



# MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd February 2024

## Message from Mrs Macdonald - Head Teacher

What wet and wild week we have had! Many thanks to those of you who have made sure children have coats and waterproof shoes - we like to get the children out to play if possible, so having these items means they can get out even if it's a bit damp.

It has come up in a recent survey that some children do not always feel that good behaviour is recognised at MBHS, so I will be working with Pupil Parliament to make sure this is rectified. The first step will be a reminder for all pupils about the recognition they **could** get for behaving well, such as a headteacher award (star of the week), a golden ticket for good lunchtime behaviour or merit points to recognise behaviour for learning. We will also be launching school leadership roles for pupils, and nominating children who always reflect our school values. This will include play leader roles and the appointment of librarians; Laila and Ivy (Y5) are the first two pupils to be awarded this role this week. As a reminder for all pupils and parents, we are also sending out our behaviour policy for you to review with your children - please do encourage them to always try their best and behave well

As always, we have a lot of wonderful things coming up this term (we have already crammed in a Y6 trip to Eden!) - please keep dates in your diary for key events. We are particularly excited for a week of science learning this term (British Science Week 8 - 17 March) and our careers focus, culminating in a careers fayre on Thursday the 28th March. We will send out all key dates and information via newsletter, flyer and on our social media feed.

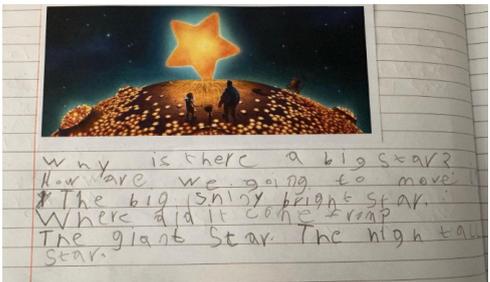
Best wishes and have the best weekend,  
Steph Macdonald

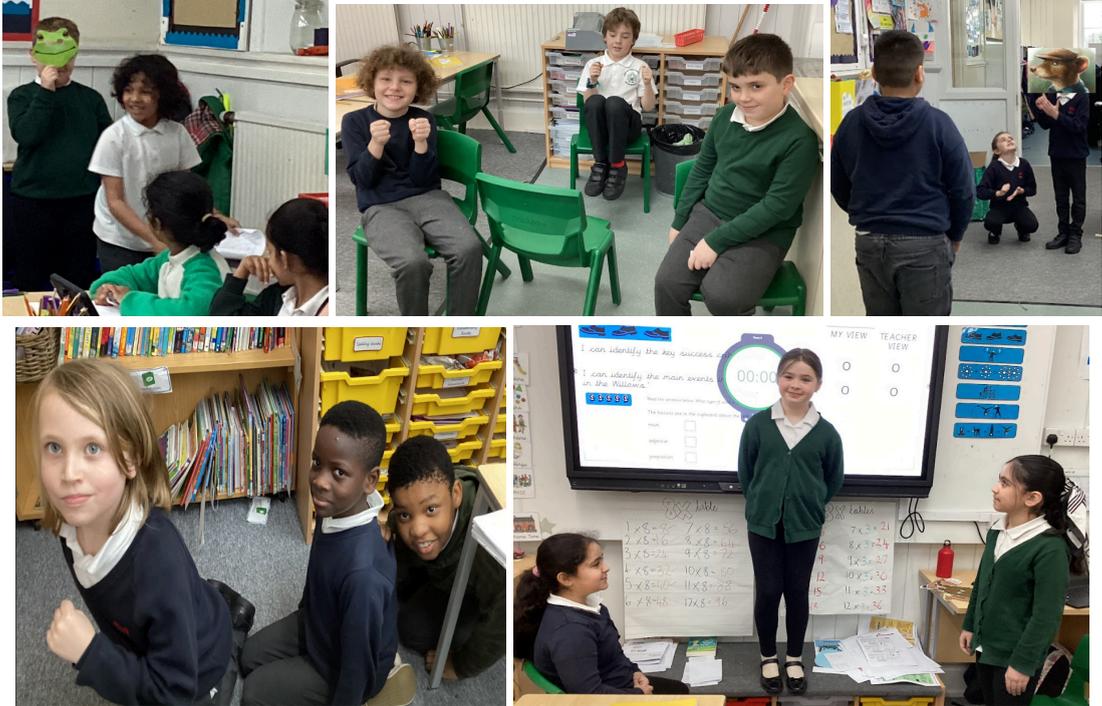
## Dates For Your Diary



What's on?	When's it Happening?	Year Group?	How to Pay? More Information
World Book Day	07.03.24	All Years	Information can be found on Newsletter
Comic Relief	17.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Individual class photos	19.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Careers Fayre	28.3.24	All Years	More information to follow
Paignton Zoo	16.04.24	Year 1 & 2	Letter came home this week

