



Mount Tamar
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2020

The Tamar Weekly



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A word from the Headteacher...

The terrible weather last week resulted in quite a few “wet weather” activities. There were many football matches in the hall - sometimes with 30 young people each taking it in turns sensibly to ensure we all kept safe!

We remain focussed on our school rules, last week “be safe” was our push. We spoke to the pupils about being in the right place, at the right time and not getting involved with things that didn’t concern them. Being on time to each lesson will save a lot of time and mean that the pupils will be so much more successful.

A reminder as last week, that we are using a new system called Arbor for all our communications. To test this we have sent an email to all parents and carers. Please have a look for it and check that it does not go into your Junk Email section. Increasingly our communication will be through emails therefore it is important that you let us know if this is not working correctly.

Each week in this newsletter we are adding an Online Safety page. Please have a read of this and go through the information with your child. We cannot afford to let children use the internet without an adult check. It may cause some arguments at first but after a while this has to be just part of the deal for them having access.

The dangers are too many for us all to ignore. As a school we will be supporting ‘Online Safety week’ on the last week of this half term.

Thank you

Brett Storry

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 30th January 10am-12pm- Parent/Carer
Coffee Morning at Row Lane Site

Thursday 6th February 9am-1pm- School Photos

Tuesday 25th February 10am-12pm- Parent/Carer
Coffee Morning at Seymour House

After School Clubs

Term 2

| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> |
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| Yoga Club (Kerrie) | Fitness Club (Simon and Martin) | Drama o (Claire Q and Cassie) | Multi Skills (Gary and Sam) |
| Pupil Voice Club (Jen B) | Volleyball Club (Josh Brown and Chey Bryce) | Rounders (Sian) | |
| Sewing Club (Mandy) | | | |
| Climbing Club (Students to get picked up 4.30 from lifecentre) (Tom Thorpe) | | | |

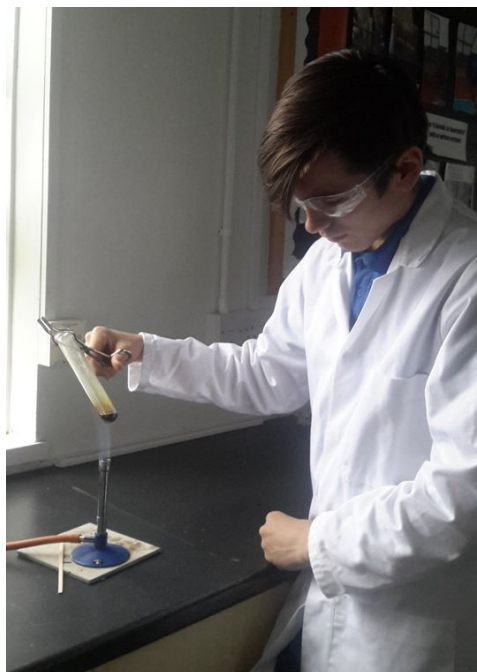


Year 11 Science- Making Compounds

Year 11 have been investigating mixtures and compounds, using sulphur and iron
The mixture can be easily separated using a magnet.

But when we heat the mixture of iron and sulphur, it becomes a solid compound, which cannot be separated.

We could smell the burning sulphur in the KS4 corridor - it smelt like bad eggs!



Year 7 Science- Elements & Compounds

Year 7 have been learning about elements and compounds this week in their science lesson. They combined iron and sulphur to make iron sulphide.



FIFTEEN APPS

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MEETME



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

GRINDR



GRINDR IS A DATING APP CELEBRATED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

SKOUT



SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 13-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

BADOO



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

HOLLA



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

WHISPER



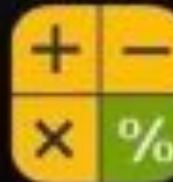
WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.

KS4 Science- Eye Dissection

KS4 pupils undertook dissection of a pig's eye today - photos not for the faint-hearted! The pupils looked, in detail, at the lens and the optic nerve, even noticing if you put the lens over a piece of writing that it would magnify it! Apparently it was a smelly job and a bit messy dodging the black liquid!



Science- Eye Dissection

Class CL also enjoyed (yes they said they had fun!) dissecting a pig eye! Well done to this primary class and staff who really engaged well - having fun and learning!

