



Newsletter 28th June 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Once again, you can see on our Newsletter what a terrific time the children have had at school these last few weeks - we have been blessed with great weather for all our outdoor events this week.

Today, you will have received your child's final, annual report for this year. In it you will find details of your child's new teacher. We will have 2 new teachers joining us in September: Mrs Natalie Anderson will be teaching in Year 5, and in Year 4 will be Miss Evy Spinou-Whitely who is covering Mrs Head's maternity leave (Mrs Head is likely to return around the Easter time next year). Your child will get opportunity to spend time with their new teachers in their new class bases before the summer break.

Lost Property

It is building up! If you think you have lost something, please come to look for it. We will also be laying out the lost property at the Summer Fair for everyone to check. At the end of the year, **all** unclaimed items are donated to The Uniform Shop for them to recycle for others to wear so please come and have a check - we would love to reunite you with all your lost things!

A Spotlight on: Wellness week



To support the wonderful Personal Development programme at Pilgrim, we have been celebrating 'Wellness' this week. The children have taken part in a number of activities to immerse them in the world around them and focus on their holistic wellbeing. We have held: our Sports Day; completed a physical challenge; engaged in a forest school activity; enjoyed a tent experience that required teamwork; and finished our week with a dance challenge on the field. All our children and staff had a wonderful time and it was a week full of smiles, new experiences and a sense of achievement.









Whole School Event

Sports Day

This week we have hosted our annual Sports days for Early Years, Years 1,2 & 3 and Years 4,5 & 6. The children enjoyed taking part in the round robin activities and as always the racing was very competitive. We are pleased to announce the House Team that performed the best over all 3 sports day events ,winning the cup, is **SMEATON**. Well done to all of the children in Smeaton and to everyone that participated in our sport days event this year- toddlers, parents and staff included!

Brickfields up date

In our previous newsletter we celebrated the fact that our pupils had a very successful athletics meet at the annual Brickfields event. We are pleased to let you know that the Boys Field Team has won the team event cup this year and the Girls Field Team were declared joint winners with Bickley Down- with whom we will share the cup. What an achievement! It is the first time a team from Pilgrim has won a cup at the Brickfields event so we are especially proud to have won both of the cups this year. Well done to all of our fantastic athletes who competed in this event.









CURRICULUM NEWS - WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

EYFS



We have been observing our caterpillars and by the end of last week they had all turned into a cocoon. We are looking forward to when they change into butterflies.

Last Thursday, Mr. Farid visited our school. He told us what Eid al-Fitr was and why it is celebrated.

Last Wednesday, Fox Cubs and Bear Cubs enjoyed painting caterpillars and butterflies with sticks, leaves and pine cones in forest school time. We all enjoyed a tasty treat at the end.

We had great fun on Monday for our sports day. We all had a go at the different activities and then we did team races. It was enjoyable cheering on our friends in Bear Cubs and Fox Cubs.







Year 1



This week, we have been having lots of fun making fruit and vegetable kebabs in Design and Technology lessons. We tasted lots of different fruit and vegetables and designed our fruit kebab. We practised our cutting and peeling skills safely and then created our fruit kebabs. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our wellbeing week, where we went into the forest and looked for minibeasts and hugged some. We were also lucky enough to have a reader from Promoting Children in Plymouth read 'Little Red' to us.





Year 2





This term, we have been imagining we are scientists! We have enjoyed exploring our school grounds to discover which minibeasts live in our school environment. We have used tally charts to count and total how many minibeasts we found in different microhabitats. In our teams, we observed the microhabitats in our forest, around the field and in our willow garden. Could you see which minibeasts you have in your home environment too? We would love to see what you find in a tally chart!









Year 3



We've had an amazing time enjoying wellness week. We've had a fitness challenge, Sports Day, forest activities,

taste testing and cutting skills for our Design and Technology Cooking and Nutrition unit and we've absolutely

mastered our 'Waka Waka' dance challenge!





Year 4



Year 4 has had an action packed couple of weeks. We have had so much fun for wellness week. We managed

to create our own campsite on the school field. Some of us proved ourselves to be experts at tent building

and even had to help some of the grown ups put up the tents! We have also been making pizzas as part of

Design Technology learning. Stay tuned to see the final results...







Year 5



Over the past two weeks, both classes had the privilege of meeting with a civil engineer and a commercial officer from Babcock. The students were educated about the professionals' roles and responsibilities within the industry. Furthermore, each class participated in an engaging activity, constructing cranes using Lego, which they found to be highly enjoyable.

While the sun was shining, both classes also had the opportunity to build tents for a team-building session. All teams collaborated effectively and, with some assistance, successfully completed their task.





Year 6



This week in Year 6, we have been learning how to ride a bike safely on the local roads with the Bikeability team.

We learnt about road signs, junctions, looking out for cars and using our arms to signal. Super cycling skills Year 6,

well done!

We have also had a wonderful time learning how to put tents up on the school field working in teams with the

EYFS children. A lovely active time for Year 6 this week.







Butterflies



Butterflies have had a wonderful time in maths this week. They have looked at the different lengths of time and worked together as a group to sort them from the shortest to the longest. They have been learning to tell the time by using clocks to show the time and working with partners to say what the time is. We also did some taste testing as part of our Design Technology learning, trying different fillings we put in a sandwich.





