



Modbury Primary School Newsletter
Friday 13th January 2023
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy one with the start of our clubs, the author Clive Pig running workshops with Year 4 and 5 plus a stunning assembly celebrating the Wassail. The children all enjoyed hearing all about the Wassail from Jo Highley and Charlotte Rathbone and singing the Wassail song.

Mrs West

Today was Mrs West's last day in school as she heads off onto Maternity Leave. We are looking forward to hearing all about her new arrival in the coming weeks and wish her well.

Reading

Congratulations to Hailun who has read an amazing 1, 010, 822 words and has become our first word millionaire this year!

Parking

Sadly this week we have had a number of complaints from residents about how dangerous Barracks Road has been at school drop off times. They are concerned that a child will be seriously injured due to inconsiderate parking, people loitering in the road and cars reversing or pulling into the road without looking. Please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to park and ensure you are parked safely plus check all around you before driving away. Our Mini Police will be designing a campaign over the coming weeks to encourage everyone to be safe on Barracks Road.

Clive Pig!

Year 4 and 5 enjoyed an inspiring experience this week, when storyteller Clive Pig visited the school to support and deepen our learning about The Vikings and the Greeks. He performed in role as a Viking raider and the Greek gods Pluto and Hades to give the children real insights into the stories, lives and beliefs of these early civilisations. Following on from this, Clive challenged the children to create their own scenes from Viking or Greek life. It was an absolute treat and a great way to start our new History topics.

School Dinners

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

Mr Blackwell has 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 and Year 3! Well done.

Every child has a right to education and to have the best possible life chances. By attending school daily and on time, they learn the importance of being punctual, a life skill which will serve them well as they grow into the next generation of working citizens. In addition, being late means they miss minutes which build into missed learning time and missed opportunities. Being punctual means all children learn well, free from interruption from late comers.

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. There are still places for Art, Drawing, Gardening and Pokemon plus there is a new Lego Club for KS1 which is available to book online. 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

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 £24 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

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.



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