

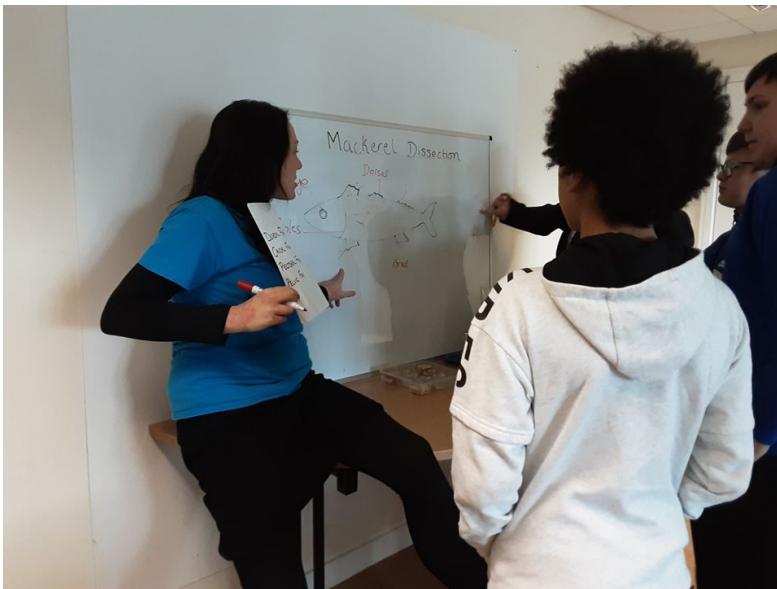


Mount Tamar
Aspire - Adventure - Achieve



13th March
2020

The Tamar Weekly - Achieving



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Covid-19 Advice

We would like to keep you updated with measures and actions we are taking regarding the Covid 19 virus.

We have introduced use of hand gel across the school, including at our reception desk where we request that all visitors use the hand sanitiser provided.

The situation is changing daily and we are updated regularly by both the local authority and the government with information and guidelines.

We hope to be able to keep all of our sites open, this can only happen if it is safe to do so, it is likely that there may be some staff absence so we will be reviewing this daily.

To support us in managing this and to minimise the impact on all of our families we would ask the following:-

1. If your child is unwell, and showing signs of a temperature, cough or cold then we would ask that you please do not send them to school. This is to minimise the risk of further infection and to ensure safety and wellbeing of all our young people and staff.
2. We would ask that you keep yourself up to date with the information and guidance around Covid-19 and please inform us if your child has been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case – in this situation we would ask that your child does not attend school as they could be a potential carrier of the virus.
3. If you have recently, or are planning to travel to an affected area, please let us know and again, we may request that your child does not attend school in accordance with current health advice.

All communications will be sent out via our normal email service and newsletter, so please continue to check these regularly.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to minimise any disruption to your child's education. Brett Storry Headteacher

The websites we recommend for current information are www.nhs.uk
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>



Positive Behaviour Support - Pippa Fields Therapist

At Mount Tamar we are always looking to develop our practice with the aim of improving the support we provide for the children who attend the school.

We are currently developing Positive Behaviour Support which is a practice supported by BILD, OFSTED and Nice guidelines. It is recognised worldwide as one of the best ways to support those with learning disabilities, learning difficulties and or Autism. The aim of this support is to enable the user to lead a meaningful life and learn new skills without unnecessary restrictions. It is not simply about getting rid of problematic behaviour. It also provides support for parents/carers and school staff.

What is PBS?

1. Positive Behaviour Support is a person-centred approach to people who may be at risk of displaying challenging behaviours.
2. It is backed by evidence from behavioural science
3. provides support based on inclusion, choice, participation and equality of opportunity

What are the key principles?

1. PBS seeks to understand the reasons for behaviour so that unmet needs can be met
2. Considers your child as a whole - their life history, physical health and emotional needs
3. It is proactive and preventative, focusing on the teaching of new skills to replace behaviours that challenge
4. Combines perspectives from different professionals

How can PBS be delivered?

1. A functional assessment should be carried out to help understand the reasons behind
2. challenging behaviour
3. PBS plans should be produced in partnership with your child and you
4. A focus on teaching new skills rather than containing behaviours described as challenging

We have already started with training for the staffing team which will continue over the coming months and the children will be asked to help with the design of their support plans.