Clubs

Multi Skills Club

On a Thursday, after school, children from KS2 attend Multi skills Club, run by Mr Newell. In this club the children practise the basic skills of throwing, catching, passing, aiming and body control. They then apply these skills to a range of different sports activities. These sports have included football, basketball, rounders and golf! They enjoy being part of a team and applying the skills they practise to a variety of games.

“ In our club we practise throwing, catching, passing and kicking . We have played football, golf, basketball and rounders. It is always different and always fun”. Cruz

“ I like playing lots of different sports but playing golf was my favourite” Princess

“ I like playing all the fun games we do to warm up. I like piggy in the middle- this helps with our passing and dodging skills” Avin.





Attendance at Pilgrim

Children should be in school 'regularly' in order to get the best out of the education we provide. The Government is clear that regular attendance is being in school for 96% or more.

Here are the attendance figures for the year to date for each class. The classes in green are at or above 96% - our target. Well done to those teams!

Please click on the link below to see our Attendance Policy

[Good Attendance and Punctuality Policy](#)

Registration Form	Present	Late
Year F HG/ROL	91.4%	1.7%
Year F HT	92.4%	1.5%
Year 1 JM	92.5%	2.9%
Year 1 LW	92.8%	0.7%
Year 2 BF	96.7%	1.2%
Year 2 RH	91.5%	1.6%
Year 3 CB	95.9%	1.0%
Year 3 KC	94.7%	1.9%
Year 4 EK	95.8%	1.7%
Year 4 LJ	96.4%	1.4%
Year 5 AC	96.0%	2.0%
Year 5 SS	92.0%	2.2%
Year 6 RH	94.9%	1.8%
Year 6 SR	93.3%	1.5%

Recogniton Awards

	PAT ON THE BACK Between 17/06/24 and 28/06/24
Yr 1	Adam G / Ella E / Noah A-S / Taylor M
Yr 2	Flora A / Dominika K / Fatimah F / Mildred O
Yr 3	Molly L / Autumn G / Imelda R
Yr 4	Harmony K-J / Edith S / Avin G
Yr 5	Misha A /
Yr 6	Tommy K / Louis J / Joyce L



	STAR LEARNER From 17/06/24 until 28/06/24
Yr 1	Fay O / Finley J / Mia-Rose W-L / Alisha B
Yr 2	Hiyab G / Hannah B / Wiktor S / Willow B
Yr 3	Betsy B / Maiah N / Khaled A-R
Yr 4	Celina L / Edith S / Alma I / Samuel E
Yr 5	Shay T / Bella C / Isla H
Yr 6	Marley E / Laila-Mae H / Amid A-R / Jara G

Calendar



- 3rd July Year 4 trip to Dartmoor & Parent Teacher Consultation meetings
(3.30 onwards by request)
- 4th July **School closed – Polling Day centre - NO PUPILS**
- w/c 8th July **LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**
- 12th July Summer Fair 2.30pm - 4.30pm (more details to follow)
- 16th July Rocksteady Festival 2.00pm-3.00pm
- 17th July Year 6 Performance to parents 2pm - 3pm
(in school time option with younger sibling welcome)

18th July	Governors Awards 9.15 am EYFS-KS1 / 10.00am KS2 (by invitation only)
18th July	Year 6 Performance to parents 4.30pm - 5.30pm (after school option - no young children)
19th July	Leavers Assembly 9.15am (by invitation only)
19th July	End of School Year

Parent Support Advisor



A Message from your Parent Support Advisor - Donna Harris

My name is Mrs Donna Harris and I am your Parent Support Adviser. I am employed by the school to advise, support and work alongside families. My role is very informal and I am here for any questions /concerns you may have however big or small they may be (and there is no such thing as a 'silly question'). I am around school every day and you don't always need to make an appointment.

If I cannot help directly, my job is to find someone who can. There are many services I can signpost you to, including those that deal with debt management, money matters, ICT skills, job clubs, and Citizens Advice Bureau, housing matters, etc.

The Pilgrim Pantry: this is our very own school-based food bank. It is run through kind school, parent and community donations so please speak to me if this is something that you might need to use; we can offer emergency food and toiletries bags immediately. Also, I can access Plymouth Food Bank tokens too.

Our School Uniform Bank: we have all manner of pre-loved uniform items including PE kits and shoes to be reused. I cannot promise every size but we often have a good supply to choose from. *(If any families want to donate surplus uniform, I would be very grateful so we can keep our stock high).*

How to contact me: Please use the contacts below or just grab me when you see me out and about. I am often on the KS2 playground in the mornings (I have a room in The Port building there). My kettle is always on - sometimes a coffee and a chat to share the problem can work wonders so please do not hesitate to come and find me.

PSA Board: KS2 playground

Contact: Donna Harris
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School Meals



Click on the School Dinner link below

[School Menu](#)

Please click to open [THEMED LUNCH DAY 10th July 2024](#)

Free School Meals

All KS1 children are entitled to free school meals. For KS2 children, school meals are free only for children whose parents/carers receive benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (most recent award notice - with no Working Tax Credit **AND** an annual income not exceeding £16,190)
- Guarantee element of pension credit
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit - from 1 April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods.

- **PLEASE NOTE: Eligibility for FSM cannot be determined until you have received your first Universal Credit statement or entitlement letter. We have been informed by DWP that they take up to 6 weeks to process your first/new claim.**
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act

You can apply on-line by following the link below or pick up a paper copy from the school office.

[Free School Meal on line application form](#)

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We hope you have a great weekend!