

Modbury Primary School Newsletter Friday 20th October 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers.

The children have all enjoyed this week, they have participated in activities which have happened in school for the International Art Week, please see below for further information about these events. The food from the Harvest Festival was collected this week, see below certificate.



International Arts Week

International Arts Week was a phenomenal success. The children enjoyed spending the week learning a traditional story from their chosen country and especially enjoyed the chance to present it to their parents through song, music, drama or painting in our special end of week celebration assembly. Massive thanks to Sam MacKenzie for volunteering to teach every child the Haka, from reception to year 6. They LOVED it!

Huge thanks to all the visiting artists providing African drumming lessons and mosaic workshops. A special thanks to Miss George for organising the week. Finally, thanks to the PTA for funding the visiting artists and all those parents who made voluntary contributions on parentpay. Without the PTA and the generosity of parents giving their time and money to PTA fundraising, we would not be able to provide

some of these special opportunities for all the children. Thank you. See below for further information about these events..

Allan from Shamba Arts provided drumming workshops with children from Year 1 to Year 6. The children were introduced to djembes and many other percussion instruments from Africa. The workshop included an introduction and warm ups, call and response, songs, learning polyrhythms and bringing everyone into the drum circle.

Michelle McQuinn is a local mosaic artist who worked with classes 3 and 5 to create an outdoor mosaic that expresses our school motto. The piece was created from the children's own designs over two days in which children worked in small groups with Michelle. We are looking forward to displaying it next half term.

We learnt about New Zealand and more specifically the New Zealand Haka- "Ka Mate"

We discussed why the haka is important to contemporary New Zealanders and it's origins in Moari tradition. We talked about how the haka can serve as both a challenge, a welcome and how it can provide spiritual protection. The children agreed that it can show strength and unity whilst being funny and scary! Lastly we talked about being connected to ourselves, to the people near us and to people who have come before us, our ancestors.

All the students and teachers learnt the actions and completed a "Haka off" with the students with the scariest, bulgiest eyes, longest tongues and best haka winning team points.

Well done to all the students and teachers who got involved! Mihi ōkawa

Sam McKenzie

Ka Mate Haka

Ka mate, ka mate! ka ora! ka ora! Ka mate! ka mate! ka ora! ka ora! Tēnei te tangata pūhuruhuru Nāna nei i tiki mai whakawhiti te rā Ā, upane! ka upane! Ā, upane, ka upane, whiti te ra!

English translation of the Ka Mate Haka

'Tis death! 'Tis death! (or: I may die) Tis life! Tis life! (or: I may live) Tis death! Tis death! Tis life! Tis life!
This is the man
Who brought the sun and caused it to shine
A step upward, another step upward!
A step upward, another... the sun shines!





Attendance Poster Competition

FEDERATION ATTENDANCE POSTER COMPETITION!



Help us to improve attendance and spread the word about why it is important to be in school!

Win a goody bag including: A book, a fidget toy and a surprise!





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Competition closes 17/11
Submit entries to your school office by 17/11
Winners (1 per year group across the federation) will be announced during an online federation assembly on 24/11/23
Posters will be used across the federation and on websites to promote attendance.

Please have a look at your school newsletter for more information

Year 6

Please can all Year 6 parents ensure they have applied for their child's secondary school place before 31st October 2023. The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or call 0345 155 1019.

Parent's Evening

It was great to see so many parents attending this term, remember to keep your login codes for next time as you will still need them.

Children in Need 2023

BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 17th November 2023.

The Children in Need donations page has now been published for our school – Please click on the below link to donate what you can and let's see how much we can raise as a School.



https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12143

Swimarathon Friday 13th October 2023

On Friday 13th October, children from KS2 attended the Rotary club Swimarathon. The children were split into four groups: turtles, starfish, clownfish and seahorses.

The children then swam back and forth to score as many lengths as possible and raise as much money for charity.

The children swam their hearts out and did Modbury proud!

Please don't forget to return your sponsorship forms and money to the School Office asap so they can be collected ready to pass to the Rotary Club in early November.

Devonport High School For Boys Information

Free On Site Support for 11+ Admission Tests

As you may be aware, for many years we have been working with families to attempt to give fairer access to Devonport High School for Boys.

This year, as part of our Primary Scholars scheme, we will be offering support and enrichment on site at DHSB to help boys who are eligible for Pupil Premium to prepare for the 11+ admission tests.

We are hoping to run three blocks of sessions and the first of these blocks will begin in November 2023. We will invite each child and a parent or carer to DHSB on Monday 6 November, Monday 13 November, Monday 20 November, Monday 4 December and Monday 11 December. The sessions will run from 15:45 to 16:45.

Children

Children will attend the sessions where they will be given a DHSB student mentor who will work through 11+ support during the hour session. Maths and English will be covered in four of the sessions with a fun enrichment activity during the fifth week.

