wraps

Thursday 3rd November

Option 1 Chicken Nuggets

Option 2 Spanish Omelette

Jacket or Wraps

Friday 4th November –

Celebrating Bonfire night

Option 1: HOT DOGS

Option 2: Quorn HOT DOGS (V), sauté potatoes, peas or baked beans.

OR Jacket Potato

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO WRAPS ON THIS DAY

Music News

There will be no instrumental lessons for any instrument in the week commencing 31st October. The instrumental teachers are well on their way to their quota of 10 lessons you have paid for this term and so are taking an extended break.

All Miss JR's choirs and clubs, apart from Wednesday steel pan start back as soon as we get back from half term to start preparing for Christmas.

Wednesday steel pan starts back on Wed 9th November.

Library Update

The children have been given a reading challenge homework for half term and we hope they enjoy embracing as many of the challenges as possible! We look forward to receiving their entries when we return after the break.

A few things to mention regarding the library. The first Friday back after half term- the 4th November, there will be a book sale from a recent cull of our non-fiction stock so please feel free to come to the main entrance after school and check it out! Also, we are looking for some volunteers who have experience in working in a library and have a passion for children's literature. If you could spare a regular day each week from 12pm-1pm, and you are interested in helping to promote and support the library, then please see Mrs Dyer. Alternatively, email on lauradyer@mpsplymouth.net.