



**Modbury Primary School Newsletter**  
**Friday 22nd September 2023**  
[www.modburyprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.modburyprimaryschool.co.uk)



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into our new term and the children are enjoying all the lunchtime and after School clubs. Our new Reception children have settled well into school life which is amazing! As we have seen a change in the weather, please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat.

**Attending School after 9am**

If you arrive after 9am with a child or if you have items for your child, please bring them directly to the School Office and do not take them directly to the classroom. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. If running late, the child can be taken from the School office by staff to the classroom. This will ensure they are signed into the register. We thank you for your support.

**Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

The School-Age Immunisation Service is delivering the flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2023/24 all children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/> to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link: FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine (live attenuated, nasal) (medicines.org.uk). We are due to visit your child's school on 4th October 2023.

In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: DV113335**

**Please submit your consent form by midday 2nd October 2023** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated. If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit

this form, please contact us on the numbers above.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it would help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

School-Age Immunisation Team  
Kernow Health

### **ICC Transition Day**

As you will be aware, the College works closely with its partner primary schools in delivering an exceptional transfer programme. As part of that process, the College will be holding two Open Evenings in September to welcome our prospective students. We ask that parents/carers from your primary school please attend on Wednesday 27 September 2023. These evenings, which commence at 5.20pm for 5.30pm start in the Dining Hall, will give you an opportunity to hear a talk from our Principal and to have a tour of the College facilities and departments. You will meet departmental staff who will give you information on the Year 7 curriculum as well as other staff involved in the Transition Programme. The College campus is extensive and the buildings are on several levels; consequently, the tour that we arrange takes about an hour, and includes a considerable amount of walking.

Parking is available in the Coach Park on Marshalls Field off Exeter Road, PL21 0FQ, and also in the Main College Car Park adjoining the Sports Hall. Parking is NOT permitted in the area adjacent to the Dining Hall as this must be kept free for emergency vehicles. If disabled parking is required, please contact Mrs Melanie Vincent, the Principal's PA, in advance so that arrangements can be made to reserve an appropriate space, with wheelchair access, adjacent to the Dining Hall. So that we can monitor attendance across both evenings please confirm your attendance on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rwUIpu2VnUWK77ZZk-259Y0DI6O-T9HvosgRIM5bD1URTFROFBVOE+BWTBDVk1ZRkpWWIRaVjlYOC4u>

If you have any questions about the Open Evenings please do not hesitate to contact us via [transition6@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:transition6@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk) Yours sincerely Caroline Johnson Director of Transition.



### **Harvest Festival**

We will be holding our Harvest Festival in the school hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate the Harvest Festival. We hope you can join us. Look out for further information about donations closer to the time.

## Attendance

The new guidance from the government is that all schools will have **legal responsibilities to proactively improve attendance for the first time** (beyond existing requirements to record accurately).

This week, we have sent home attendance records for all pupils. If your child's attendance is below 95%, then their attendance for last year is at a level that causes concern. If you would like any support regarding attendance, please contact us.

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

[Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

## Accelerated Reader

### **What is Renaissance Accelerated Reader?**

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computer program that helps teachers to manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer - passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what has been read. Teachers may assist pupils by:

- Guiding them to books appropriate to their ability and interests
- Asking probing questions as your child reads and before quizzing
- Pairing your child with others, reading with or reading to your child.
- Since they are reading books at their own reading and interest levels, most children are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes.

### **When will my child start Accelerated Reader?**

Most children are ready to start Accelerated Reader by the start of Year 3. Once children are proficient and fluent readers (as assessed by the Little Wandle assessments), we work with them for at least half a term to help them to learn to use the system and develop the skills needed to answer the comprehension questions. Once we are confident that they are ready, they begin to access AR independently. We monitor their quizzing closely and will support children as and when needed with 1:1 reads focussed on their next steps.

### **How can I help my child become a better reader?**

As with anything, performance improves with practice. According to Renaissance Learning's research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains. Encourage your child to read at home, discuss books, ask questions about what they have read and visit your local library.

