



Mount Tamar
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The Tamar Weekly



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A word from the Headteacher...



I was very proud to represent Mount Tamar this week at Westminster. The school continues to go from strength to strength and to be shortlisted in 4 categories for the UK TES Awards is a great recognition to all involved pupils, staff, governors, parents and all of our outside stakeholders. We are heading back to London on June 21st to find out if we are the winners, however to be in the top 6 already in the UK is brilliant. At the event this week there were schools from across the UK including ones from Belfast and Liverpool.

As a school we are here to do all we can to help the young children to be successful in life - we cannot do this alone, it has to be a partnership with parents and carers. Any suggestions and ideas that you have are always welcome so please let us know.

Please keep up to date with all that is happening through our Facebook and Twitter pages, we use social media daily to update and inform carers and parents of what has been going on in and around school and future events. We are always striving for excellence, if you have any suggestions for how we can improve come in and have a chat to Hayley or Sandra.



Dates for your Diary



Monday 10th June- Healthy Eating Week

Thursday 20th June- Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Tuesday July 2nd- Presentation evening, BBQ and parents evening

Friday morning 5th July- Sports Day at Brickfields

Friday 19th July- Street Factory Performance

Parent/Carers of EW Class

Can all parents please look out for an email from class dojo this is a new way of communicating and a chance for you to see some of the amazing work we complete.

Activities Week

All mainsite activities confirmation will be sent home ASAP.

Word of the Week

w/c: 10/6/19

Exuberant- full of energy, excitement and cheerfulness



Healthy Eating Week

Healthy Eating week begins on 10th June. Students will be doing lots of activities around the theme of healthy eating in school that week. We are going to end the week with a healthy food picnic to which you are all invited. More details soon.

English at Dartmoor Zoo

Students from Merlins Class enjoyed completing some English work at the zoo on a sunny day before half term.



EW Class

Some amazing learning completed this week. Students have been learning about what the conditions were like on The Mayflower in 1620. To experience this students had to sit and lay together on a table in an attempt to feel empathy for how the 102 people felt as they were cramped on the ship for several weeks on their voyage from Plymouth to North America. Students will be visiting the Mayflower Steps on the Barbican this term to see where the ship was launched.

Students then had to either write text messages or letters to home to describe their emotions. Of course Penny was there to lend a hand!

Cory has been completing some Maths outside in the sunshine recently.

It's lovely to see learning going on outside the classroom and we love nothing more than seeing the playground decorated in numbers.



EW Class

Thursday 6th June

Learning objectives:
 I can self-assess how much I already know.
 I can understand why the Mayflower left England for America.
 I can describe the experiences of the Pilgrims on the voyage.

You are one of the passengers on the Mayflower. You left your most of your family behind in England.

You have managed to survive your first year in America, and have just held a Thanksgiving celebration to thank God for your survival.

Your task is to write a letter to you family. Your letter must include:

- Why did you leave England?
- How was the journey?
- What problems were in America?
- How are things now?

Mum it's been 10 days since we set off from Plymouth. The weather has been really good on the journey so far. We are being looked after really well. The food is okay and the water is salty no one has been ill yet. The beds are small and hard I have been turning around all night for the last 10 days. There are 3 pregnant women on the ship, one should be giving birth in a couple of days. It's been 12 days on the ship the women has given birth to a boy and called it Oceanus which I think is a pretty unique name. I'm starting to feel a bit claustrophobic and I'm a bit tired from losing sleep my eyes are sore and I feel dizzy. But I need to get to America. Love youxx

Well done Angel, this is a really good letter. Next lesson you will learn more about why they left

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Work with Teddy to write some text messages pretending you are on the Mayflower, describe what it is like.

I feel sick because the boat is rocking. The food is bad and we do not get very much.

The food and water is disgusting and my bed is small and not very comfortable.

There are 102 people on here we don't really have any room one last night she called him Oceanus

Amazing Cory, you worked really hard this lesson and had some great discussions with me about how the Pilgrims must have been feeling.

* Next lesson we will be learning more about why they left England for America.

I hope we get there soon because I have had enough

Dear diary

I am sending this letter halfway across Plymouth we are probably 2 weeks away from America this pregnant women gave birth to a child and named it Oceanus, I feel really sick and scared I am starving hungry and really thirsty it's really cramped in here

We're all smelly and claustrophobic I don't think we're gonna make it to America but if we do we will come back the food and water is horrible the water is seawater and so salty

People are getting really tired and their backs are really hurting mine is painful

