



# MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th January 2024

## Message from Mrs Macdonald - Head Teacher

We are over half way through term three already! We have had a few challenges with lots of cases of chickenpox and some nasty coughs so our attendance has taken a little bit of a dip. Please be reminded that lateness also affects attendance, and we are sending out letters this week as we have some families who have triggered attendance concerns purely through lateness. We try to support timely entry to the school by opening our gates at 8.35am and offering a 20 minute drop off window so all pupils can be in their classes before registration. We expect all pupils to be in school and at their desks **BY 8.55am** and the gate is closed at this time. Any pupil arriving after this time will be logged as late, and this will affect their ongoing attendance. Pupils start a morning task at 8.55am so to arrive late also means they will miss some learning. Some pupils say that they are 'embarrassed' to walk into the classroom when they are late so please consider this impact also.

We have a few exciting events coming up before our last day of term three on Thursday 8th February (Friday the 9th is an inset day and children are not on site). Please ensure you look at our key dates (below) and check out our Facebook page for reminders about upcoming events - our page looks like this:



Lastly from me can we share that Tilly in Y1 donated her beautiful hair to the Princess Trust this week. We are so proud of her for such a selfless act - you are a kind and wonderful member of the MBHS family Tilly!

Have the best weekend!

Best wishes,

Steph Macdonald



## Dates For Your Diary

What's on?	When's it Happening?	Year Group?	How to Pay? More Information
National Height and Measurement	02.02.24	Reception and Year 6	Letter came home this week
UK Safer Internet Day	06.02.24	All Years	Information will be given to students from the class teacher.
Express Yourself Mufti	08.02.24	All Years	More information to follow
Babcock Workshop	08.02.24	Year 4	More information to follow
Last Day of Term 3	08.02.24	All Years	School will close for half term.
INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	09.02.24	All Years	School closed to all pupils.

First Day of Term 4	19.02.24	All Years	School reopens to all pupils.
The Eden Project	20.02.24	Year 6	Letter came home today.
World Book Day	07.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Comic Relief	17.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Paignton Zoo	16.04.24	TBC	More information to follow

### Pupil Voice - Our Learning This Week

#### Nursery

In pre-school we enjoyed the story "I wish I were a Pilot". Following our own aspirations and what we would like to do when we are grown up. Our children enjoyed talking about different ways to travel encouraged by the pictures in our story. Some of our pre-school children talked about going on holiday on an aeroplane, travelling on a train and even a boat. The children enjoyed role-playing with the hairdressing box, Building structures with large wooden blocks, exploring the messy tray with construction vehicles and diggers. The children also made Earth on our creative table. We talked about seeing different planets from a rocket in space like in our story.



#### Reception

This week we have had great fun reading and acting out our story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have been planting our very own beanstalks after being inspired by our story and cannot wait to see them start to grow! We took part in an incredible performance in the hall on Wednesday; Winter Nights from the Theatre Royal. The children had an amazing time joining in with the storytellers and watching the performers. We have also seen some wonderful writing this week; Well done Reception!





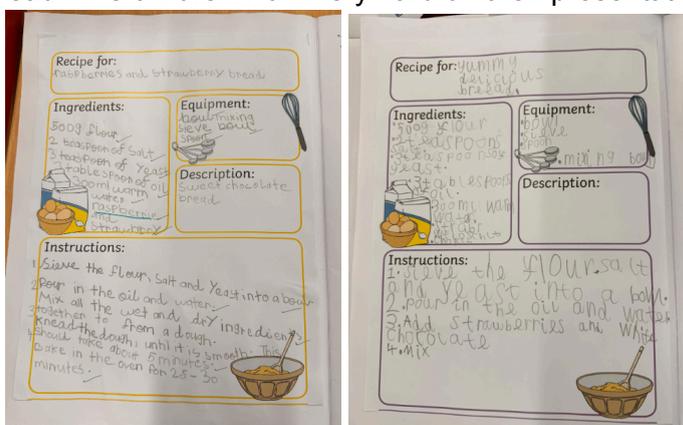
**Year 1**

In Year 1 this week we have been reading the story 'The ugly duckling' we have all decided it isn't very kind to say that the duckling is ugly just because he looks different to the other ducks. In design and technology we have been tasting different fruits deciding which ones we like and which we are not very keen on. Lots of us even tried fruits we have never had before.



