



Modbury Primary School Newsletter
Friday 29th September 2023
www.modburyprimaryschool.co.uk



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had another busy week in school and are preparing for the Harvest Festival which is happening next Friday: We hope you can join us for this! We have a very busy few weeks coming up with: Harvest Festival; Tempest photos; a Year 3 trip; Rotary Swimathon; the famous school disco; girls football tournament for Year 5 and 6; Junior Life skills for Year 6 and our International Arts Week culminating in a parent assembly! Phew - please check our website calendar for events!

Tempest Photography

Tempest will be coming into School on Monday 2nd October to take children's individual and family photographs. Please make sure all children come into school in school uniform. Year 4 can wear trainers due to their PE sessions taking place early in the day. PE kits should be brought in bags.



Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival in the school hall next week on Friday 6th October as the Church is currently unavailable. Key Stage 1 and Reception will be sharing their Harvest celebration at 9.30 and Key Stage 2 at 2.00pm. We hope you can join us. Please, children come in with an item to donate to our local food bank. They can bring these in over all of next week and should be brought to the school office. We appreciate that not all families are in a position to be able to donate, so please only donate if you are able.

The food bank's current 'most needed items' are as follows: Tinned fruit, tinned soup, powdered milk, pasta packets, hair shampoo, toilet rolls, shower gels, stock cubes, fruit squash, sponge puddings, long life fruit juice, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, sugar, chocolate, cooking sauces, gravy granules, mayonnaise, washing up liquid, biscuits, cooking oil, tinned rice pudding, instant mash, jam, cup a soup.

No fresh foods please.

School Improvement

This half term our teaching teams have been focussing on improving writing. Nationally and within Devon, writing results are lower than reading and maths therefore we have been working with the Devon support teams to revise our spelling programme and further develop teacher's subject knowledge around delivering the Book Writes units that we use to implement our writing curriculum. In addition, our Year 5 and 6 teachers from across the federation have met to discuss maths planning and how to increase reasoning opportunities to create a depth of understanding. We also had a visit from the Early Years advisor from Devon County who was very pleased with the improvements we have made to our Early Years curriculum and our staff's understanding of child development in the Early Years.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations **PLEASE READ AND GIVE CONSENT ASAP IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THIS VACCINATION NEXT WEEK**

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.

School-Age Immunisation Team
Kernow Health

School Office Information

Please let the School office know either by ringing or sending an email if your child is not able to attend school. For safeguarding reasons, we require you to call/email on every day that your child is not here so we are updated and can account for all the children in school. We really appreciate your help with this matter.

Year 6 Junior life skills event at Ivybridge Leisure Centre Mon 9th October 2023 12:30 - 3:15pm

The Year 6 children have been invited to participate in a Junior Life Skills session to be held at Ivybridge Leisure Centre, we have arranged return coach transport to collect the children from School and to return them back to School after the event. We are therefore kindly asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to cover the cost of the return transport. Please go to ParentPay to confirm your child's place for this event. If we do not have enough contributions then future events may need to be cancelled due to funding constraints.

Parking outside School

Please can you kindly remember when parking outside School that we are located within a residential area and do not obstruct any driveways by parking too close to them. We are currently partnering with a company who will support and promote walking to school. Details to follow.

Attendance

We are no longer running our attendance cup. Instead, each child who achieves 100% attendance each week will receive a raffle ticket as we feel this is a fairer approach. Some children may have personal targets regarding attendance or punctuality to gain their raffle ticket. There will be a termly raffle to win a prize. We are looking for suggestions and donations for these prizes so please contact us if you are able to help. We have committed to the Devon Attendance Charter which has been added to the end of the newsletter for your information.

We have also added this to our website

Our current school attendance is: 97.3%

Thank you to all of our parents, carers and pupils that are working with us to improve attendance.

Accelerated Reader

We have sent home logins this week for Renaissance Home Connect - This is the parental access to AR. Please let us know if you need any assistance.

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 to conduct a search of all available books with AR quizzes.

SEND- Speech and language

Nationally the most common SEND need at SEN support is speech, language and communication need.