## Pupil Voice - Our Learning This Week

<p><b>Nursery</b></p>	<p>In Pre-school we enjoyed the story “A Seed In Need”. The children learnt about what a seed needs to grow and enjoyed talking about this during group times. Our pre-school children remembered about using water cans to water our flowers/vegetables in the Pre-school garden.</p> <p>We enjoyed getting creative making ladybirds and beautiful sunflowers using various resources. Our children also enjoyed exploring the small world tray by digging and planting seeds in the soil.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">     </div>
<p><b>Reception</b></p>	<p>What an exciting week in Reception, we have started our new theme; ‘Our Ocean City’ and the children have been great researchers. We have been talking about Plymouth as an Ocean City and all of the creatures that can be found in Plymouth Sound. The children have been decorating our learning spaces, and have even made a pirate ship; we have a feeling that pirates may arrive soon!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div>
<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<p>In Year 1 this week we have been very excited to learn all about explorers in History. We have learned about the equipment needed to be explorers and we have also heard how brave Robert Falcon Scott was during his expeditions to the Antarctic. In English we have been mesmerised by the short animation La Luna and are now busy planning our narratives based on this story.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>

<p><b>Year 2</b></p>	<p>This week, Year 2 have been exploring circuits in PE. They had a jump ladder, sprint test, throwing and catching practice and a bean bag toss. In teams of 5, they each had a go at all 4 activities. Each different activity had a different skill focus. We explored supporting each team member by cheering them on and we got to show some real strengths individually.</p> 
<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p>Year 3 have been getting stuck into their new topics after a lovely first week back. We have begun our new geography topic on the countries in our world, and have been researching the answers to the questions we have about different countries' capital cities, landmarks and physical features. We've also started our new DT topic, where we will be leading up to design our own pasta dish! And in our Writing sessions, we've been studying the story of 'Leon and the Place Between', and have done a little acting to help us better understand the story.</p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p>In English, Year 4 have been exploring the classic text, 'Wind in the Willows'. Today, the class watched a film version of the text, and then re-enacted small sections.</p> 
<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p>Welcome back everyone and what a return it's been. We got straight to business and made an absolutely amazing Viking village showing off our ever increasing DT skills (structures and reinforcements) and our in depth understanding of how Vikings lived. The results are astounding. They all did brilliantly and no doubt some of your homes will be furnished with some great models shortly.</p>

We now start a whole raft of new units across the board looking at an overarching theme of the Alps. I look forward to sharing our learning over the next 5 weeks.



**Year 6**

Year 6 were privileged to visit the incredible Eden Project this week, where we learned about where the food in our lunch boxes comes from and how plants are integral to our very survival. We learned about how Fair Trade products benefit farmers and workers across the world and how we can act in a sustainable way to protect our planet. It was a wonderful experience and a great way to add to our learning on sustainability from last term. Have a great weekend, everyone!



## We LOVE Reading

Each week we will share our love for reading with you below. If you have any questions about reading at MBHS please come in and see Leea.



### Boom Reader Update:



We have been made aware of some technical issues with boom reader, we have been in contact with them and these should be resolved over the next few days.

Thank you for your support.

Keep up the great reading at home! Remember, when you log 10 or more reads at home you will get a bookmark, 20 logs you will get a sweet treat, 30 logs extra playtime, 40 logs lunch with Leea or Mrs Macdonald, and 50 logs sees you win a book of your choice to keep! Please be reminded to try to log one read a day.

### World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

MBHS is proud to support sustainability wherever possible so this year we will be continuing with our “Design a Plate Challenge”. Your child should have come home today with a plain paper plate. We would like for your child to create a scene or image from their favourite book, using any method they like! They could paint it, colour it, collage it, they could even use the plate as a base of a model.

