



Notes from the Vale

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

Well, here we are at the end of the first summer term. Can you believe that we only have 1 term left of this academic year? As well as our whole school sports day, we have also had many events taking place this week, including a whole school rounders and cricket event, been visited by the National Marine Aquarium and had classrooms filled with creepy crawlies. What wonderfully enriching experiences for our pupils.

Sports Day

Despite the weather, we had a fantastic sports day. It was no easy task to take the whole school to Brickfields for the day and a lot of organisation went into pulling this event off. My special thanks go to Mr Peacock who has been at the forefront of getting all the arrangements together and ensuring that all staff and pupils were prepared. It really was a very special event as all pupils got to experience an actual athletics ground and work collaboratively as a team and as individuals. I know that the families that joined us loved the various different races that took place (I think the space hoppers were a particular favourite). Thank you, also, to the PTFA who worked incredibly hard to provide discounted travel and a free bus shuttle to and from Brickfields. I am sure, although a little soggy, that all pupils came home recalling their enjoyment in the event: many said that it was the 'best sports day ever'. Hopefully, this experience has inspired them to get involved in more sporting activities outside of school.

Staffing

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Beh this week. Although he has only been with us for a short period of time, I know that the year 6 pupils have enjoyed working with him and having him in their class. Mr Beh will be moving on to complete a doctorate whilst training to be an educational psychologist - a job that is so vital to schools to support their pupils with special education needs. Good luck, Mr Beh, and thank you.

KS2 SATs

I am so unbelievably proud of the year 6 pupils who completed their statutory assessments last week. These are always very tricky assessments as they test their knowledge of the whole key stage curriculum. Whilst this year's tests proved to be challenging indeed, each and every pupil faced them with positivity and a 'can do' attitude. This is a true reflection of our values of **resilience, bravery and self-belief**.

We found out on the same week that we have been selected to be moderated for writing in year 6 (this happens roughly every 4 years). Our wonderful year 6's will be needing to focus for a little longer on ensuring their writing reflects the standards expected for the end of key stage 2 so that our moderators see their ability in writing.

'What I want to be' dress up day

What a wonderful day we have had! The school was awash with outfits which celebrated the jobs we would like to do in the future. Driven by Miss Cusack, this is part of our focus on careers development across the school and breaking down stereotypes in employment. I have loved hearing about future careers, dreams and aspirations from across the school.

Have a wonderful half term break. Let's hope for some sun!

Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.

Resilience, Collaboration, Responsibility, Bravery, Communication, Self-belief

Together we

Congratulations



Harris Cup
Katie D



McIver Cup
Emily G



'H' Cup
Triumphant I

Each of you are excellent role models for your peers and have shown significant determination and effort to your learning.

to our weekly cup winners.

Attendance

We know that we are all having to be a little more cautious at the moment; however, for those pupils well enough, we still have high expectations for daily attendance.

Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	96.7
Coral	96.1
Seahorses	91.7
Oysters	94.6
Mussels	92.3
Starfish	98.0

Key Stage 2

Turtles	98.3
Sunfish	93.3
Otters	91.8
Dolphins	92.0
Anglerfish	83.1
Orca	94.5
Angel Sharks	96.7
Rays	95.2



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The **highest class attendance** last week goes to...

Starfish in FS/KS1

Turtles in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



On Time Octopus
winning class:
Oysters

Punctuality Penguin
winning class:
Orca



celebrate

News & Events



Is it fair to judge others based on first impressions?

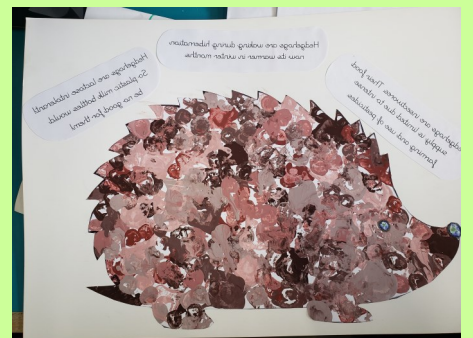
Things to talk about at home...

