



Modbury Primary School Newsletter
Friday 20th January 2023
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had some excitement this week due to the snow fall, all the children were super excited and we were pleased to see everyone wrapped up warm. It's been a busy week at School

Eco-Club - Some energy saving tips

This week in Eco-club, the children wrote some top tips that they hope will help you save energy at home:

We are trying to earn the eco badge for our school. We always try to turn off the lights when we leave the room. We have eco monitors in every class who make sure the lights are turned off when they are not needed or when everyone has left the classroom. So when you leave, or don't need the lights, remember to turn them off. Here are some of our other top tips:

1. Instead of using electrical light, open the curtains more and use daylight.
2. Go outside and make use of daylight.
3. Shut doors to save heat.
4. Put more layers on and turn down the heating (how many jumpers can you fit on?)
5. Don't leave music on.

From Caleb, Grace, Sophie, Evalyn, Edie, Verity and Olive.

The Growing Tower

We have just harvested our first crop from our growing tower. In year 6, we've been growing salad leaves hydroponically. That means that the plants do not grow in soil. Instead, they have been growing in a special tower where they get all the minerals they need from a chemical, that is poured into a big water tank and is then pumped around the tower to reach their roots. The plants were fresh and delicious and had virtually no food miles. We hope that a different class will grow the next harvest.

Modbury Preschool

Modbury School's Out Holiday Club is now taking bookings for 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th February 2023. All children from 3 - 11 year old are welcome. Children will have access to a newly renovated and well resourced garden, a large outdoor playground with ride ons, trikes, scooter and bikes, a well resourced room with table top games, crafts and activities, board games, IT equipment and a comfortable space to relax. Staff are qualified and experienced practitioners.

Price £27.50 (funding accepted where applicable)

Time open: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Bring your own lunch and snacks

admin@modbury-preschool.org.uk to book.

An opportunity to play & relax in a safe and stimulating setting, while making friends with children from around the South Hams.

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.

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 Year 2 with an amazing 100% again!

Minutes Late to School	Impact on Attendance over the Year
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	9.5 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
25 minutes late each day	15 days lost

Well done Year 2!

Remember that punctuality is almost as important as attendance. Every minute in school counts and arriving late not only means missed learning but can also result in children not settling as well at the start of the day. Attendance letters will be coming home soon for any children whose attendance is causing the school concern. We want to work with all families to ensure our children are in school as much as possible to ensure the best possible life chances. Thank you for your support as always in this matter.

School transport forms

We are running a new system for school transport arrangements. All children travelling by bus or taxi will have received a form. Please make sure they are returned to school by Monday each week.

School Clubs

The clubs for this half term are now available to book on ParentPay. There are still places for Art, Gardening and Pokemon. 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 from 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

We are delighted to confirm the launch of our February Half Term Roadshows with something running every single day in Plymouth.

We are delighted to announce the return of our Roadshows hosted at Plymouth Argyle Football Club with limited spaces available alongside our other venues running across the week.

To find out more about where we are running and the sports we will be offering below:

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-holiday.html>

We look forward to hopefully seeing you there!