

# MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER



Friday the 29th April 2022

## Message from Mrs Blake

We were so pleased to welcome the children back this week after a lovely Easter break!

This week saw the launch of our first ever house competition! All children are part of a 'house' and these are named after local streets around the schools - Union (red), Newport (blue), Athenaeum (green) and Phoenix (yellow). So far, the children have had the chance to wear their colours for PE, and earn merits for their teams, but this term we wanted to really encourage the team spirit by bringing the children from all classes and both sites together for a common cause. I have challenged each of the teams to earn the most merits over the five weeks of term five. The winning team will participate in a fun event at the end of term, chosen and organised by the children themselves, supported by their parliament representatives. This competition will support the children in learning how to work together and also will develop their understanding of what it means to be a citizen of our school. Look out for more news about the competition and the team totals in next week's newsletter!

Over the coming term, both Y2 and Y6 pupils will undertake their SATs tests at Millbay and High Street. Y6 tests begin on Monday the 9th of May and last until Thursday the 12th of May, whereas the Y2 SATs are delivered in a more relaxed way, with pupils being tested over the course of May in small groups. If you have any queries or concerns about the tests, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Staff are looking forward to parents' evening with you all over the next few weeks. Please ensure you have made an appointment via the 'School Cloud' site - the appointments are via video call - if this does not work, you will receive a call instead. If you have any difficulties booking, please let us know as soon as possible, and we will arrange a meeting with you on a different date.

The children have been participating in some fantastic learning over the past week. Please see below for details.

As always, please get in touch with any of the usual channels if you have anything you'd like to discuss with myself or a member of the school team.

Best wishes,  
Steph Blake

## Our Learning This Week - Pupil Voice

### **Nursery**

Our nursery story of the week this week is "Look out ladybird"

The children enjoyed this story and talked about living things they see whilst outside. The children enjoyed creating their own ladybirds. "It's Red" "They have black spots" "1,2,3,4,5 spots".

The children also enjoyed having Emily in on wednesday afternoon doing some fun P.E games with the children outdoors.

Jace "I jumped in the hoops" Milo "I like following the lines and doing hopscotch".



**Reception**

In Reception this week we have been exploring our new theme; Creatures and Habitats. We have loved exploring our garden on mini-beast hunts and discussing where we found them and why. "I found a ladybird! Its leaves are the habitat."  
We have been practising subitising to 7 in maths indoors and in the garden.  
"I got 7, I can subitise with sticks!"  
Every child in Reception has pictures on Tapestry, login and enjoy sharing them at home together!

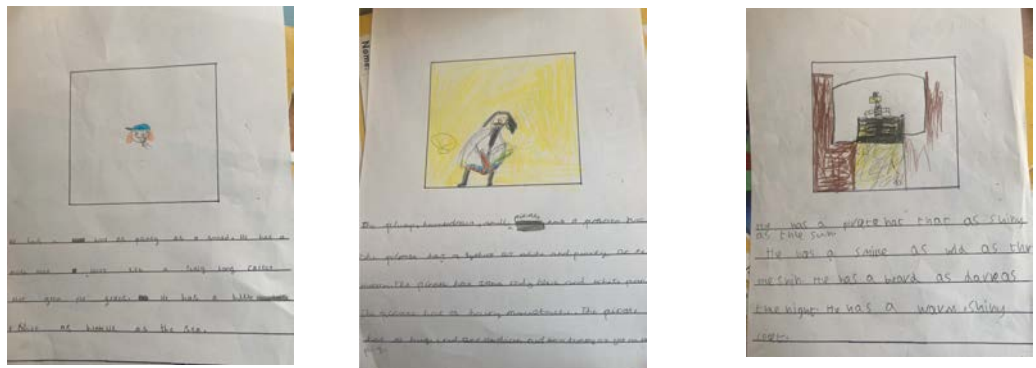


**Year One**



Year 1 have been collating and recreating data from a zoo map in computing. The children used objects to show the information that was shared. We had a really fun lesson writing on the tables with whiteboard pens and working in pairs.

**Year Two:**



In English we have been writing character descriptions of the pirates from the 'Pirates Love Underpants' story. We have used similes, adjectives and expanded noun phrases in our writing.