With the cost of living always increasing we do not support buying unnecessary costumes that your child may only wear once, the children should attend school in their usual uniform on this day please.

We would like designs to be back in school no later than Wednesday 6th March ready for our Judging panel!  
There will be a prize for each year group's best design.

**A note from our SENCo**

This week children enjoyed seeing Ebony. They groomed her, taught her some tricks and created wonderful portraits. A great effort from all.



**Y1 - Tilly**

**Y2 - Sapphira N**

**Y3 - Laila R**

**Y4 - Abdul-Qudus**

**Y5 - Bria**

**Y6 - Matilda S**

Well done to our winners! Thank You for your good manners at lunchtime.

### Attendance Winners



Our whole school attendance this week is: **93.94%**

Our weekly Class attendance winners this week are: **Year 4 with 95.5%!!!! Well done everyone!**

**Please be reminded that our attendance target is 96%**

### Nuts

Can we also remind all parents that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL - this includes all products containing any form of nut. If we find your child has a nut product as their snack or part of their lunch we will not allow them to eat this at school and it will be sent home with them.



### PE Days

Our PE days are detailed below. On their nominated PE day it is important that children should arrive at school already wearing their kit. PE kit consists of black jogger or tracksuit bottoms, a plain tshirt (either white or their nominated house colour) and suitable footwear. **There is no need to change, they will remain in the kit all day.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

### Staying Safe and Well - Keeping Up to Date

Please could we ask you to ensure all contact details that we hold for you are up to date.

We need at least:

- Names and contact details for two adults (usually the main parent or carer) and one other family member or trusted adult.
- The contact details should include at least one current contact number, home address and email address.

This really helps us to ensure we are able to get in touch with someone if there is an emergency for example where a student has had an accident, is ill at school or where a student does not arrive for school as expected.

If you are the main parent or guardian please could you speak to or email Reception in the first instance if there are details that need updating on your child's Arbor account.

### School Lunches

Please see below the menu for school lunches for next week.



# WEEK 2

W/C - MONDAY: 8TH JAN, 29TH JAN, 26TH FEB, 18TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H W</b> Chicken &amp; vegetable pasta bake served with garlic bread <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (Mi), M/C (So)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Sausage &amp; bean plait served with creamy mash <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (E), (Mi).</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Dig down cottage pie <b>Allergens:</b> M/C (Wh, Bar)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast gammon with roast potatoes &amp; gravy</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 1</b> Fish fingers served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (F)</p>
<p><b>CHOICE 2 - W V VE</b> Quorn nuggets with savoury rice <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (Mu)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</b> Vegetable pasta bake <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (Mi)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</b> Bean &amp; rice burrito <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</b> Vegan shepherds pie <b>Allergens:</b> (So)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE 2 - H V</b> Savoury cheesy muffin served with fresh chips <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (Mi), (E), M/C (O, Bar)</p>
<b>SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW</b>				
<p><b>DESSERT - V VE</b> Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt <b>Allergens:</b> (Mi)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H W V</b> Fruity Cookie <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (O), (E), M/C (Bar)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H V</b> Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt <b>Allergens:</b> (Su)(Mi)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H W V</b> Chocolate MALTed cake <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (Bar), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p><b>DESSERT - H W V</b> Toffee apple sponge with custard <b>Allergens:</b> (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>
<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT</b>				

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH, V = VEGETARIAN, 2 = THE VEGETARIAN LINE.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ca), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c - May Contain

Allergens and ingredient information correct at the time of menu production but subject to change due to stock availability. Please speak to your catering manager for the most up to date information.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!





## School Calendar

Please see below our term dates for 2023/2024.

	September 23	October 23	November 23	December 23
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29

	January 24	February 24	March 24	April 24
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26

	May 24	June 24	July 24	August 24
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
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Term	No. of Pupil Days
Autumn 1	33
Autumn 2	37
Spring 1	27
Spring 2	29
Summer 1	29
Summer 2	35
<b>Total:</b>	<b>190</b>

Public Holiday
  School Holiday
  School Inset Day

We can now also inform you of our term dates for 2024/2025.

## Term Dates 2024 - 2025

	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
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Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
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	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25
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