

Marlborough Primary Academy School News

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Art Week – We will be holding our annual art week beginning Monday 22nd January. It will end with a whole school art exhibition on Friday 26th January to which you are all invited to come to visit. The theme of the week is Colour. The

children will be taking part in a number of exciting activities developing and learning new artistic skills. We look forward to seeing you all there.

SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) – At Marlborough Primary Academy, all children matter and we are interested in the whole child. We are an inclusive school that looks to ensure the wellbeing of children with additional needs is catered for through our SEND support, Key Adult, Little Oaks provision and ELSA resources.

The SEND Code of Practice identifies four different areas of need:

- **Communication and interaction** – that is, children find communicating and understanding language difficult. This may be due to a specific language difficulty or condition such as autism, pragmatic difficulties (understanding social situations) or sensory processing disorder.
- **Cognition and learning** – that is, children have learning difficulties that mean they are not able to learn basic numeracy or literacy skills. A child with specific learning difficulty (SpLD) may have difficulty with one or more aspects of learning. This includes a range of conditions such as dyslexia (difficulties with reading and spelling); dyscalculia (maths); dyspraxia (co-ordination) and dysgraphia (writing). Children with severe learning difficulties may also have difficulties in acquiring basic skills in any area and this may also impede their physical development.
- **Social, mental and emotional health** – that is, children that have severe difficulties in managing their emotions or behaviour. They can include low mood and problems of conduct.
- **Sensory and/or physical** – that is, children with physical or sensory disabilities which affect their ability to access the environment or learning. This may include visual or hearing impairment, cerebral palsy or congenital conditions, injury or disease.

If you are concerned or worried about your child and think they may require some additional support then please ask to speak with Mr. Dore.

Mr. Dore is the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo) as well as being the Head of School. You can catch him on the gate most days or can phone the office to make a time to meet with him.

Safer Internet Day – We will be taking part in this on Tuesday 6th February, with thousands of

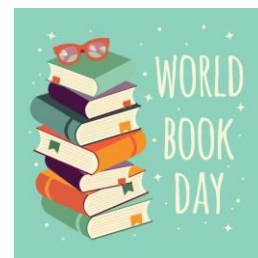
Safer
Internet
Day 2024 Tuesday
6 February
Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

people across other schools in the UK. The focus will be about talking to children about how to make the internet a great and safe place.

All parents and adults are encouraged to speak with children about how to stay safe online. If you want some help and guidance please look on our website or go to www.saferinternet.org.uk where you will find some really useful resources.

Inset Day – School will be closed on Friday 9th February meaning that the half term break will begin on Thursday 8th February.

World Book Day – As a school we will be taking part in World Book Day. This will be on Thursday 7th March. Everyone is encouraged to dress up as a book character or to wear their pyjamas to school for the day. We will be taking part in lots of exciting activities linked to reading. More information will come out as we get closer to the date.



Parents' Evenings – These will be happening towards the end of March. Please do make a note of the dates in your diary:

Tues 26th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)
Thurs 28th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

These are important opportunities for you to talk to your class teacher about how your child is doing and have the chance to look through their work.



day.

The class with the best attendance for the last two weeks is **Willows Class**. Well done!



PE Kit/Uniform – Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniforms. It is great to see the children in their school PE kit too! Please remember that football kits/other sports clothing are not to be worn for PE. The children should be in their school PE kit which is dark blue/black/grey leggings or shorts and a white top. When going outside for PE they can wear their school jumper over the white top.

Website

Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date. The address is:
www.marlborough.plymouth.sch.uk

Dates for Your Diary

Please do keep an eye on the diary dates but be aware they may be subject to change.

Fri 9th Feb – Inset day

HALF TERM

Mon 19th Feb – Return to school

Thurs 7th Mar – World Book Day

Tues 26th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 28th Mar – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Thurs 28th Mar – Break for Easter

EASTER BREAK

Mon 15th April – Return to school

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday

Mon 13th May – Y6 SATs week (Beech class)

Fri 24th May – Break for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June – Return to school

Mon 3rd June – Y4 table check (Sycamore class)

Mon 10th June – Y1 & Y2 phonics screen (Maple class)

Fri 21st June – Whole school sports afternoon

Fri 12th July – Annual report to parents

Tues 16th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Wed 17th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

Wed 17th July – Whole school picnic 2pm

Thurs 18th July – Parents' Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

Fri 19th July – Break for the summer holiday

SUMMER BREAK