



12th October

Mount Street Primary News

What a busy week!

Thank you for your understanding this morning when the entrance to the playground was flooded making access difficult.

I can inform you that, after months of preparation and due diligence, we have now officially joined the Learning Academies Trust (LAT). On Wednesday, all the staff attended an after school staff training session with other schools from the LAT looking at how each school has been developing Oracy and how what we have learnt from each other can best benefit the children. Oracy is a huge focus across many of the city schools and we are fortunate to be working with leading professionals in this area, developing the communication skills of our pupils.



Also on Wednesday a group of our Year 5's went to the Life Centre for their Bronze Sports Ambassador training. They are now planning with Mrs Travers and Donna how they will lead playground games at lunchtime.

Yesterday, despite the rain showers, we set off to walk to Holy Cross Primary School as part of the 'walk to the moon' Plymouth schools relay. The children enjoyed the walk through the park, observing the changing season and spotting squirrels and it was wonderful to see how caring our older pupils were towards the younger pupils that they walked with. Well done Year 6, your excellent care and good manners were commented on by many people during the course of the walk. Indeed, well done to everybody and a particular thank you to the parents who accompanied us. Between us we have clocked up a fair few minutes towards this week's total. Our school ambassadors received the Astro-Mo figure and the rocket packs from pupils from Pilgrim Primary and, upon reaching Holy Cross Primary, handed these over as well as our flag of friendship.



I hope you enjoyed the Harvest Assembly this afternoon. For those of you who were unable to attend, these photos give you a flavour of the children's performances: Year 1 delighted us with their storytelling of 'The Little Red Hen,' year 4 performed a very creative Harvest poem, Year 6 led us in a Harvest contemplation and both Key Stage 1 and 2 performed two Autumn songs: "Stars" and "In the Autumn". Thank you



for the donations of foodstuffs - these will be passed on to the Foodbank.



The Parents Forum was held on Tuesday morning. Our official joining of the Learning Academies Trust was discussed as well as the School Development Plan, the Christmas celebrations, staffing changes and the potential formation of an e-safety group. If any parent / carer feels able to contribute towards this group please let Ms Shillaber know.

It was decided that we would try to make the newsletters more widely available by emailing them to you. If you would like the newsletter sent to you by email could you please give your email address to Julie in the office before next Friday.

FOMSS held their AGM on Thursday morning. This was well attended. As a result of the hard work of this group of parents / carers in organising the pizza cafes, summer cafes, Christmas fayre, Summer fayre, discos, Mufti days, Christmas card printing and refreshments at various events throughout the year, FOMSS have been able to provide, amongst other things, payment for every child across the school to go on a school trip and the upkeep of the guinea pigs. This is greatly appreciated by all of us at the school.



Congratulations go to the group of children from the Reception class who celebrated reading their first 10 books, to Maisie for winning her rosette for her horse riding, to Year 4 who have earned the most dojo points so far this term, to Mrs Travers and Miss Knox who ran in Sunday's 10K race and to Eduard (Y4), Enass (Y5), Jamie (Y5) and Abigail (Y2) who are the first people to have been nominated for the Golden table this term. This is in recognition of their good manners and considerate behaviour towards others at lunchtime.

Year 1 had a lovely time on Monday at central library. They all read a book and came away with their very own library card!



Year 5 won the best attendance this week. The classes' attendance is as follows:

1 st – 5 th October	% Attendance
Year 5	96.88
Reception	96.67
Year 4	94.29
Year 2	93.2
Year 6	93.04
Year 3	92.5
Year 1	91.36
Nursery	69.62
Whole School 91.02%	Target 97%

For Your Diary

	Date	When	Who	What
Autumn Term	October			
	16	3:10	All	Last FOMSS Summer Café
	18	9:00	YR - 5	'Flu Immunisation
	19	All Day	Nursery and Me2	Closed for cleaning
	19	All Day	Y6 only	Y6 Mufti day for attendance
	19	3:10	All	FOMSS Pizza Café
	20	All Day	All	Half term holiday
	29	All Day	All	Back to School
	29 - 31	3:15	All	Parent / Teacher meetings
	November			
	5 - 8	9:00	YR	Bikeability Balance
	7	4:00	Children	FOMSS Disco
	12 - 16	All Week	Some Y5 and 6	Heatree
	16	All Day	Children	Children in Need Dressing-up Day
	29	2:30	All	Home Learning Exhibition
	30	3:10	All	FOMSS Pizza Café
	December			
	7	All day	All children	Mufti day for Christmas Fayre
	11	10:00	KS2	Christmas performance dress rehearsal
	11	3:00 - 4:30	All	KS2 Christmas performance
	12	3:10	All	Christmas Fayre
	13	12:30	All	Christmas Dinner
	19	All day	Nursery and Me2	Closed for cleaning
	20	All day	All	Closed for training
	21 - Jan 6	All day	All	Christmas Holiday
January				
7	All day	All	Back to school	