Speech and language skills are absolutely fundamental to our wellbeing and success in life. We use these skills constantly to communicate our wants and needs to others, to collaborate and negotiate, and to build strong bonds with other people. Language skills are also important for our learning. In schools and at home, we learn new skills and acquire new knowledge by listening to others talking and reading written language. The demands on language skills only increase as children get older and progress through their education.

It's often easy to identify children who have difficulties with unclear speech, as you will find it

difficult to understand their talking, and your child may be frustrated when their speech is not understood.

Language, on the other hand, can be a hidden difficulty which is harder to identify as we often can't observe whether someone has or hasn't understood.

Top tips for supporting children with speech, language and communication needs:

1. **Slow down:** breaking down the language, understanding the language and remembering what is being asked is a lot for a child to do. Keep instructions short, break them down into chunks and give the child thinking time to understand what is being asked of them. Give the child 10seconds of thinking time before jumping in with more talking.
2. **Keep it simple:** learning language is complicated and children are hearing new words every day. In order for a child to learn they need to work out what the words mean, break them down into sounds and link it to what they already know. Breaking down instructions into parts can really help them achieve. Give them one part, let them complete that part before giving them the next part.
3. **Be positive:** Say what you want not what you don't want. Negative words like 'don't' are actually quite tricky for a child to understand and when we use these negative words we can often make it more difficult for a child to follow. This can sometimes lead them to just hear the negative part leading them to carry on doing what you've asked them not to do.
4. **make links:** making links to words they already know will help them to remember new language. We are all learning new words throughout our lives. Linking new words to words we already know helps us to categorise them so we know what they mean and how to use them in the future.
5. **Practice listening:** properly listening and giving their attention to someone else does not come easily for some children. Set up time in the day for your child to take turns listening and giving you their attention. Try and build up the time they can focus on one activity/conversation through regular practice.

Educatering

This month is all about Zero Waste Week

As an award-winning, grassroots annual awareness campaign, #ZeroWasteWeek will help householders, businesses, organisations, schools, universities and community groups reduce landfill waste so you can save money, preserve resources and protect the environment. This takes place online and on-the-ground. It's a great idea to pick a theme to focus on. This could be food waste, reusing or being single use plastic free. Set yourself a goal; will you reduce your landfill waste by 10%? Banish food waste for two days? Or go all in and challenge yourselves to a completely waste free week? For full information, see School Website under Parents, School meals section.



WELCOME BACK!

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Although Zero Waste Week formally runs for one week in September, you are encouraged to keep your good habits in place for the next 51 weeks!

IF EVERYONE RECYCLED JUST ONE MORE THING, THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT WOULD BE HUGE! YOUR EFFORT COUNTS.

CHALLENGE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A SUPER FOOD SAVER?

Super Spud is challenging you to 5 zero waste tasks. Try to complete one or more of them and email your photos to jodie.peek@goosemoor.uk to receive your certificate!



1. Have you got some fruit that is going awar? Why not make a cake? For example, if your bananas are becoming overpe, you could make some banana bread.
2. Not going to use all the potatoes? Why not get creative and use them to paint?
3. Create a compost heap in your garden. Collect your vegetable scraps, eggshells etc. Remember to add water to your heap every now and then.
4. Avoid buying items from the shop that are wrapped in plastic and take a reusable bag to carry your shopping home.
5. Have you got leftovers from dinner? Why not store them in the fridge and eat the rest tomorrow?

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.

After School Clubs and Lunchtime Clubs for Autumn Term

Monday	KS1 Art Club KS2 Dance Club	Miss George Miss Pears	3:30 - 4:30pm 3:30 - 4:30pm
Tuesday			
Wednesday	KS2 Hockey Club Chess Club	Mrs Khong Mr Sands	3:30 - 4:30pm Lunchtime
Thursday	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
Friday	KS2 gardening Plymouth Argyle	Mrs Bruce Argyle	Lunchtime 3:30 - 4:30

KS2 ART CLUB by Local Artist

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 "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.instagram.com/spacefruitgirl>" www.instagram.com/spacefruitgirl

"<http://www.instagram.com/spacefruitartclub>" www.instagram.com/spacefruitartclub and I can be contacted for more information via 07815148082 or "<mailto:becky@myspacefruit.com>" 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.