Further information can be found on:

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation

www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/understanding-behaviour/keymessagespbs.html, BILD
www.bild.org.uk/positive-behaviour-support-pbs/ and in the Mount Tamar Behaviour policy.

Dates for your Diary



- **Tuesday 17th March- 10am-12pm-** Parent/Carer Coffee Morning at Seymour House
- **Thursday 26th March 10am-12pm-** Coffee Morning at Main Site (Row Lane)
- **Friday 27th March-** Last day of term

Word of the Week

w/c: 16/3/20

Benevolent

Definition: to be well meaning and kind.



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:

Blazer	£29
Bookbag	£7
Fleece	£18
Tie	£7
Polo Top	£9-£10
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:

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

Meet the faces of Mount Tamar

Hayley Lee

Parent Support Advisor

What is your favourite thing about working at Mount Tamar?

How we think 'outside the box' to meet the children's needs

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself...

I was in a dance troupe until aged 22

What hobbies do you like to get up to in your spare time?

Running, swimming, going to the gym and cooking



Wendy Pannell

HR Manager

What is your favourite thing about working at Mount Tamar?

The excellent staff team, they are hardworking and fun loving!

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself...

I appeared on set of Pitch Perfect 3

Do you have any hidden talents?

I have a purple belt in mixed martial arts kick boxing



CL Class Oracy Lesson

In our weekly oracy lessons, class CL looked at various news sources and discussed how we can make sure the facts we read on the news are reliable. We then discussed how media can influence the way people think. We talked about the outbreak of Coronavirus and set up an experiment to see how fast germs spread.



Well done Mason!

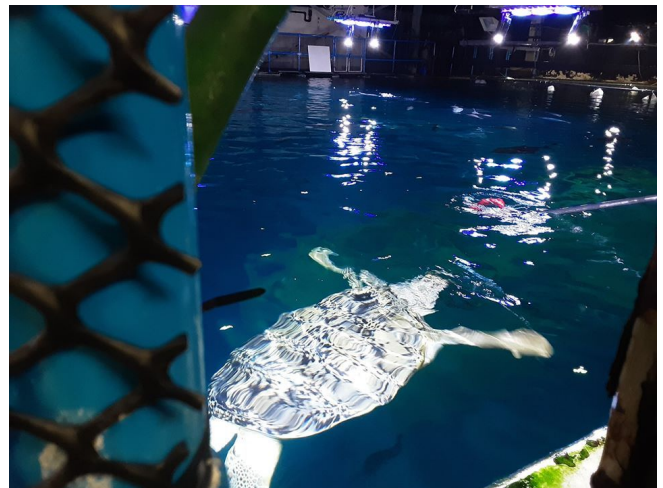
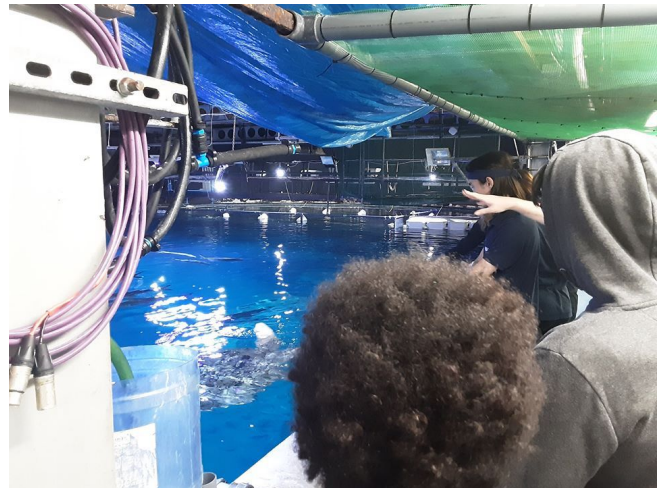
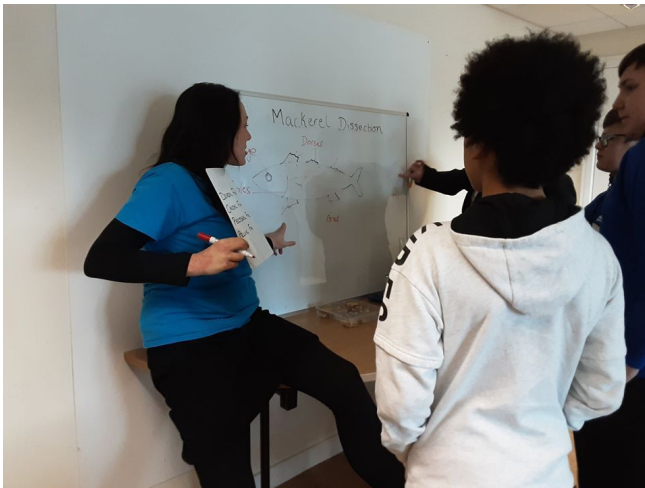
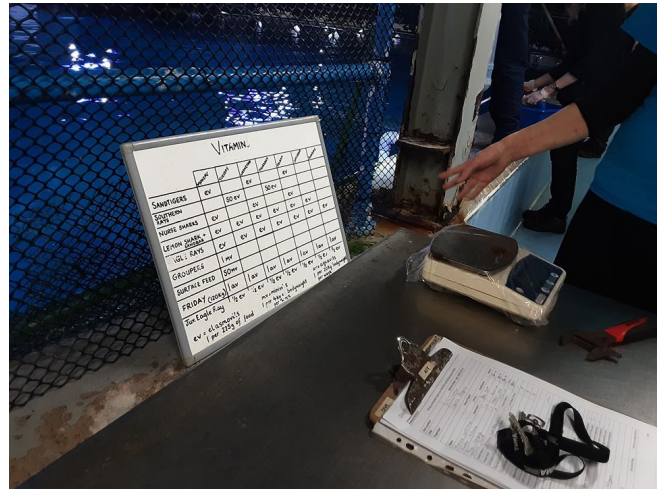
Mason hosted a coffee afternoon at our Downham Centre. He invited his family in to see the hard work he had completed for his ASDAN. Mason has now achieved the Silver award and is the youngest pupil to achieve this at Mount Tamar. Fantastic work Mason we are super proud of you, this is a massive achievement!