All equipment and materials will be provided; the child will just need to attend.

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers will be offered free refreshments during each session and on Monday 6 November our Headteacher, Dan Roberts, will give them a tour of the school and be available to answer any questions that they may have.

If you wish to show an interest, please contact the School Office before 1st November 2023.

Devonport School For Boys.

New School Dinner Menu

The new Autumn/Winter menu is now on our School website along with the allergen listings for all meals. These can now be pre ordered for next term.

Attendance

Our current school attendance is: 96.9%

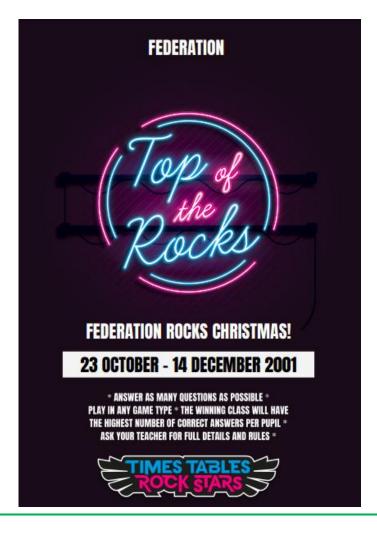
Thank you to all of our parents, carers and pupils that are working with us to improve attendance. We will be sending home attendance letters to those pupils who are below our attendance threshold.

TT Rock Stars

Well done to all the children who took part in our Rockstars Tournament. Congratulations to Marlborough's Year 5 6 class who took first place with our Year 6 children coming in 2nd place! Congratulations!

A new competition has been set up for next half term starting 23rd October and ending on the 14th December.

https://ttrockstars.com/



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.

Mud Kitchen

We are desperately in need of woodchip for our mud kitchen. If anyone is able to provide some, please let us know.

PTFA News

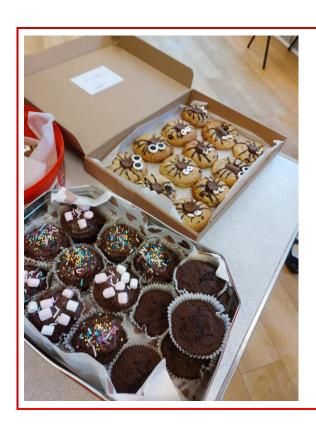
Massive thanks to Year 5 Parents for providing a huge selection of fantastic looking snacks for last Friday's snack stall. Despite the bad weather and relocating into the hall, they still raised well over £50. All the funds raised by the Friday snack stalls are spent on activities and resources for the children. For example, the PTA funded all the visiting artists and resources for this week's International Arts Week, from Drumming to Mosaic.

Every snack baked, made, bought, sold and eaten helps, so please keep supporting the Friday Snack Stalls, it makes a big difference.

PTFA Photographs







Reading Stars



Year 2 Evie, Woody, Frankie Year 3 Lilah, Nathan, Mia Year 4 Freyja, Izzy, Martha Year 5 Angus, Minnie, Sansa Year 6 Hailun, Jude, Edie



Louise Nicholls Head of School Mrs T Coulthard

Executive Head Teacher

T. Coulthard

School's Out @ Modbury

School's Out @ Modbury: October Half Term Holiday Club - Now taking bookings. Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th

8.30am - 4.30pm

£27.50/day - payable in advance

Email: admin@modbury-preschool.org.uk

Please book immediately to avoid disappointment.

School's Out @ Modbury October Half Term - Holiday Club



Monday 23rd October

Trips out to the local parks

Tuesday 24th October

Halloween Arts & Crafts with indoor and outdoor play.

Wednedsay 25th October

Cooking Halloween Cookies and spooky spider cup cakes.

Thursday 26th October

Outdoor learning and pumpkin carving!

8.30am-4.30pm £27.50/day - in advance

Book now via Famly or

Email. admin@modbury-preschool.org.uk

www.modbury-preschool.org.uk/schools-out-at-modbury Barracks Road, Modbury, PL21 ORB



After School Club

The after-school club for Autumn Term (2^{nd} Half) is on the booking system and ready for bookings. We are offering a discount for those that book by end of day 29^{th} Oct.

The club can be booked by going to https://achieve4all.co.uk/ you will then need to click on 'Book Now', log in to your account or if you have not booked before you will need to complete a short registration.

The club will be a Basketball and Multi-Sports Club for KS1 and KS2

The club will run from Monday 30th October - Cost £26.25

Special discount of 2 sessions (£7.50) off the price for those that book by end of day Sunday 29^{th} October – the code to use at the checkout is '750'.

After School Club

Is now on a Wednesday after half term 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-2.html

Community News

Please see posters below.





www.forestandbeach.co.uk

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