



Stuart Road Primary Academy Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you to all of you who came to our Autumn Fair last Friday, it was great to meet many of you at the raffle stall and thank you again for the generous contributions made to make the fair a success.

This week we have had the Year 4, 5 and 6 class socials giving parents a chance to meet other families in their child's year group. Thank you to Charlotte Kelley for her unlimited energies in getting refreshments organised for each event.

In this week's newsletter there is a section showing all our projects to be taught this school year as part of our curriculum approach at Stuart Road. Our curriculum matches our pupils well, taps into Plymouth landmarks and historical figures to make learning relevant to where we live, engages the children with visits and project launches which provides learning experiences that are remembered. More details can be found on our school website.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Nicholls

Notices:

Foundation class photo for Plymouth Herald – Monday 4th October

PTA Events: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY'S (subject to volunteers being available)

- Halloween Disco - Friday 22nd October: Year 1,2 and 3 (4.45pm – 6pm) / Year 4, 5 and 6 (6.15pm -7.30pm)
- Christmas Fair and cake mufti - Friday 26th November
- Christmas Disco – Friday 10th December
- Movie 🎬 nights TBC (if we can get enough volunteers, hopefully monthly on a Wednesday).

If you think you can help out please PM Charlotte Kelly.

Ofsted Parent Survey – Please see later in this newsletter for details.

National Poetry Day - Thursday 7th October - Each class are celebrating National Poetry Day by learning a poem off by heart. The theme of this year's day is Choices.

Mufti and Foodbank Donation: Mufti and Food Bank donation: Friday 15th October – See details in this newsletter.

Social Sessions (PTA EVENT): Reception - see later in this newsletter for details.

Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5 children – Monday 1st November – see later in this newsletter for details.

Clive Pig, Ancient Egypt expert visit Year 5 - Tuesday 19th October - see later in this newsletter for details.

Homework: The Thriving 3!

From Year 1 to Year 6, Stuart Road expectations of homework to be completed is:

*Reading - daily reading of either Read Write Inc book (RWI0 for Key Stage 1, Accelerated Reader book (AR) for Key Stage 2

*Maths - TT Rockstars for KS2 and Numbots for KS1

*Topic - please read and share knowledge organisers at home and complete mini topic projects as directed by the class teacher during the term. This will appear on MS Teams and the webpage

SATs, Testing and assessments : KS2 SATs week is 9th May, KS1 testing (Y2) is last week in May before half term, Y1 and Y2 phonics testing w/c 6th June, Year 4 Multiplication check window is also 6th June until 24th June. Assessment week for all other year groups Y3, 4, 5 is 20th June 2022.

Free Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 16th November: see later in this newsletter for details.

Reporting Covid Cases: Parents are asked to inform the school of a positive test result. Whilst the identity of the individual/s will remain confidential, the year group can be shared so that parents can take reasonable actions to avoid further spread of the virus and take steps towards protecting vulnerable family members.

Dear Parent/Carers

As a school we receive additional funding for the number of children that have a school meal on census day. This autumn census day is next week on **Thursday 07/10/21**.

We are offering the very popular choices of **All-Day Breakfast** with a vegetarian option available followed by a custard biscuit topped with a chocolate button! Jacket potato and sandwich options will also be available.

By encouraging your child to take a school meal on Thursday, you are helping the school with future funding.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Re: Close Encounters Session for Years 3 and 4 – Friday 8th October

Years 3 and 4 have the exciting opportunity to participate in a Close Encounters session at school with Chris from South West Animal Services as part of their Predator topic. They will learn about (and meet!) a range of predators and have the opportunity to ask the handler questions. If you want to find out more information, please take a look at the website: <https://southwestanimalservices.co.uk>

To enable this visit to go ahead, we are asking parents/carers for a **voluntary contribution of £4.90, payable through School Money**.



Explorer Dome to visit Year 4 and 5!

We have an exciting visit arranged to the school for our Year 4 children.

On Monday 1st November Explorer Dome will visit ! Explorer Dome is a portable planetarium with exciting, interactive science show. Inside the magical atmosphere of the Dome, the lively, hands-on shows are presented by professional & enthusiastic science presenters. The cost per child is £8.50. This workshop is an invaluable opportunity for the children to enhance their learning experience and to take part in new and fun activities. Payments can be made via SchoolMoney.

Class Social – Reception Class

Reception parents are warmly invited to attend our new 'class socials' as a chance to meet other parents and key members of staff following extending periods of lockdown and social distancing.

These informal meetings are a chance to meet and get to know Gary Blake (Chair of Governors), Britta Nicholls (Head of School), Charlotte Kelly (Chair of PTA) and of course the class teacher and fellow parents over a cup of tea and biscuits.