### **What is a Renaissance Star Reading® test?**

Star Reading is used to determine your child's reading level. It is a computer based reading assessment program that uses computer-adaptive technology. Questions continually adjust to your child's responses.

If the child's response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If the child cannot answer a question or answers incorrectly, the difficulty level is reduced. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Children complete these tests half termly to determine their ZPD level which determines the level of books which are appropriate for them to read. These results are monitored by class teachers and our reading lead/ Head of School.

#### **What is a Book Level?**

Book Levels are reported using the ATOS™ readability formula and represent the difficulty of the text. The levels range from 0.5 - 13.5. Books are chosen based on the ZPD range recommended for each pupil by Star Reading

**What is a Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)?** ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Your child will receive a ZPD, or reading range, after taking a Star Reading test. These may fluctuate and it is normal for a ZPD to fall occasionally, as long as the general trend is upwards. Children should be encouraged to choose books from their ZPD however, they may choose books outside their ZPD. In this case the class teacher will monitor the results and may adjust the ZPD / guide book choices accordingly as it is important for children to read with a high degree of comprehension and within his/her ZPD.

**What are points?** Every book that has an AR Reading Practice Quiz is given a points value. AR points are based on the length of the book (number of words). Pupils earn a percentage of points according to how well they pass the quiz.

**What is an Interest Level?** The Interest Level indicates for which age group a book is appropriate, based on the content and themes. These are recommendations only and teachers and parents are recommended to use their best judgement when guiding pupils to books. The examples below have a Book Level of 4.0 since both have short sentences and vocabulary that is simple. However, Noughts and Crosses is intended for older pupils - Upper Years - while The Enormous Crocodile is Lower Years. •

**Where can I find further information?** We will soon be bringing you information about how to log in to find more information about your child's progress.

Visit AR Bookfinder at [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk) to conduct a search of all available books with AR quizzes.

#### **Pupil/Parent Privacy Notice**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools collect, store, process, share and dispose of lots of personal information relating to pupils and parents. Our Pupil/Parent Privacy notice has been updated and is available on our school website: <https://www.modburyprimaryschool.co.uk>. The purpose of this privacy notice is to let pupils and parents know how and why we are processing your personal data, the rights you have around this and the school's legal obligation and responsibility for protecting your data.

#### **Data Collection Information - PLEASE ENSURE THIS SHEET IS RETURNED ASAP!**

At school we have an electronic pupil information system where we record important information about your child's personal details, nearest contacts and their details, relevant medical and dietary details, and any other important information supplied by parents and carers.

Each year we ask for parents and carers to check that the information we hold is correct and up to date and to inform us of any changes. Coming home next week with your child is the Data Collection sheet.

Please can all parents check the details we have regarding your child and return the signed paperwork to the office by **Friday 22nd September**. **ALL data sheets need to be returned**. It is vitally important

that this information is up to date for every child in school and particularly with regard to any contact or medical information the school needs to be aware of.

### **Agreements/Consent Forms**

During the course of your child's education, all parents and carers complete a KS1 and a KS2 Agreement pack which contains consent for your child for local school visits, photos, video, audio and communication. If you wish to update/opt out of any of your child's consent information then please contact the school office in the first instance. You can request for this information to be updated or can opt in/out at any time during the academic year.

### **Online platforms**

We are currently working to iron out a few teething problems with some of our online platforms. Accelerated Reader has updated their site which appears to be causing issues for some users - teachers and students alike! Please let us know if you are unable to login. Likewise, Google Classroom has been set up by our technical support team but is experiencing a few teething problems. If you have problems logging on, please let us know. We can pass it on for the technical team to resolve. We will signpost guides and information on how to access Google Classroom next week. TT Rockstars is also up and running and all pupils from Year 2 upwards should have bought home logins. If your child does not have their login for any of these platforms, or is experiencing any problems with them, please let the office know.

### **Birthdays**

Please can we ask that children do not bring in sweets and treats for their birthday for the other children. We have a lot of children with allergies and, with the cost of living, it can cause anxiety and stress for those families who are unable to provide this luxury. Thank you for your understanding.