- Share your thoughts on why you think some other teams pre-judged the Queens Park Ladies U12s.
- Have you ever experienced a time when someone had made an assumption about you that has been wrong or unfair?



Well done to our Earth Day KS1 winners!

The winners were: **Amalia from Year 1** for her fabulous collaboration and enthusiasm when working with her classmates on the herring gull collage and to **Austin in Year 2** for both his careful work and knowledge of climate change and the impact humans are having on our precious planet.



Hook
Herring gulls eat herring fish and that's how they got their name.

Music
They weigh about the same as a bag of sugar.

Play
They live in dumps and eat rubbish.

Tid
Because there's too much rubbish and plastic, they end up eating the wrong thing and this causes them harm.

are musicians

Together we

Year two enjoyed their assessment task today. They had to decide which timbre accompanied each verse, and which dynamic they should use to accompany each verse, linking with the lyrics.



Today Year 6 had their last music lesson in their primary career. They have worked hard to improve the accuracy and detail of a range of songs. We also enjoyed some solo performances today from Thomas, Emily and Maddie.

Our new band, All Saints, have used their own time to prepare a piece, which they shared at our Music assembly last week. Each musician played a different layer of the music which resulted in a lively performance.



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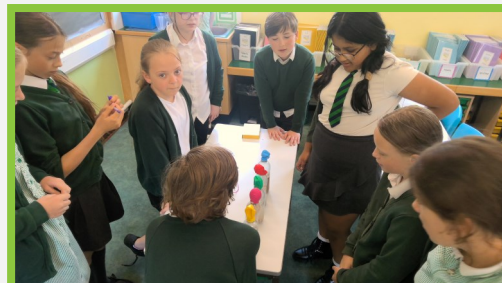
love to learn



The children all displayed incredible resilience, overcoming the inclement weather to make the most of the wonderful opportunity to compete in a real athletics stadium. The inclusion of the space hopper races was one of the many highlights. Thank you to all the parents and carers who provided such wonderful support.



On Tuesday this week, Year 6 had a fun-filled day of planning and conducting a science experiment to find out whether or not yeast is a living organism. We used our scientific enquiry skills to set up and conduct a fair test, as well as making regular observations and recording our findings. We all had a lot of fun seeing the changes to our balloons throughout the morning and were able to reach the conclusion that yes, yeast is a living organism!

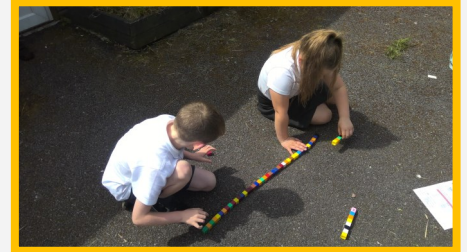


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The children have had great fun learning outside of the classroom, comparing and ordering lengths. They measured their heights and length they could jump in metres and cm, converted it to just cm and ordered the heights/jumps shortest to tallest. They also took part in a competition of who could build the longest cube snake.

Again, they measured them in metres and cm and converted to just cm and ordered the lengths shortest to longest. Super maths collaboration!



This week, year two had special visitors come in from the aquarium. We were able to learn more about different habitats and more specifically under the sea habitats. We all got to create a crown where we thought about the colours and animals that we would find in our chosen habitat. We also had the opportunity to use virtual reality headsets to experience different sea habitats.

Together we

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On Monday, the children in Year 4 had lots of fun learning to play kwik cricket in the sunshine. It was lovely to see great teamwork and collaboration as the children took their turns fielding, batting and bowling.



Our Orchestra has been invited to perform at the front of the school at our Summer Fair on Friday 21st June, after school. What a successful practice we had this week preparing for this. Well done everyone.



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Together we

Monday started off with our whole school sports event where we got to try out a bit of rounders and cricket. Then we had a visit from 'Bugs Life' where we had the opportunity to see, hold, stroke and feed many different animals.

