



Milton Abbot Primary School

Newsletter



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Parent's meeting 4.00 pm

Monday 23rd May

This is a great opportunity for parents to meet with Senior Executives from Dartmoor Academy Trust and hear what the future holds for Milton Abbot. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and hear about the vision and structure of the Trust.

A creche will be available for all children. We hope to see as many families as possible.

Jubilee Platinum Party 27th May

The school will provide an afternoon tea for all children in the playground on Friday afternoon. The children will play traditional games and can come to school dressed in red, white and blue.



Seth's Run

Yesterday you should have received a sponsor form for a special event in memory of our beloved Seth. The proceeds from the run will be shared between CLIC Sargent and a special bench for our playground. You are welcome to join us at the end of the day.

Year 2 SATS: Next week Year 2 children will be sitting their SATS in reading, maths and grammar and punctuation. These will contribute towards their final Key Stage 1 assessments. Please do not hesitate to contact me to answer any questions that you may have about assessments. Oxford Owl have created a really helpful parents' guide to the KS1 SATs that you may like to look at by following the link,

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/primary-school-assessment-tests/ks1-sats/>

The phonics check for Year 1 children begins in the week of the 7th June. At the end of June Year 4 will be taking an on-line tables test. Fluency in tables is vital for so many elements of maths. Please practise with your child at home.



Toddler Group

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a toddler forest school group after half term. These stay and play sessions will be run by Mrs Curtis and will take place in our fantastic outdoor space.

We have places available for 10 toddlers in these sessions, if you would like to book onto these please contact Mrs Jinman or Mrs Curtis and we can arrange this for you.

Thursdays 9:30am-11am £3 a session which will include a snack.

Tawny Owls

This week in class we have been busy writing our Invent pieces in English, which are based on our underwater book 'Flotsam'. The children thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their descriptive writing skills and their stories are beautifully written.

As a class we were also lucky enough to visit Marjons University again, this time to explore Stars and Constellations based on our Space unit of work

In Art we explored 'Post Impressionism' and how Van Gogh was very influential within this artistic movement. The children explored several of Van Gogh's nature-inspired pieces and then mixed

watercolours to mimic and create their own versions of his artwork.

We are really enjoying our weekly Swimming lessons at Mount Kelly, in Tavistock. Our swimming coaches - and

Mrs Court are so impressed with our progress including: level of skill, swimming abilities and water confidence.



Eagle Owls

The whole of Key Stage 2 had a great afternoon at MARJONS University yesterday. The children spent time in different workshops where they furthered their learning about the Science they have focusing on in class. For Tawny Owls this was centred on 'Earth and Space' and for Eagle Owls 'Physical and Chemical Changes'. It was fantastic to see how much enjoyment the children had experiencing a university campus and spending time with other schools as well as playing in the university's huge sand pit.

Thank you to all the children; they were excellent representatives for the school.

Geography

The children have continued their Geography journey this week by looking at what population pyramids are and helping them gain a deeper understanding of world population.

They had the opportunity to use provided data to draw their own population pyramid and then discuss how they can be used by Governments to decide future policies of a country.



Dates for your Diary

23rd May DMAT meeting 4.00pm

26th May Girls Cricket years 5/6

27th May Jubilee Tea Party

30th May Half Term

7th June Return to school (Tuesday)

7th June Phonics Screening

9th June Taster session Foundation

9th June Forest School Toddler Group

10th June Reception and Year 1 Multi-skills day (9.45-12 Bere Alston)

13th June Tempest Class photos

16th June Seth's Run

16th June Taster session Foundation

16th June Forest School Toddler Group

22nd June Work shop under the sky Brentor Common (Whole School day out)

23rd June Taster session Foundation

23rd June Forest School Toddler Group

24th June West Devon Aquathlon (3,4,5,6)

30th June Sports Day pm

30th June Taster session Foundation

30th June Forest School Toddler Group

7th July Swimming gala

11th July Barton Hall year 6 week

18th– 19th July Launceston Yr 6 transfer Ds

21st July Leavers assembly

22nd July End of term



Author Visit

After having to postpone several times, Rob Holmes will finally be visiting us on 27/05/22 in the morning.

We still hold all the completed book forms. If you need another please contact Mrs Jinman

Dates 2022-2023

Mon 5/9/2022 Training day

Tues 6/9/2022 Training day

Wed 7/9/2022 Start of year

Mon 24/10/2022 Half Term

Mon 31/10/2022 Back to school

Mon 19/12/2022 Christmas Holiday

Mon 2/1/2023 Training Day

Tues 3/1/2023 Back to school

Mon 13/2/2023 Half Term

Mon 20/2/2023 Back to school

Mon 3/4/2023 Easter Holiday

Mon 17/4/2023 Training Day

Tues 18/4/ 2023 Back to school

Mon 1/05/2023 Bank Holiday

Mon 29/05/2023 Half Term

Mon 5/06/2023 Training Day

Tues 6/06/2023 Back to school

Fri 21/07/ 2023 End of Term

Little Owls

We have explored seeds and where plants come from, we have talked about different parts of the plant by drawing diagrams, and we also learnt what plants need to grow. We have been busy in the vegetable patch, preparing it for planting and we have started conversations about what plants we can grow to eat.

We have had the chance to look and study real plants and create our own scientific diagrams, and we also dabbled in classical art, looking at Vincent Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' and recreating the colours and textures we saw, to create a collaborative piece.

Next week we are learning all about healthy eating, and of course celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.



Barn Owls

This week in RHE we have been learning about the importance of hand washing. This included a very exciting (and noisy!) glitter germ experiment. We discovered that even though only 3 people had 'germs' on their hands, very quickly almost the whole class had 'germs' on the hands.

In RE we had some wonderful retrieval from last week surrounding the stories of Abraham and Moses. We then looked at the Shema by analysing each section and considering how it would impact on Jewish lives. Next week we'll be applying this knowledge to mezuzahs and the daily lives and practices of Jews.

Today we've been writing our recount letter. I'm so impressed with the vocabulary and adjectives on display.

Tomorrow we will be editing our work and revising it, before writing it in our best writing on Monday.



Well done Charlie !

Charlie's team Tavistock Black U11's had their cup final against Saltash last Saturday and they won 5-3! Charlie plays as an attacking midfielder. Saltash gave Tavi Blacks a challenging game, their hardest yet! But Tavi Blacks did not give up! 2-0 down in the first few minutes! But the lads kept their chins up and didn't give in. Determination, focus and great teamwork won the day!

