



**Modbury Primary School Newsletter**  
**Friday 6th January 2023**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It may have been a short week back for the children but they have packed lots of exciting learning and activities in already including sharing what they had been doing on their break and Year 1 printing using their hands and feet. A big thank you to Mrs Worden, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Erith for coming and helping to paint and wash hands and feet on our first day back!

### **Mr Blackwell**

We said hello today to Mr Blackwell, our new Forest School Practitioner. The Reception and Year 3 children were very happy to be back out in their waterproofs and wellies exploring their environment. There was lots of muddy fun to be had and lots of smiling faces getting changed at the end of the day.

### **Miss Lewis**

We have also welcomed Miss Lewis this week as our Year 2 teacher for when Mrs West goes on maternity leave. She is really enjoying working alongside Mrs West, getting to know the children and planning their days going forward.

### **Clive Pig**

Clive Pig is the author of PiG's Tales which are a collection of Stand Up Stories and Comic Poetry. And he will be visiting our Year 4 and Year 5 next Tuesday.

He will be performing stories and holding workshops for our Year 4 and 5 children linked to their history topics 'Ancient Greeks and Vikings'. We are asking for a £5 donation from our Year 4 and 5 parents to cover the cost of this experience. Please go on to ParentPay to make this donation. We are hoping to book in other interesting experiences for the other year groups as we go through the year.

### **School Dinners**

Our apologies for the difficulties with the School Dinner ordering on our first day back. Unfortunately, it was a software error but the company quickly resolved it so all is back to normal for the rest of the week. This means you will again be able to pre-order your lunches which Mr Gales really appreciates. However please be aware that the system will be down between 10pm and 11pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January for maintenance. Please remember that school dinners should be pre-ordered via ParentPay and paid for in advance and a debt should not be accumulated. A packed lunch must be provided if you have a debt on your child's account. School dinners are £12.00 per week. Please log onto ParentPay and top up your child's dinner money ensuring you have enough credit for the rest of this term -thank you.

### **Forest School**

Thank you for the Christmas trees that have been donated so far for use in Forest School. Trees donated last year were used by children for den building, practising tool use, hanging bird feeders from and later in the year, when they had dried out, they were used for fire-lighters so very well recycled. As the new hedge is growing on the other side of the fence, please leave any further Christmas Tree donations by the gate near the woodchip and we will collect them from there.

Mr Blackwell has also asked if anyone has any old Tennis balls or yoga/camping mats that they would like to donate, could you please send them into school with your children as they will be really useful. Thank you.

## **National Childhood Measurement Programme 2022/3**

The School Nursing service will be carrying out the weighing and measuring of children in Reception and Year 6, which will start in January 2023 through to the end of the summer term. Letters have been sent out via email to the parents of the children in those classes giving more details and how to opt out if you would prefer.

## **Attendance**

### **This week's winners are Reception/Year 2/Year 4! Well done!**

The school day has two attendance sessions. If your child seems unwell in the morning but seems better by lunchtime, please bring them into school for the afternoon session, this will help to keep your child's attendance as high as possible. Thank you.

## **School Clubs**

The clubs for this half term are now available to book on ParentPay. Once the club is full then they will now longer be available for booking online.

## **Modbury Choir and Musicians**

This term, from 10th January to 3rd February, I will be undertaking a long planned trip to visit my sister in Australia who I haven't seen for 4 years. Obviously, this impacts on Music Mondays. I have spoken to Mrs Woods and she is happy to continue with the choir, so that will go ahead as usual. Before I set off, I am hoping to fit in a music lesson to give the children something to play and practise in my absence. This will be on Monday 9th January. The first lesson on my return from Australia, will be on Monday 6th February. Looking at term dates, this means there will probably be only 8 or 9 lessons for the term. I will adjust fees accordingly.

I apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to making some more magical music ready for Easter celebrations.