### **School Improvement**

This week we are sharing our School Development Plan priorities. Our development plan is reviewed on a yearly basis and leads our school improvement. Each half term, we monitor our progress and amend as needed.

Our current curriculum priorities are: Early reading, writing for all year groups and developing the maths curriculum. We are also prioritising: the development of our subject leaders - ensuring that they are in a position to quality assure the curriculum being implemented in the classes; attendance - making sure that all pupils and families are supported to remove barriers to school attendance and our personal development curriculum - providing opportunities outside of the normal classroom learning to support the curriculum. Finally we are working with our parent forum to improve parent communication.

Further information about these priorities and the work we are doing will be shared over the coming weeks.



## After School Clubs and Lunchtime Clubs for Autumn Term

Dance Club will be on Wednesday afterschool just for w/c 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023!

<b>Monday</b>	KS1 Art Club KS2 Dance Club	Miss George Miss Pears	3:30 - 4:30pm 3:30 - 4:30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>			
<b>Wednesday</b>	KS2 Hockey Club Chess Club	Mrs Khong Mr Sands	3:30 - 4:30pm Lunchtime
<b>Thursday</b>	KS2 Art (paid club) start date to TBC KS2 Girl's Football  KS2 Cross Country	Local Artist  Mr Branch  Miss Randall and Mrs Hart	3:40 - 4:55pm  Lunchtime (after school if enough numbers) Lunchtime
<b>Friday</b>	KS2 gardening Plymouth Argyle	Mrs Bruce Argyle	Lunchtime 3:30 - 4:30

### KS2 ART CLUB by Local Artist (start date coming soon)

Come and create 2D and 3D artworks using a range of materials and techniques, fire up your imagination and be creative with a club run by local artist Becky Crawford. **To book a place or make enquiries, please contact Becky direct on 07815148082 or email [becky@myspacefruit.com](mailto:becky@myspacefruit.com) "[becky@myspacefruit.com](mailto:becky@myspacefruit.com)"**

Her previous after school art projects have included:

- Printing and painting card, cutting out shapes and making layered 3D insects
- Making sketch books and their own design of stamps, then printing a wonderful personalised cover with a repeat pattern on
- Looking at other artists work and making artworks which have been inspired by them (including the artists Chiaozza and the children made wonderful abstract papier mache cacti)
- Printmaking using gelli pads
- Printmaking using empty tetra packs
- Dice-Rolling Abstract art game to produce beautiful abstract artwork
- Rolled and stamped clay decorations
- Mini theatres complete with scenery and characters
- Stitching their own monster 'softie' dolls
- Mixed media funky decorated spectacles



- Clay animals
- Clay succulent pots
- Inventing a new mythological beast and creating it in collage

It will run on Thursday afternoons from 3:40 – 4:55. The club will start on 14th September it will run up to and including 12th October for the first half term in Autumn. The second half term will run from 2nd November until 14th December. The price is £8 and this cost includes all materials, any kiln firing costs etc. This will be payable via Payment Pay. Children are required to sign up for a full term. The club is open to Key Stage Two children and there will be 12 spaces available.



Children must bring their own protective clothing as we will be using paints, inks etc which won't necessarily wash out of clothing!

I am a local artist and more about me and my work can be found here:

"<http://www.myspacefruit.com/>"[www.myspacefruit.com](http://www.myspacefruit.com/)

"<http://www.instagram.com/spacefruitgirl>"[www.instagram.com/spacefruitgirl](http://www.instagram.com/spacefruitgirl)

"<http://www.instagram.com/spacefruitartclub>"[www.instagram.com/spacefruitartclub](http://www.instagram.com/spacefruitartclub)

and I can be contacted for more information via 07815148082 or

"mailto:becky@myspacefruit.com"[becky@myspacefruit.com](mailto:becky@myspacefruit.com)

- Articulated marionette made from cardboard and split pins

### Classical Guitar/Piano Lessons available on Wednesday mornings in School

Monica Chapman has some space on a Wednesday morning if your child is interested in having Classical Guitar or Piano Lessons. Please can you contact Monica direct on 01548 856763 to discuss.