On Tuesday morning we had the aquarium visit us in school where we got to use their VR headsets and see some animals from the 5 classifications that live under the sea or near water- linking beautifully to our recent science and geography learning! We then got to create our own fish or whale.

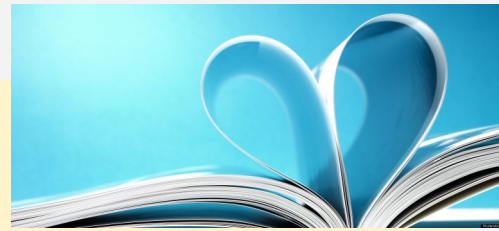
Finally we had the best time at sports day, albeit being cut short due to the rain. The children were very supportive of each other and their resilience to carry on even when things didn't go to plan was inspiring! What a way to end this half term!



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We are Readers



Word Millionaires

We are delighted to congratulate three more children who have read more than a million words this academic year - a wonderful achievement! Well done to Jasper in Year 4, Otters class, Agam in Year 5, Anglerfish class and to Johan in Year 6, Rays class on achieving this prestigious status. We are also proud to celebrate Jamie in Rays class who has become a word multi-millionaire after reading more than 2 million words, a remarkable feat.

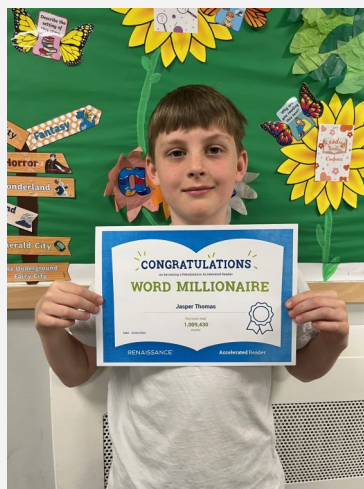
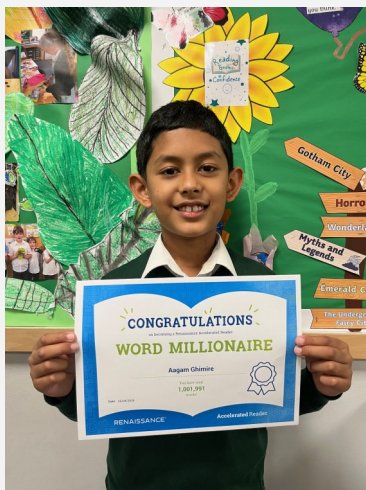
The benefits of reading

This excellent article highlights the extensive and profound benefits of reading and its lifelong positive impact on children's lives.

[The benefits of reading | BookTrust](#)

We greatly appreciate your support with encouraging and listening to your child read at home. If you would like any additional support or reading recommendations please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

Happy reading.



News & Events

Attendance Breakfast Winners

KS1 & Foundation

KS2

Starfish

Turtles

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) SEND Conference is being held on the 11th of June (Tuesday).

This year the conference is being held at the University, very close to the James Street Vaults (pub). The talks are being held in the Rolle Building and the stalls and refreshments are being held in the Rolle Marque.

We will be opening at 9am with a 9.30 start. The last talk of the day finishes at 2.30 (at the latest) and the stalls will close at 3pm.

[Annual SEND Conference 2024 | Plymouth Parent Carers Voice on Glue Up](#)

Information about the talks is found on the front page of the link.

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Bike Bus

The children all had fun riding their bikes and scooters to school together at the BikeBus in the sunshine last week, they have been learning to control the speed of their ride and look out for each other, well done everyone!

Bike & Scooter Skills at Lipson Vale!



Bring your bike/scooter and helmet to school and ride around an obstacle course!

3.30-4.15PM 25TH&26TH JUNE 2024

Helmets are essential!

What is a bike/scooter session?