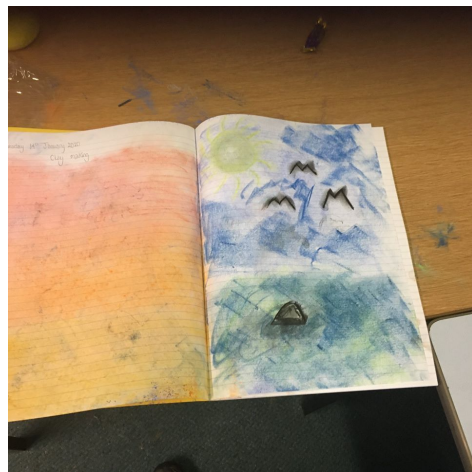
Class LJ then took the helm with the knives and showed great skills with their lesson. Jack wasn't too keen on the smell so a quick mask was made! Angel carried out the perfect dissection - great work Angel!

The GCSE group did well - you can see Brandon concentrating hard to be as accurate as possible- a super close up shot of Brandon cutting off the ciliary muscle!



Seymour House- Art Lesson

At Seymour House, Cameron has been working hard in his Art lesson using clay and pastels. Fantastic work!



AD Class Story Time

Koba, one of our sensory dogs, joined class AD for story time today. This helped the young pupils to settle and calm, ready for their story.

It looks like Bunny got in on the act too!



Granary Farm School

Getting muddy and wet on farm walks, dealing with animals that are full of character and coping with hectic weather on a daily basis. Farm life is testing but definitely rewarding!

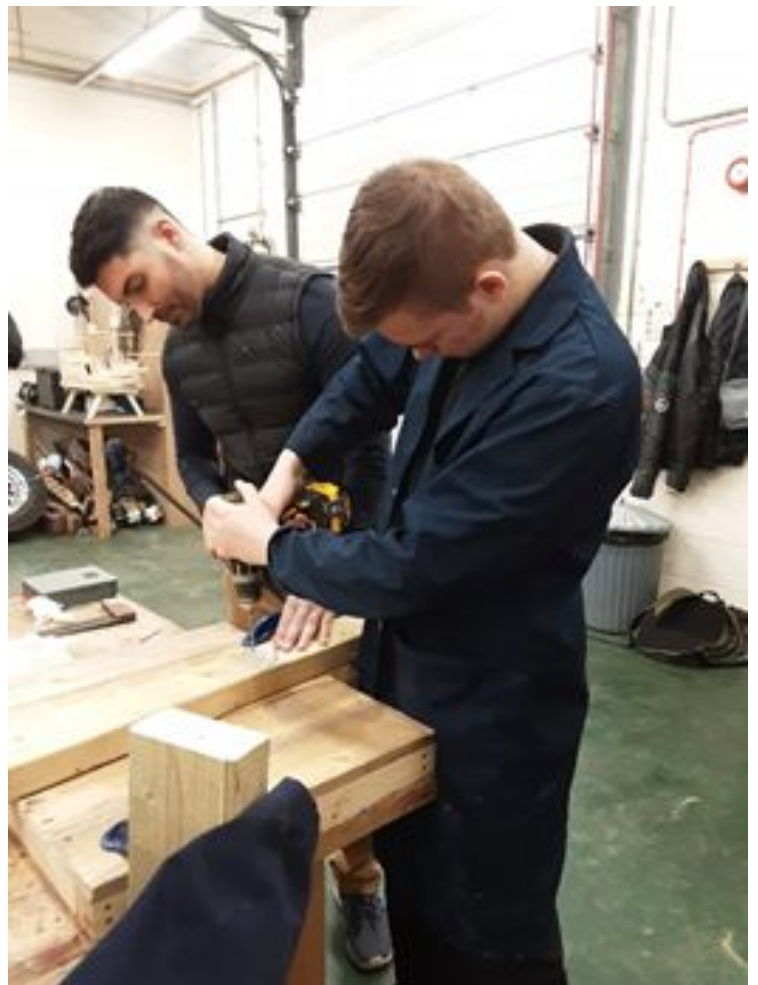


News from Wolseley

Below: Bradley is changing the blade on the scroll saw, and is seen working on his speaker system that he has built from scratch.



Below: Zack is working on building a throne for the school library. He and a fellow student have had to work together as a team and this has helped them achieve more. As you can see it is now starting to take shape.



News from Wolseley

Below: Alfie joined us at Wolseley this week and got straight into the action, helping Klayton on his bench. The frame of the bench is almost complete now and is ready for panelling.



