March 2024 Newsletter

Marldon C of E Primary School

'Within the love of God, working together, growing together, for all to flourish.'

Dates for the diary:

Monday 15th April:
First day of Summer Term

Friday 19th April:
Dance Club demonstrations

Tuesday 23rd April:
Rev, Jane visit to Mercury class

Friday 26th April:
Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight recording

Monday 29th April:
Year 5 CSI day

Tuesday 30th April:
Year 4 Egyptian day at Torquay Museum

Friday 3rd May:
First session Year 3 swimming

Thursday 9th May:
Class photographs

Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May:
Year 6 SATs Week 2024.

As we reach the end of our Spring Term and are looking forward to the Easter holiday, there are a few things to share with you:

Christian Value:

This half term our focus value has been perseverance. We have completed our 1/2 term by sharing how we have demonstrated perseverance in our lives across the last six weeks. The children shared great examples of learning, both inside and outside of the school, where they have had to persevere.

Right of the Month:

Each month we focus on a different article from the UNICEF Rights For Children charter. This month we have explored Article 29 - education must teach children to protect the environment.

Year 3 and 4 Easter Service:

A huge thank you and well done to our Year 3's and 4's who delivered a fantastic Easter service this morning. Despite a last minute change of venue, they delivered a brilliant service sharing the Easter story through poem and song; as well as leading us in prayer.

Well done Year 3 and 4.

Comic Relief:

A huge thank you for all your support with our Comic Relief day this year. The children looked great in their wacky outfits and each class had fun deciding who was the winner of the wackiest dressed. Behind all the it was also great to share the important messages that accompany this day with the children both in their classrooms and all together in our worship.

Marldon Football:

Some fantastic news to share. After attending the final of our league fixture evenings - during which the team earned a hard fought draw and an unlucky tight loss - our team finished 4th in the league earning them a spot in the final stages of the competition. Well done! I look forward to updating you with how they get on in the next newsletter.

British Science Week:

British Science Week took place earlier this month with children all over the country exploring and celebrating all forms of science. As a school we attended online seminars exploring different aspects of the subject as well as carrying out a whole school investigation linked to a key question. If you want to find out more please be sure to check out your child's class blog.

A big thank you to Miss Hayman, our Science coordinator , for organising all of these events.

8-17 March British Science Week 2024

World Book Day:

Like many other schools, we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday March 7th. It was great to see such a variety of book characters arriving in school and more importantly children clutching their favourite books to share with others! As always, thank you for your support with this event.

Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 have spent the last two weeks completing their Bikeability level 1 and 2 qualifications. Despite some challenging weather conditions the children had fun while learning how to ride safely on our roads. Well done Year 5s!

YOUNGMiNDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Young Minds Parent Helpline
We know that being a parent or carer isn't always easy. Although it's often amazing and rewarding to watch your child grow up, it can also be really hard work. Things might feel especially difficult if your child or young person is struggling with their mental health.
Young Minds is one of the UK's leading charities fighting for children and young people's mental health. They have lots of practical advice to help you support your child - from encouraging them to open up, to navigating mental health services and finding them the right help. They also offer a Parents Helpline with a phone or online chat service, providing detailed information advice and support to parents and carers of children and young people. You can access support at https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/

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Online Safety:

Keeping children safe online is a challenge especially with the pace of change within the world of technology. New APPS, games and websites come out all the time and so it is important to keep up to date with what your children are accessing online. The NSPCC website has lots of useful information about online safety including top tips for parents and carers. Follow the link below to find out more. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

A message from Rev. Jane:

Children's & Families' Spring Activity/Craft morning April 10th 10am-12 noon & Easter Holiday Churchyard discovery nature trail.

In the second week of the school holidays, St John Baptist Parish Church in the village is holding a Spring activity/craft morning. Entitled 'Get ready! Get set! Grow!' we invite you to drop in at any point to enjoy a range of free craft activities to make & take away. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Refreshments will be available. Children must be accompanied.

Throughout the Easter Holidays you can follow a free Churchyard Discovery Nature Trail in the churchyard. Please access through the church gate, up the slope, near the Village Hall. Quiz sheets & pens will be in the church porch: help yourself & enjoy! Revd Jane
PS We have a family friendly Easter service on Easter Day at 10am. Do come to that or arrive at 11.15 at the Village Hall for an Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bonnet competition.

Planned Absence:

Please remember that you must notify school of any period of planned absence. This needs to be done through collecting and completing an S2 request form from the school office. At this time, can I also remind you that we are only able to authorise requests if there are 'exceptional circumstances.'Devon County Council's advice is that we must be extremely cautious about approving any requests if a pupil's education is likely to be significantly impacted upon.
It is important that these forms are handed in with adequate time to respond as any unauthorised absence will likely result in a penalty notice or court summons being issued to each parent for each pupil affected.

All that is left from me is to say thank you to each and everyone one of you for your continued support and to wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break.

Kind regards,

Jon Arnold
Head of School

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