LJ Class Aquarium Visit

Group LJ visited the aquarium - they dissected mackerel and then enjoyed a behind the scenes tour. They were lucky enough to watch Friday the turtle being fed as well!

The students worked well together during the dissection - the discussions allowed them to identify the mackerel's body parts and organs.

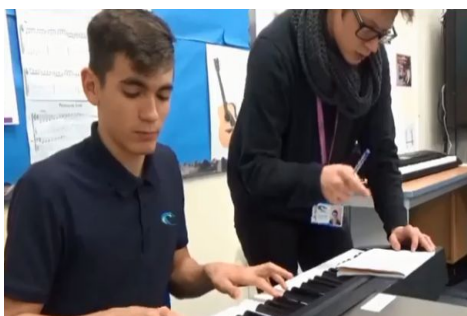


Layton's Granary Farm Visit

Layton from Seymour took his first trip to Granary Farm this week and had an amazing time working hard, he was guided by his peers and staff, engaging in all his tasks and listening to instructions.



Music Lessons



Unfortunately, despite being able to play complex classical pieces as well as modern pieces to a high standard, our students are still building up their performance confidence, so a little unwilling for a live performance at the moment. BUT we are all working towards eventually sharing their beautiful musical abilities. So for now, we are getting them used to the camera and filming.

Granary Farm School

Busy days are the best days! Yesterday our farm visitors included Mary Poppins, Batman, a Storm Trooper and Captain Jack Sparrow...It was World Book Day of course! We had a busy afternoon of animal caring and learning about the body parts of a chicken.

In addition to this, the Btec pupils even managed to squeeze in a visit to the sheep farm to help out with the lambing.



Y7 Science- Newton Meters and Masses

Yr 7 have been investigating friction, using Newton meters and masses in their science lessons this week.



**SPORT
RELIEF**

Well Done Mount Tamar School

You have rowed 102,430 meters
this week!!