The Reception class social will take place for 30 minutes from 8.45am to 9.15am and will be in the Early Years setting.

We do hope to see as many of you as possible to help rebuild our strong community and school connections.

Reception: Tuesday 5th (8.45am – 9.15am)

Oracy Activity

Here is a simple discussion activity that you can do together as a family. The aim is to get children sharing ideas with their families and developing their vocabulary and imagination.

**What if we
couldn't see
colours?**



- When are colours useful in day-to-day life?
- What do you know about your eyes?
- Are there any times when what you see changes? (For example at night, or with sunglasses)

PE Days:

Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 6
Wednesday	Reception
Thursday	Year 1 and 5
Friday	Year 2 and 3

Please make sure that the pupils wear the required PE uniform: white polo shirt/black shorts or jogging bottoms and red jumper.

Free Flu Vaccinations

Dear parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school (Tuesday 16th November) and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this.

However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in this category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or email at vcl.immunisations@nhs.net. Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Age Immunisations Team
Virgin Care Services Limited
Tel: 0300 247 0082

Messages from Teachers

Reception

The children have had another busy week this week. They are enjoying our Read Write Inc sessions and are remembering lots of new sounds. We started Number Time this week and we have been learning about sorting and matching. Today we learnt about repeating patterns.

The children continue to enjoy playing outside. We try and get outside in all weathers so please could you can bring in some wellies for your child to keep in school. Thankyou!

Year 1

This week in year 1 we have continued to develop our writing around the book, The Gruffalo. We have explored the story further, begun to create sentences in pairs and mapped out the beginning, middle and end of the story. We used this understanding to then write the story ourselves independently. We have also spent time looking at the terms, greater than, less than and equal to, whilst also looking at the symbols for these and how they are important. We also looked at ways we can remember them in the future. Finally, we have worked incredibly hard to start remembering our RWInc sounds (especially the tricky ones) as we know how important it is for our reading :D

Another fantastic week in year 1 – well done everyone.

Year 2

This week, year 2 have come to the end of their writing unit on Traditional Tales. We spent the first part of the week focussing on the beginning and middle of the story, sharing our ideas and agreeing sentences collectively. Then, we wrote our own ending independently to show all the skills we have learned. We are so proud of the progress we have made already. In maths, we are coming to the end

of our place value unit and are busy singing and dancing our 2-, 5- and 10-times tables. Please join in with us at home so we can keep practicing and get quicker and quicker. In topic, we were challenged to choose from a range of materials to build the strongest and the tallest tower we could. We worked in groups having 3 opportunities each and had great fun, with lots of toppling and tumbling! In PE we are learning to move in different ways across a space and applying our skills through a giant-sized version of 'Rock, Paper, Scissors'.

Year 3

We have continued with place value in Maths, along with understanding and using the signs < (less than), = (equals) and > (greater than). In English we have been continuing with our process of writing a diary story, and editing versions of it. We have started looking at a poem called 'Eletelephony' to practice for National Poetry Day next Thursday. In our topic about Predators, we have looked at Nutrition and examining different food groups and their importance.

Year 4

This week in English, we have been creating plans for our own stories based on 'Diary of a Killer Cat', then spent the latter part of the week writing them up. In Maths, we have continued our Number & Place Value topic, in particular, focusing on 1000 more and 1000 less. Test me on this at home! We have also been introduced to French this week! Bonjour!

Year 5

We have had lots of fun in Year 5 this week. In maths, we have been learning about Roman Numerals. We enjoyed making different numbers with lolly-sticks! In English, we are writing our own historical fiction stories. We have been using some amazing vocabulary to bring our stories to life. We are really excited about sharing them. Congratulations to Emmanuel and Nina for achieving their pen licences this week! Thank you to everyone who came to our Parent Social on Tuesday.

Year 6

This week in year 6, we have explored ways to create suspense and learned about figurative language. In maths, we have focused on rounding numbers and completed a variety of reasoning activities linked to this small step. In PSHE, we looked at JK Rowling`s life and her road to success. The children then reflected on their hopes and dreams and what are their worries and fears about achieving their goals. They thought hard about what they are hoping to achieve in year 6. In Science, the children learned about Leonardo DaVinci and The Vitruvian Man. They have used their maths skills to test DaVinci`s theory of the Vitruvian man. Although some of our measurements proved his theory, others didn`t and we have discussed that one of the reasons might be that the children are still growing. We had a busy week and the children worked hard. Well done year 6 and have a restful weekend!

Parking outside the school

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is ***strictly prohibited***.

The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.

We ask that parents do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school. Thank you.