A mini obstacle course will be set up the school muzzer after school so children can practice their skills, including on tight corners with cones ladders and obstacles. Just turn up on the day. PARENTS/CARERS NEED TO ATTEND TOO.

This is free, but a donation box for PTFA will be available on the day as this is being supported by the PTFA team.

Please have a water bottle and weather appropriate clothing.

Tuesday 25th June; For children who are learning.

A slower pace ride around, with support available to encourage children to feel more confident.

Wednesday 26th June; For children who are confident.

A chance for more confident children to practice their skills and have fun.

My role as a Bike it plus officer for Sustrans (sustainable transport) is to get more children choosing to come to school by being active. Being active is good for the environment, it reduces congestion, increases air quality, it's good for our body and good for our mind, and of course it's good fun! Please get in touch if you feel your child's disability affects their participation.

News & Events

Our Efford Community Event

Thursday 30th May • 11am - 3pm
High View School, Torridge Way, PL3 6JQ

Bouncy Castle • Soft Play • Face Painter • Mini Golf
Market Stalls • Local Community Groups • Information Stalls
Refreshments • Raffle • Free Kids Food • Animal Encounters
Seed Planting • Football Skills with the Argyle Community Trust
Plus lots more... (all activities subject to change)

city Get here on Route 8/9 Follow us for regular updates: Efford C N Plymouth

*Anyone under 12 will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult

FREE ENTRY AND ACTIVITIES

Supported by:

STEAM FAMILY STAY & PLAY SESSIONS AT THE PLOT

28TH MAY & 1ST JUNE
11AM - 12PM

FIRST CHILD £5, SIBLINGS £3
ADULTS & BABIES (UNDER 1 YEAR) FREE

FOLLOW THE QR CODE TO BOOK OR PAY ON THE DOOR (IF THERE ARE SPACES AVAILABLE)

SMARTscience workshop

aimed at ages 4 - 8 years

Tuesday 28th May
1pm - 2pm

First child £10, siblings £8

Follow the QR code to book your space

Wraparound Swap & Shop

CLOTHES SWAP & SALE
1ST JUNE 9.30AM - 12PM

THE PLOT, 80-84 UNION ST,
PLYMOUTH PL1 3EZ

SWAP A MAXIMUM OF 10 ITEMS OF CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY ADULTS OR KIDS CLOTHES. NOTHING TO SWAP? YOU CAN SHOP!

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QUIET STEAM FAMILY STAY & PLAY SESSION

QUIET ZONE

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE
9.30AM - 10.30AM

THE PLOT, 80-84 UNION STREET PLYMOUTH PL1 3EZ

FIRST CHILD £7, SIBLINGS £4
ADULTS & BABIES (UNDER 1 YEAR) FREE

FOLLOW THE QR CODE TO BOOK

MAX 6 CHILDREN IN THIS SESSION

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Collective Worship

Last week was Mental Health Awareness week. This year's theme was 'movement'. In our collective worship we explored why movement was important for our mental health and discussed our shared understanding of what we mean by 'mental health'.

This week, ahead of sports day, we focused on **collaboration** and how this is a vital element of working together as a team on an individual and team basis.

What does collaboration mean to you?

Dates for your diaries:

27-31.05.24	Half term break
03.06.24	First day back to school
12.06.24	PTFA Hot Dog & Tug of War (Father's Day)
21.06.24	Mufti Day & PTFA Summer Fair
23.07.24	Last day of term before the summer break
24.07.24	Summer holidays begin



School Meals



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FEEDING AMBITIONS

A promotional graphic for School Meals. It features the text 'School Meals' in green, a QR code, and a 'SCAN ME' button. Below the QR code is the 'CATERed' logo, which includes a chef and a child, and the tagline 'FEEDING AMBITIONS'.

School Money



SCAN ME



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A promotional graphic for School Money. It features the text 'School Money' in green, a QR code, and a 'SCAN ME' button. Below the QR code is the School Money logo, which consists of a green circle with a white wave inside, and the text 'schoolmoney' below it.

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