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Friday 27th September 2019



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Head Boy and Head Girl

Every year the Y6 children are asked if they would like to be considered for the Head boy and Head girl role. Once again, we were thrilled with the responses from the children and incredibly proud of the way they presented themselves in front of the staff. This is never an easy process and we are always so proud of the confidence and articulation of the children. This year I am thrilled to announce that our Head boy is Oakley Scott and our Head girl is Rebecca Child. We look forward to working with them both, alongside the school champions and Mr Wilkins. Many congratulations!



PGL - Beam House

This was a great opportunity for the Year 5 children to develop and experience some new activities at Beam House. Reports were that the children were well behaved and showed great manners and respect - so well done to those 15 children who went. A huge thankyou to Mrs Rust & Mrs Baskerville-King for supporting our children on this residential.

School Champion Visit

On Thursday 26th September some of our School Champions had the opportunity to attend the Plymouth City Youth Council. This was an opportunity for children in our school, and other schools in Plymouth to have their voices heard and decide upon important issues that affect them. It was a great day; we listened to visiting speakers, reviewed the past year's successes and then presented and voted on the new priorities for this year. Being able to use the council chamber was a great experience, and our children represented the school well.

Lewis (Yr6) was our representative who bravely stood in the council chambers and explained that we wanted to prioritise child mental health and well-being this year. He did such a great job, that the Youth Council agreed with him and this will be something the school champions at this school and others in Plymouth will be focusing on this year.

We're looking forward to the next meeting where we can work with other schools in Plymouth to promote a well-being agenda in school.



Roald Dahl Class Harvest Assembly

Friday 4th October is Roald Dahl Class Assembly for Harvest. We would be very grateful if you could send donations in for the local Foodbank to collect.

Items which they would prefer and are in need of are:-

- UHT Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Cereal
- Tinned Meat, Biscuits, Tinned Tomatoes
- Dried Goods (pasta, rice)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Size 6 Nappies

Please check your items are in date and bring into school on Friday 4th October.

Thanking you in advance.

Mr Kombostiotis



Year 3/4 Football Club



Due to an overwhelming response for Football club we have decided to split the club into two. This term we will be running Year 5 & 6 football. We will be running a Year 3/4 Football club in the Summer term. Year 3 and 4 children won't have to put their names down again as they will have a place already.

Thank you.

Mr Kombostiotis

Attendance for w/c 16/9/2019

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the current class attendance data.

David McKee	96.5%
Beatrix Potter	92.9%
Anthony Browne	90.4%
David Walliams	94.1%
Roald Dahl	94.1%
C.S. Lewis	93.5%
Michael Morpogo	94.8%
Abi Longstaff	97.5%
Tom Fletcher	95.9%

FACEBOOK

Please follow us on our new Facebook page - Discovery Multi Academy Trust.



Important Dates



- 04/10/19 - Year 3 Harvest Assembly**
Roald Dahl Class
- 18/10/19 - Beatrix Potter Class Assembly**
- 21/10 - 25/10/19 Half Term**
- 28/11/19 Non Pupil Day**
- 29/11/19 Non Pupil Day**
- 20/12/19 Last day of term**
- 23/12/19 - 05/01/20 Christmas Holiday**
- 06/01/20 Return to school 8.45am**
- 17/02/19 - 21/02/19 Half Term**
- 24/02/19 - Return to school 8.45am**
- 30/03/19 - 13/04/19 Easter Holidays**
- 14/04/19 - Return to school 8.45am**
- 4/05/19 - Non-Pupil Day**
- 8/05/19 - May Bank Holiday**
- 25/05/19 - 29/05/19 Half Term**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dinners and Breakfast Club Payments

We currently have several people now in debt, please can you check your child's account and add credit before Monday if you have a debt or will be using the account next week.

Advanced payments secure your child's place at Breakfast Club and ALL school meals should be paid in ADVANCE.

Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner and breakfast club debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance.



Residential Information

Nethercott Farm -

Polite reminder - please pay your deposit of £75.00 to secure your place. Please check your ParentPay.



London -

Polite reminder - can we please ask that you check your monthly payments are up to date. Please speak to the office if you would like to discuss payment or require a barcode letter.

Year 5/6 Children & Parents

Remember it's that time of year for visiting Secondary Schools ready to make your application. The list of Open Evenings for schools can be found on the School

Admissions website at Plymouth City Council www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Admission Deadline : 31st October 2019 for the Year 6 children.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS CRITERIA

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



PTFA DISCO

On **Friday 4th October 2019** the PTFA will be holding a disco for the children. The cost will be £3.00 per child this is now to be paid on ParentPay. No cash will be accepted by the school or the PTFA as we are now a cashless school. All payments to be paid in full by **Thursday 3rd October 2019**, by paying on ParentPay you are consenting to your child/children to attend the school disco.

Foundation, Year 1 and 2 4:15pm-5:15pm.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 5:30pm-6:30pm.

TOGETHER FOR CHILDHOOD

Let's celebrate the launch of PANTS in
Plymouth!

Where: Plymouth Life Centre/ Central Park
(inside or outside, depending on the weather)

When: Saturday 28th September, 1-3 pm

Why: We're launching a city-wide Talk PANTS
campaign to help keep children safe

Please come along and join us at our free event.

What's on:

- Guest appearance by Pantosaurus
- Beat the Keeper with Plymouth Argyle
Community Trust
- Basketball with Plymouth Raiders
- Craft activities for children
- Storytime



Free dentistry service for adults and
children. Please use the link below.

<http://peninsuladental.org.uk/our-services/>

Children's Minds-Families Matter

Hosted by Routeways & Plymouth Parent Carer Voice
with Ruth Houghton CAMHS Community team
James Cook Child Development Centre

Free activity, support & participation group for families
supporting young people with mental and emotional health issues

2nd Saturday of every month
2-4 pm
Devonport Park Activity Centre,
Fore Street
Plymouth PL1 4BU



Contact Rose Taylor at Routeways 01752 856719



September 14th

Change &
transitions.

October 12th

Behaviour
strategies.

November 9th

Understanding
emotions & feelings.

December 14th

Resources & groups
available locally.

January 11th

Puberty,
relationships & how
to have THAT talk.

February 8th

Eating.

March 14th

Sleeping.

April 14th

NO SESSION
Easter Weekend

May 9th

Planning for Summer
holidays,
transitions &
activities.

June 11th

Online safety

July 11th

End of year
celebration and
planning ahead.

August

NO SESSION
SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS

Main Entrance/School Gate

At the start of the school day
the main entrance is only to
be used after 9.15am or with
prior agreement with Mrs Dinnis or Mr Wil-
kins. Please be aware that the gate is open
from 8.30am until 9.15am. If you arrive late
but before 9.15am the gate entrance **MUST
BE USED.**

The gate in the afternoon is open from
2.55pm for collection of children at the end
of school. The main entrance is not for
collecting children at the end of the day
unless prior agreement with Mrs Dinnis or
Mr Wilkins.

Thank you.

**PLEASE
NOTE..**