

Friday the 26th November

Message from the Leadership Team

We are another week closer to Christmas and there is an air of excitement about it being December next week! We are so grateful to Larry Speare for donating a Christmas tree to the High Street site - this will be arriving on Monday and we will be inviting the children to decorate it with us. Miss Pearce (Y3) and her geography club have come up with the idea of each child writing a Christmas promise for the tree - this will be a pledge to do something next year to look after our planet. We will keep and display these in the new year so we can work together to support sustainability and 'planet care' and remind the children of their promises.

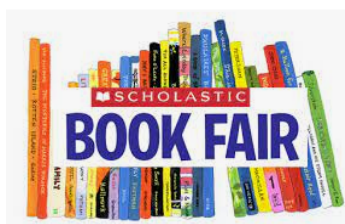
Alice

At the end of this term, Alice will be leaving us to start a new challenge within another Reach South school - Stoke Damerel Primary. We know you will join with us in wishing Alice the best of luck in her new role. Across the MBHS federation, we have many talented staff members who are ready for the next stages of their career, and so we are excited to fill Alice's role with an existing member of staff. We will share more news about the teaching teams for term three closer to the Christmas break.

Book Fair

Many thanks for your support with the book fair this week and a huge thank you to Craig McGregor and the other staff who ran the fair.

We are delighted to announce that we sold £509 worth of books, earning the school £203 in rewards to be spent upgrading our library stock.



Class Author Day

The children have absolutely loved our collapsed curriculum day today. Staff supported the children in finding out about their class author and preparing a presentation to share with a paired class. Over the course of the day the children also heard stories and extracts from a range of books and undertook other activities such as writing reviews and drawing book characters. We will take part in other days such as these in the new calendar year - please keep an eye out for future events.

Christmas/Winter Celebrations

We shared these dates last week but just to remind you again here are the key dates around our Christmas events:

Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day - children may wear mufti and a Christmas jumper/top - Christmas dinner menus will be published today

Wednesday 15th December - EYFS/KS1 Winter Concert - 2pm at High Street
Thursday 16th December - KS2 Winter Performance - 2pm at Millbay

News

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to check out the **five** news stories published last week on our website!

- Year 3 work with Plymouth University Architecture and Early Years students on an exciting project in Stonehouse Creek called '[MYSelf. MYSpace. MYPlace](#)'.
- Year 5 don their historical boots and set off to uncover what life was like for [Anglo Saxons in England](#).
- Reception start our new NHS-funded [toothbrushing scheme](#)!
- Year 4 visit the [Millbay secondary science labs](#) and investigate how quickly different types of chocolate melt.
- AND Year 4 visit the [Derry's Cross Pizza Express](#), where they participated in a pizza based quiz, and got to make their own margherita pizza.

Attendance

Reception - 87%	
Year 1 - Will - 88%	Year 1 - Leea - 89%
Year 2 - Sinead - 95%	
Year 3 - Miss Gilbert - 81%	Year 3 - Miss Pearse - 98%
Year 4 - Craig - 97%	Year 4 - Jess - 94%
Year 5 - Ian - 90%	Year 5 - Ashleigh and Miriam - 98%
Year 6 - Joe - 98%	Year 6 - Dani - 97%

Well done to all of the classes with 98% attendance - great going from all of you but the overall winners are Joe's class. Great Job! Our target is 96% attendance.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th December - Performances
- Friday 17th December - Last Day of Term
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 - INSET day - children not in school
- Wednesday 5th January 2022 - First day back for children

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
- 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
- Walking Bus
- Primary Learning Spaces
- The Primary Team
- How to Contact Us