That's 63.64 Miles

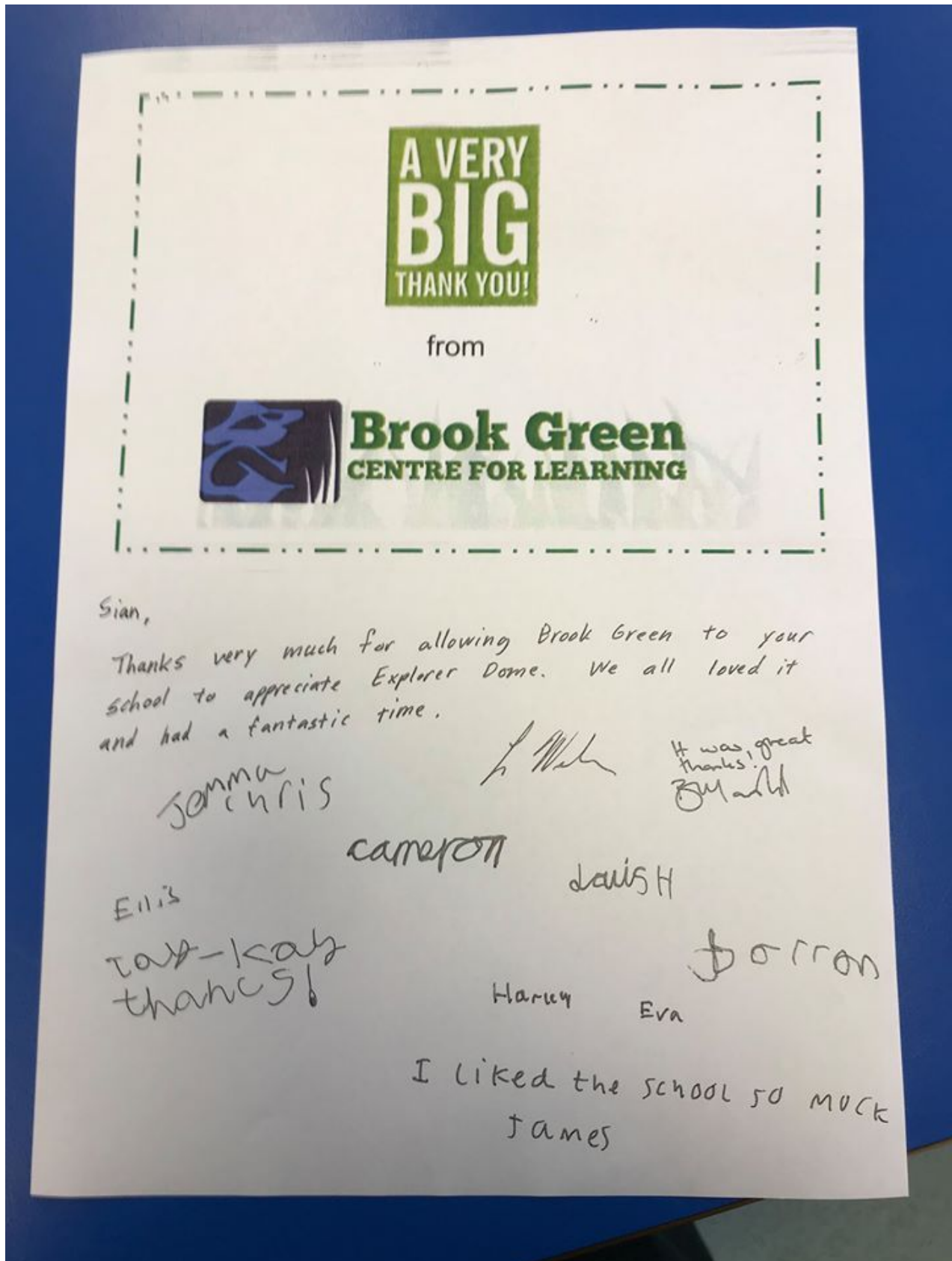
That is the same as walking the
circumference of Dartmoor National
Park!

WOW!!



National Science Week Celebrations

So lovely to receive this today. A thank you card from Brook Green Centre for Learning for inviting them to the Explorer Dome last week!



Term Dates 2019/2020



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**

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

After School Clubs

Term 2

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Yoga Club (Kerrie)	Fitness Club (Simon and Martin)	Drama (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)			



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**

26th March

23rd April

7th May

21st May

Please come along to this informal get together. It's a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and carers. We will now be holding the coffee mornings in the Conference Room, this is to ensure we do not receive any interruptions.

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):

17th March

21st April

19th May

16th June

14th July

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

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