PTFA

RETURN of the afterschool Friday Snack Stall!



Don't forget your pennies on Friday, as the PTA Friday Snack Stall is back. There will be sweet treats and healthy options to cater for all.



Everything is £0.50p



Celebration Assembly

Reception	Isaac
Year 1	Logan
Year 2	Jasper
Year 3	Otis
Year 4	Freyja
Year 5	Ted W
Year 6	Tommy

Reading Stars

So far this Year, Modbury School
have read:

1, 856, 302 words!

This week's top readers:

Year 3 Otis, Iris, Mia

Year 4 Freyja, Maisy, Bethany

Year 5 Marley, Angus, Sansa

Year 6 Hailun, Poppy, Evalyn



Louise Nicholls
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

Devon Education Attendance Charter



EVERY DAY IN AN EDUCATION SETTING MATTERS

Name of organisation: Modbury Primary School

	We accept that attendance is everyone's responsibility, and we recognise that children missing education can act as a vital warning sign to a range of safeguarding issues
	We are committed to achieving a target of 97% attendance in Devon
	We recognise that we will only achieve this target if children feel a sense of belonging in their setting and have strong, enduring relationships with the adults and peers around them
	We will work as part of a multi-agency team to remove barriers to attendance and agree that parents and carers are key partners in our multi-agency team
	We accept our responsibility to improve the culture in our organisation and the need to promote good attendance and reduce absence
	We recognise that barriers to attendance are often complex and can include a variety of factors within a family, environment, and the wider community. We are committed to breaking down these barriers
	We use data to ensure support is targeted and offered immediately to children and families who need it most
	We remain professionally curious if we see children out of school during school hours and we will always make enquiries to determine why children are not in school
	We value education and understand the link between attendance, attainment, and wider wellbeing
	We will book meetings and appointments for children outside of school hours wherever possible
	We agree to share effective practice by participating in regular networking opportunities to learn from our partner's attendance expertise and effective interventions, particularly where SEND and medical conditions are a barrier
	We accept that improving attendance requires a relentless focus and determination and we are ready for the challenge
	We want all our children to thrive in education settings every day

Signed:


Date: 19.9.23


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_{pp}

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 posters below.

FREE FAMILY FOREST SESSIONS! WITH ARCHERY & OUTDOOR COOKING



Who? OPEN TO ALL,
PARENTS/CARERS WITH CHILDREN WITHIN THE SOUTH HAMS.

ACTIVITIES: FOREST SCHOOL, FIRE LIGHTING, BUILDING SHELTERS,
EXPLORING WOODLAND, ARCHERY, OUTDOOR COOKING.

FOOD: HELP PREPARE A MEAL ON THE FIRE
IN OUR DUTCH OVENS WITH OUR CHEF AND
FOREST SCHOOL LEADER * THIS WILL
BE A PLANT BASED MEAL, HOT CHOCOLATE,
BISCUIT, MARSHMALLOWS 'SMORES'.

WHAT TO BRING: MUG, BOWL,
SPOON, SMILE, WARM LAYERS.



Timings: 10:30am to 1:30pm

OCTOBER

SUN 15th / SAT 21st

Dates: 5 Sessions

NOVEMBER

SAT 4th / SAT 11th / SAT 18th

(Will factor in 2 min silence 11th NOV)

Book ONLINE AT

www.forestandbeach.co.uk

HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY MINDS



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.ermerriver.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.

Get Sportaneous

Sat 30th Sept

at Ivybridge Leisure Centre

A great BIG event day with something fun for all the family!



Bouncy castle and Inflatable assault course

FREE taster sessions

Save a life - community first aid

Prizes to WIN!

Kids swim FREE

Fitness challenges

Soft play

Chill café

and much more!

Take part in a challenge and you could

WIN a €500 holiday voucher!*

Swim School

Learning to swim with confidence

Come & meet Ollie the Octopus!



Enrol on the day & pay **NO ACTIVATION FEE!**



Plus...

FAB NEW ...in the Studio, **PROGRAMME** Gym & Pool!

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Ivybridge Leisure Centre Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SL

ivybridgeleisurecentre.com

*T&Cs apply. Please see website for details.



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