Mrs Gill

## **Achieve4All after School clubs**

Achieve4All after School clubs for the Spring term (1<sup>st</sup> Half) are currently on the booking system and ready for booking. See the details below:

Monday 3.30-4.30 KS2 Multi-skills - Starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

You can book these sessions by going to [www.achieve4all.co.uk](http://www.achieve4all.co.uk), scrolling down and click on BOOK NOW and then you can sign in or, if new, a one-time registration.

## **Plymouth Argyle Football After School Club**

Plymouth Argyle Football in the Community Trust is delighted to be holding an After School Club at Modbury Primary School (3.30pm-4.30pm) for children from years 1,2, 3,4,5 & 6.

The course will run for 6 weeks commencing on Friday 6th January and will finish on Friday 10th February. The cost will be £28 and numbers are limited to only 32 spaces you are advised to book early to secure a place.

You will only be able to book on this online via the below link:

[https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-after\\_school.html](https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-after_school.html)

It is absolutely imperative that payment and a completed application form is received prior to commencement of course or your child will not be included on the register for the session and will be unable to take part.

All of children who attend the course must have a parent/guardian sign them out after each session, coaches will not let children leave the premises unless a signature has been obtained, so please expect a telephone call if you have not signed for your child.

Children will need to bring with them trainers, Shin Pads, and a drink. Sessions will provide safety measures in line with the National Guidelines from the Government and the FA during the Covid 19

period.

Our coaches are CRB checked, hold a UEFA coaching qualification and have Emergency First Aid Training. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the ground on 01752 562561 Ex 4 or E-mail: [stewart.walbridge@pafc.co.uk](mailto:stewart.walbridge@pafc.co.uk).



Louise Nicholls  
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard  
Executive Head Teacher

### **Diary dates**

Our diary dates are now uploaded onto the website. These will be updated every week so please keep an eye on the 'upcoming events' banner.

<https://www.modburyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=46&viewid=2>

### **Attendance Trophy**

Please see the website on the link below:

[Attendance Trophy](#)

### **Celebration Assembly**

Please see the website on the link below:

[Celebration assembly](#)

### **Reading Stars**

Please see our website on the link below:

[Reading Stars](#)

### **PTA**

PTA News – please see the 'new news' category on the PTA page on the website:

[PTA](#)

### **Modbury Primary School - Job Vacancies**

Please see any vacancies via the website on the link below:

[Vacancies](#)

### **Key Stage Two Choir/Ocarina & Ukulele Clubs**

for further details please visit:

[Choir/ Ocarina/ Ukulele Club](#)



For further details please see:

[Modbury Primary School - Clubs](#)

## Community News

### Let's Talk Pre-Teens

The South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership have been working with a wide range of partners to produce a toolkit to support parents of pre-teens (9-12 year olds). This has been developed as a result of the resounding success of the Let's Talk Teenagers programme that has seen 2497 engagements with parents and carers so far. FREE online sessions through the Let's Talk programme for parents and carers of pre-teens are available this month.

The Let's Talk program is designed to increase parent and carers knowledge around the key risks whilst giving simple tools and techniques to help them support their child. As a partnership we acknowledge that parenting can be really difficult, especially in such challenging times. We want to get these resources to as many parents as possible and we need your help! We would be really grateful if you could share the information included in this email with all your contacts and communities so we can reach as many parents and carers as possible.

Tickets are free and available at [Let's Talk Pre-Teens](#).

The topics covered will be as follows:

#### **Tuesday 17th January 2023**

- Biology
- Difficult emotions
- Substance misuse

#### **Tuesday 24th January 2023**

- Relationships
- Exploitation
- Pornography
- Societal Stereotypes

#### **Tuesday 31st January 2023**

- Physical risks
- Safety planning
- Mental health
- Self-care

### Jam Slam Project 2023 - Years 5 & 6

We are delighted to announce that we have now released places for our Jam Slam Project 2023.

Students can sign up for group tuition and band skills on drum kit, guitar, bass, keyboard and vocals for only £3 per session or free for students eligible for free school meals.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.