**Year Three**



Year 3 have been learning about Greek myths, creating their own captions for 'The Labours of Heracles'. They have had a brilliant time acting out the scenes and writing their own captions for the dramatic events! Have a look at Oscar's captivating caption:

'Suddenly a massive, long-necked monster came dashing to Heracles, without getting noticed. Heracles heard the monster and quickly turned around to see a hydra one hundred times as tall as him. Heracles thought that he didn't stand a chance against the beast but he did something that would definitely get the hydra's attention...he insulted him.'

**Year Four**

Year 4 have begun their new units of work in Maths and English - ask them about sliding to the left in maths, and to name an ugly animal! We also completed our art project - inspired by the artist Kandinsky! We would also like to share some images from our well-being day - because we really enjoyed our well-being day! Fruit kebabs, Easter themed escape room and all the in-between!



**Year Five**

Year 5 have been busy learning about persuasive writing based around their class book, Tutankhamun. They have written job descriptions with the intention of hiring archaeologists to excavate Tutankhamun's tomb. In Maths, Year 5 have been learning about volume and have been designing their own 3d shapes to explore this concept more thoroughly. In Humanities, the children have enjoyed exploring the beginning of our new topic, journeys! A very productive week in Year 5!



<b>Year Six</b>	Year 6 have been engaged in Maths and English activities to best prepare them for the upcoming SATs examinations. We have been exploring cohesive devices, looking in depth at adverbials, conjunctions and pronouns and how these can be utilised to best effect in our writing. In Maths, we have practised reading timetables and converting between 12 hour and 24 hour clocks. We started an exciting Geography unit this week, where we will soon be carrying out fieldwork in our local environment and pursuing a line of enquiry on how to improve the environment and residents quality of life.
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### **After School and Sports Clubs next week - IMPORTANT**

Please be aware that there are no after school clubs next week due to parent teacher meetings. Wrap around care will be available as normal on the High Street site and this can be booked in the usual way via ParentPay.

### **High Street Main Building**

May we remind ALL parents that the High Street main building remains closed due to risk of injury and we are not able to accept visitors. If you need to speak to Antonia in the office, please call 01752 225 649.

### **Sun Cream**

As the weather warms up and the children spend more time outside in clubs, outdoor learning and PE sessions, please can we remind parents to apply sun cream to their children and/or supply sun cream in their bags that children are able to apply themselves. As a school we are unable to supply or apply sunscreen.



### **Personal Development and Wellbeing Day**



We are delighted to be able to confirm that our personal development and wellbeing day has now been confirmed for Friday 6th May. As before children are welcome to come to school in Mufti that day and are advised to bring water and apply sunscreen. A copy of the Personal Development and Wellbeing poster can be found [here](#)

### **Special Events and Curriculum Enhancement**

- WB 25.4.22 - Children return and clubs start
- WB 2.5.22 - Parent consultations for YR - Y5
- 6.5.22 - Personal Development and Wellbeing Day.
- WB 16.5.22 - Parent consultations for Y6 & Nursery
- 2.5.22 - Bank Holiday
- WB 9.5.22 - SATs week for Y6
- WB 23.5.22 - Reward Event for the winning house team
- Friday 27.5.22 - Last day of term 5

## Attendance



Our weekly attendance winners this week are:

4JHu - 99.45%

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

## Merit Earners

Here are the running totals for this week:

<b>Blue - Newport</b>	265
<b>Green - Athenaeum</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>Red - Union</b>	197
<b>Yellow - Phoenix</b>	281

*Green are in the lead and Red are trailing in 4th!! Come on Red!*

Top 10 earners this week:

**Lexi W - Y6, Joanna A - Y6, Jacob N-G - Y6, Rikki S - Y6, Eszlley - Y5, Abby - Y6, Elliot - Y6, Emily - Y6, Sunny - Y1, Max - Y1**

**Well done everyone!**

## Contacting us

### **Contact Books**

Please use your child's red contact book for messages that may need to be sent to class teachers; they are checked daily by staff.

Here, for your convenience, are the email addresses for both school admin teams.

- [high.st.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:high.st.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk)
- [primary@millbayacademy.org](mailto:primary@millbayacademy.org)

## Web links

For up-to-date information about all aspects of our MBHS federation, please check the [Parent Hub](#) on the Millbay Academy website, which gives easy access to key information including the following:

- The School Day
- Attendance
- Term Dates
- Uniform
- School Meals
- Wrap Around Care
- Primary Learning Spaces
- The Primary Team
- How to Contact Us