Right: Here Marshall is working on creating a storage box for all his biking gear, Marshall is building it completely from recycled / donated materials.



Right: Lenny is carrying out a really difficult skill. He is holding a pair of long nose pliers in one hand to hold a tiny tack nail and hammering it in place with a pin hammer in the other. This required great focus and coordination, well done Lenny!



Term Dates 2019/2020



February Half Term

- Last day of term: 14th February 2020
- First day back to school: 24th February 2020

Easter Holidays

- Last day of term: 27th March 2020
- First day back to school: 14th April 2020

May Bank Holiday

- Friday 8 May - this marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day which takes place on 8 May
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May Half Term

- Last day of term: 22nd May 2020
- First day back to school: 1st June 2020

Summer Holiday

- Last day of term: 24th July 2020
- First day back to school: 3rd September 2020

October Holidays

- Last day of term: 23rd October 2020
- First day back to school: 9th November 2020

Christmas Holidays

- Last day of term: 18th December 2020
- First day back to school: 5th January 2021

February Half Term

- Last day of term: 12th February 2021
- First day back to school: 22nd February 2021

Parent Fitness Class



We will be having a parents fitness class on a Wednesday morning, starting on 29th January. It will run every week from 9.45 am until 10.30 am.

There will be all sorts of classes, with a variety and a focus on working to your own ability. It's a chance to take part in some fitness, in a relaxed and enjoyable environment, with a fully qualified Personal Trainer.

The class will cost just £1

For more information and to book your place please contact Hayley Lee our Parent Support Advisor:

**Tel: 01752 355018 or email:
h_lee@mounttamar.org.uk**

Parents/Carers Granary Farm School Visit

Would you like the opportunity to visit our Granary Farm School?

We have organised a visit to the farm on Wednesday 20th May, leaving school at 12.30 pm and returning by 2.30 pm. Places will be limited, so please put your name down as soon as possible. This will allow you to see and experience the wonderful learning opportunities which are available to students at the farm.

Transport will be provided from our Row Lane site to the farm and back.

Please contact Hayley Lee our Parent Support Advisor if you would like to attend.

Tel: 01752 355018 or email:
h_lee@mounttamar.org.uk



Coffee Morning at our Main Site



**Next coffee morning dates (Row Lane site):
10am-12pm**

**30th January
13th February
27th February
26th March**

Please come along to this informal get together. It's a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and carers.

Coffee Morning at Seymour House



**We are now holding a coffee morning on our
Seymour House Site in 'The Cabin'.**

**This coffee morning will be for parents & carers of
pupils attending Seymour House, however all of
our parents & carers are welcome to attend.**

Next coffee morning dates (10am-12pm):

25th February

17th March

**Please come along to this informal get together.
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carers.**

School Uniform Details

School Uniform can be purchased from Trutex Schoolwear and More,
Unit 3 Sugar Mill Retail Park, Billacombe Road, Plymouth PL9 7HT

Tel 01752 491353 email: plymouth@trutex.com

List of prices:

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| Blazer | £29 |
| Bookbag | £7 |
| Fleece | £18 |
| Tie | £7 |
| Polo Top | £9 (increasing to £10 for adult sizes) |
| Sweatshirt | £12 |

PE Kit Details

PE Kit can be purchased from

<https://kitworld.uk/product-category/mount-tamar/>

Or you can go in to the shop at Unit 319-320 Faraday Mill,
Plymouth PL4 0ST

Phone: +44 (0) 1752 265533

List of prices:

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| PE Top | £15 or £18 |
| Mid Layer | £26.50 |
| Tracksuit Bottoms | £24 |
| Leggings (for girls) | £24 |

FOR STUDENTS AGES 10-22 ON THE

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SPECTRUM

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WHEN: Thursdays 10am-12pm from 30th Jan 2020

WEEKLY: 8 weekly meetings, term-time only

WHERE: Routeways, Devonport, Plymouth

COST: Free but **BOOKING ASAP ESSENTIAL** -

Priority booking if you are on means tested benefit.

INTERESTED: email jo@mums4achange.org or text 07855 529582

RUN BY: Jo Ball - life and career coach, mum of 2, with a background in Arts Therapy. **SUPPORTED BY:** Cass Povey-Naylor., mum of 4 who has a child with autism, did the group and wanted to share it.

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