Awards

Year 1

Headteacher Award – Me-Cha for her responsible attitude in all of her learning

Mathematician of the Week – Lilly for her determined attitude and hard work

Writer of the Week – Andrew for his independent writing and willingness to challenge himself

Year 2

Headteacher's Award – Sophie Lang for her excellent manners and kind behaviour towards others around school.

Mathematician of the week – Thomas Cleave for his determination in place value

Writer of the week – Alba Watt for her use of adjectives in her descriptive writing.

Year 3

Headteacher's Award- Leon Amies-Leeming for wanting to give up some spare time to help a friend.

Writer of the Week- Jacob Scott for his use of powerful verbs in his writing.

Mathematician of the week - Cayden Martyn for his positive attitude in place value work.

Year 4

Writer of the week: Pearl for creating a fantastic plan based on 'Diary of a Killer Cat' and working hard on her handwriting.

Mathematician of the week: Dilwyn for being a resilient learner and persevering even when things have got a little tricky!

Headteacher's Award: William H for being an outstanding role model to his peers and taking ownership of his learning.

Year 5

Writer of the week: Riley Payne - For working hard to include all the features of a historical fiction story in his writing, in addition to using super vocabulary.

Mathematician of the week: Jack Christie - for super concentration and applying his knowledge and understanding.

Headteacher's Award: Rama Macharka – for always trying her best with all her learning and always with a smile!



















Year 6

Head Teacher's Award: Liam for his perseverance , hard work and commitment to learning.

Mathematician of the week: Taibah for engaging in Maths sessions and always challenging herself to complete Chuuta challenges.

Writer of the week: Finley for taking ownership of his learning and always being eager to improve his writing.

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Cornerstones Curriculum Coverage
2021-2022

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 1	 Plants	 Animals Y1	 Seasons	 Taxi!/Rain and sunrays	 Chop, slice and Mash	 Street view
Year 2	 Portraits and Poses Animals Y2	 Portraits and Poses Animals Y2	 Still life, remarkable recipes, Let's explore the world	 Living things and their habitats Y2 Mix it	 Beach hut Flower head	 Everyday materials Plants Y2
Year 3	 Ammonite, Forces and magnets	 Ammonite, Forces and magnets	 Ammonite, Forces and magnets	 People and places	 Mosaic Masters Plants Y3	 Light Y3
Year 4	 Vista, animal	 Vista, animal	 Vista, animal	 States of matter, living things/habitats Y4	 Tomb builders	 Electricity Y4

Year 5	 Animals/humans Eat the seasons	 Animals/humans Eat the seasons	 Animals/humans Eat the seasons	 Line, light and shadows Nature's art	 Taotie, forces Earth and Space Moving mechanisms	 Tints, tones and shades Investigating our world
Year 6	 Inuit Electricity Y6 Environmental artists	 Inuit Electricity Y6 Environmental artists	 Make do and mend Light Y6	 Evolution and inheritance	 Trailblazers, barrier breakers Animals/humans	 Tints, tones and shades Food for life Our changing world

Reminders

- Please make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle as hydration is vital for concentration and focus for learning.
- Morning fruit break should be fruit or a healthy snack, please keep crisps and chocolate bars for lunchtime eating.
- Whilst Covid restrictions are being relaxed can we all still be mindful that cases are still high and continue to observe precautions such as washing hands, keeping rooms well ventilated and wearing a mask in busy, confined areas. If a child does test positive for Covid, please inform the school.

STUART ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY WRAP AROUND CARE

Breakfast Club:

7.45am to start of school day, £3.50.

Afterschool Club end of school day:
to 6.00pm, £9.00.

Bookings available via SchoolMoney

Mufti/Foodbank – Friday 15th October

Items required:

- Tinned Meat / Fish
- Tinned Vegetables / Potatoes
- Tinned Tomatoes / Jars of Sauce
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding
- Pasta / Rice
- Tea Bags / Coffee / Hot Chocolate
- Long Life Juice Cartons / Squash
- UHT Milk
- Biscuits / Chocolate / Sweets
- Crisps / Crackers
- Toiletries



Plymouth Parents Childcare Survey

Plymouth City Council are consulting with parents/carers in the Plymouth area to evaluate a parents/carers childcare experience.

This survey is an opportunity for parents/carers to share their views about accessing childcare in Plymouth.

We would like to hear from parents/carers with children aged 0 – 14 years (18 with SEND) who access different types of childcare provision . We will use the findings of this survey to identify any barriers to childcare and work with both providers and parents to try and resolve these.

The survey is now open and will stay open until **18/10/21**

Please click on the following link to start the survey : https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/cyp/parents_childcare_survey

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