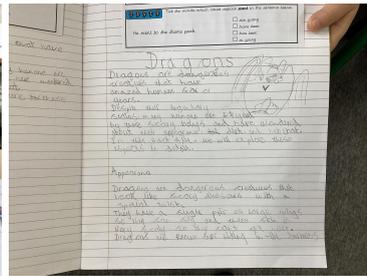
**Year 2**

Year 2 has been working hard in Maths looking at division. We have also been working very hard writing up recipes in Design and Technology showing how to make our own bread. The children work very hard on their presentation.



**Year 3**

There's been loads going on in Year 3 this week! We've been investigating right angles in shapes by making and drawing our own polygons and quadrilaterals; we've drafted our information fact-file all about dragons; we've explored which materials are magnetic in our own makeshift scrap yards; and we've even had a visit from Dave the Pug and his human, Zara!



**Year 4**

Year 4 have continued to develop their gymnastic skills this week with our sports coach (Sarah) - considering how they can create **symmetrical and asymmetrical** balances and work together in pairs. Super collaborative work folks!

Ask your child what these two words mean - even better...get them to show you!



**Year 5**

What a great week in year 5. The highlights were getting stuck into our book 'Viking boy' and starting to plan ready for our newspaper reports. In maths we've been exploring and getting confidence with scaling. And in science, the children performed experiments to create irreversible chemical changes.



	<p>As always - home learning in Google Class and Thursday lunch is open doors for home learning catch up.</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p>	<p>Year 6 has been investigating how light behaves in science, proving that it travels in a straight line and investigating the properties of shadows. In Geography, we have looked at what renewable energy is used in our local area and the difference between renewable and non-renewable sources of energy. In English we have completed our adventure narratives and are now looking at how persuasive texts are organised and written. Our maths learning continues to focus on fluency and operations with fractions.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>

### Golden Tickets

The following children will join Mrs Macdonald for lunch on Monday after displaying exemplary manners in the lunch hall and on the playground this week. Well done everyone!



- ★ Year 1 - Hamdalat
- ★ Year 2 - Bryan
- ★ Year 3 - Preslie and Leighton
- ★ Year 4 - Ilan
- ★ Year 5 - Connie
- ★ Year 6 - Chun

## Attendance Winners



Our whole school attendance this week is: **88%**

Our weekly Class attendance winners this week are: **Year 5 with 96%!!!! Well done!**

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

## School Lunches

Please see below the menu for next week's school lunches:

# 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>
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
<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>
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				

Fresh fruit, local WEST COUNTRY 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 meal 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 (Ce), 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 meat or brown rice instead of potatoes  
 Tilda

## 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 -Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. Parents and Carers play an important role in helping children to express how they are feeling in a healthy way. All children should have a safe space to say what they are happy, sad, worried and angry about.



[Place2Be](#) has some great ideas for parents and carers about how you can help your child or young person to express how they are feeling. Ideas include:

- Making time to talk which might be grabbing an opportunity to ask about their day or their interests on the way home from school, on a car journey or whilst eating tea;
- Listening carefully and acknowledging that even if something seems small, it is a big deal for the child;
- Sometimes a hug is all that is needed to provide reassurance.



## School Calendar

Please see below our term dates for 2023/2024.

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

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

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

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



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## Children's Appointments!

**NHS**

SpaDental South-West

**SpaDental Plymouth and SpaDental Saltash  
invite children under 12 years of age for  
NHS appointments.**

**Book an appointment today!**

Help your child keep healthy teeth for life.



To book an appointment, or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit the link:

<https://www.spadental.co.uk/for-patients/spadental-south-west-children/>

to complete the "contact us" form.

SpaDental Plymouth: Entrance rear of 2 Hyde Park Rd, Mutley, PL3 4RJ