#### **Celebration Assembly**

<b>Reception</b>	Toby F
<b>Year 1</b>	Izzi
<b>Year 2</b>	Connie A
<b>Year 3</b>	Annalise

Year 4	Martha
Year 5	Lucy
Year 6	Fern

## Reading Stars

So far this Year, Modbury School  
have read:  
**507, 666 words!**

### This week's top readers:

Year 3 Iris, Felix, Lilah  
Year 4 Freyja, Isabelle, Maisy  
Year 5 Marley, Oakah, Maisy  
Year 6 Hailun, Poppy, Evalyn



Louise Nicholls  
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard  
Executive Head Teacher



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2023/2024**

#### After School Club

Monday's after school club run by Achieve4All go to this website to book:  
<https://bookings.achieve4all.co.uk/event/178085>





## MODBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - BASKETBALL AND MULTI-SPORT CLUB

 Barracks Road Modbury, Devon, PL21 0RB  
 Modbury Primary School - Basketball and Multi-sport club

Book Now

 11/09/2023 to 16/10/2023  Age Range: 4-11

 Price: £18.75

 Availability - Good

Achieve4All are delighted to be offering Basketball and Multi-skills Sports After School's Club and would love to see your child/children there.

The club will include a wide variety of activities to develop the children's sporting abilities. Our highly qualified coaches are skilled in many aspects of sport so can be sure to make this the best possible experience for anyone involved.

So don't miss out on a great opportunity to help your children, learn, develop and achieve their potential through sport. The club will run outside, in the event of poor weather the club will relocate to the sports hall and appropriate games played.

### After School Club

Friday's after school club run by Plymouth Argyle Community Trust got to website to book:

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/https-officialsoccerschools-co-uk-argyle-pl-modbury-after-school-club-html-1.html>

## PL - Modbury After School Club - Term 1

[View full course details](#)

🕒 3:30pm - 4:30pm

📅 15/09/2023 - 20/10/2023

👤 Ages 4 - 11

📍 Modbury Primary School

£27.00<sub>pp</sub>

Places

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Book Now

Modbury Primary After School Club term 1

Club	Argyle Community Trust
Type	After School
Day	Friday
Duration	1 Day
Ability	All Abilities
Gender	Mixed
Ages	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Venue	Modbury Primary School
Address	Barracks Road, Modbury Ivybridge Devon PL21 0RB
Contact Phone	01752 522202
Course Start Date	15 Sep 2023
Course End Date	20 Oct 2023
Time From	3:30pm
Time To	4:30pm
Location	Plymouth

### Community News

Please see below poster.



# **WINE & Wisdom Quiz NIGHT**

**Sat 14 Oct**  
**Tickets on Sale**  
*Up to 6 in a team*

**FREE glass of wine / beer  
included with your ticket**

**Time & Place -** Modbury Memorial Hall, doors open 7pm

**£5 per Ticket -** Pay by Cash: Modbury Post Office  
Pay by BACS: [silverhill.gj@gmail.com](mailto:silverhill.gj@gmail.com)

**See below poster**

# WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PROTECT COASTGUARD'S BEACH & THE ERME ESTUARY.



WE'RE A GROUP OF LOCAL BEACH GOERS WHO ARE APPLYING TO DEFRA TO HAVE COASTGUARDS DESIGNATED AS AN OFFICIAL BATHING WATER SITE.

IF OUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL THERE'LL BE MORE MONITORING AT COASTGUARDS, WHICH COULD HELP PROTECT WATER QUALITY HERE ALL YEAR ROUND.

**TO SUPPORT OUR APPLICATION WE NEED PEOPLE  
TO FILL IN A SHORT 2 MINUTE SURVEY**

SO PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE & COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND HELP  
US PROTECT THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE!

P.S - PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!  
ERMERIVER.ORG

**COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE -->**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



To complete the survey you can also:-

1. Go to [www.ermriver.org](http://www.ermriver.org) and scroll down till you reach the questionnaire
2. If you know people who do not have internet access, but who would also like to help, please tell them that there are paper questionnaires at the Post Office in Modbury and the Library in Ivybridge.