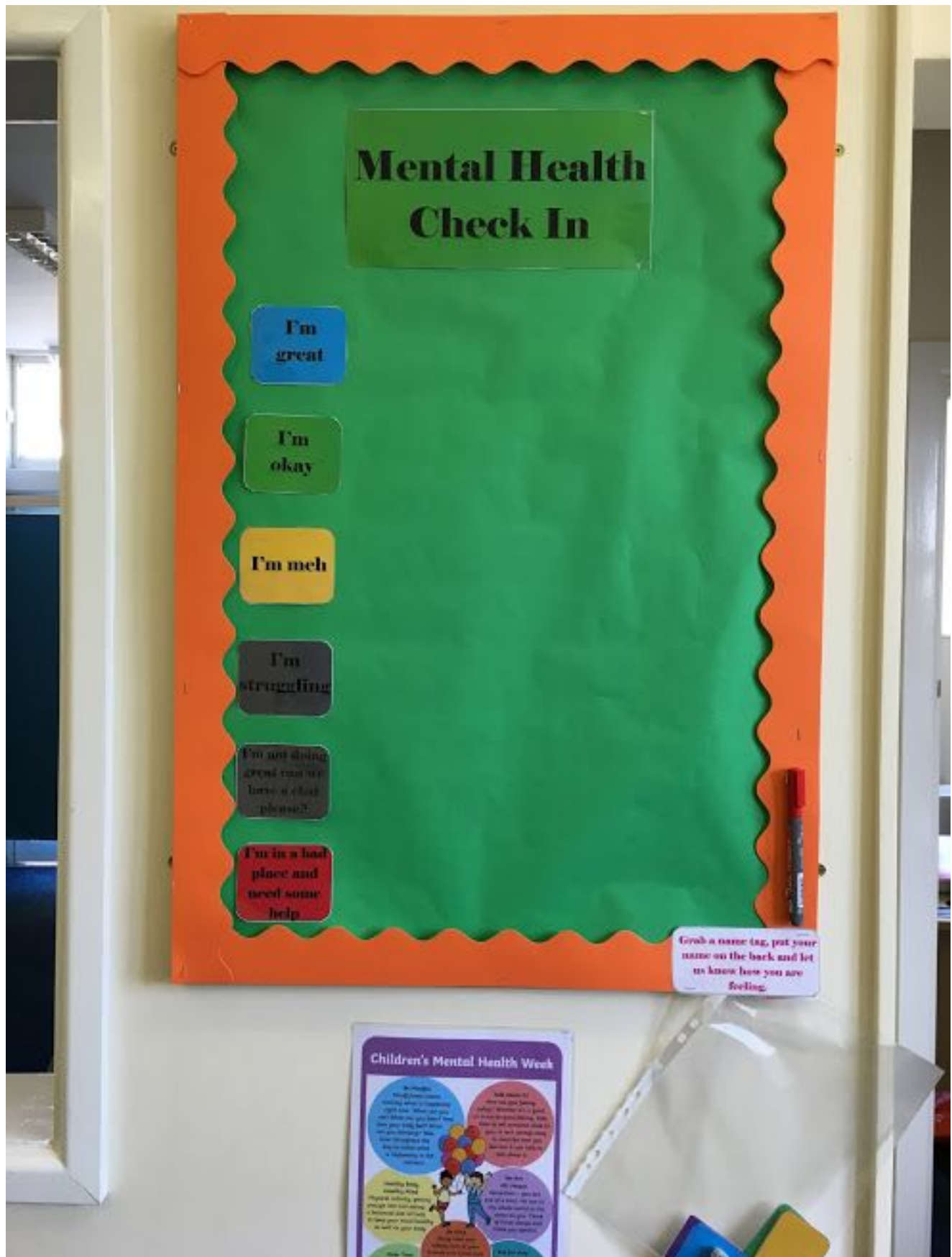
there are 102 people on here, the boat is only 80 feet tall and 24 feet wide 70 of us are the pilgrims and 32 are the workers I really hope when we get there we will get to build our own colony like we have been given permission for we had a leak on the ship yesterday the staff had to throw some stuff over board to try and save us.

I will write another letter when I get to America.

Pilgrim Levi

CR Class Feelings Board

This brand new resource has been created to encourage learners to talk about how they feel. Thanks to our LSA Robyn for taking the time to put this together.



Emotions Canvases

Our young people created amazing pieces of art during our art week. they will help our students to identify their emotions. The canvases are now up in the calm room with the LED lights!! The boys from CR Class are so proud of their work.



Secondary uniform

Just a reminder that in secondary, pupils have a choice of uniform. They can continue as they are, or start to wear the white shirt, tie and blazer as shown here.



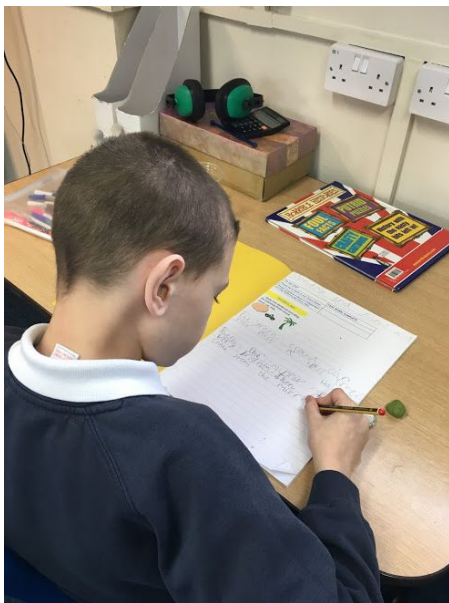
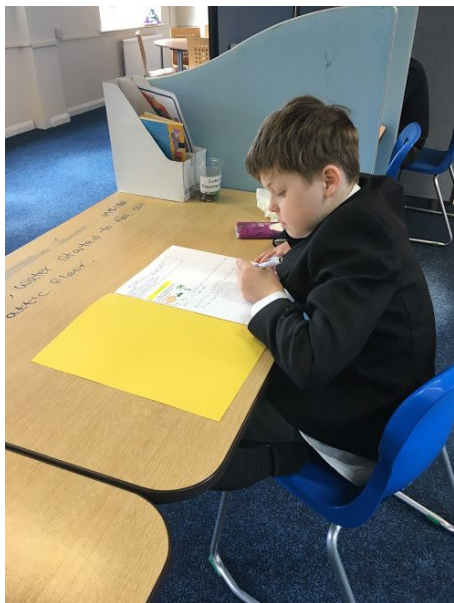
Tree Identification

Class CR went into the woods this week to look at identifying a range of different leaves & counting the rings on tree trunks.



Independent Writing

Class CR are off to a great start, Independent writing. learners finished off the story of a young girl who finds a mirror in her attic.



New Staff

Welcome to our new **science teacher, Sian Storry**, who joined us this week.

Here are five interesting facts about her:

1. **Favourite Book-** Watership Down
2. **Interesting Fact-** I learnt to fly at university
3. **Favourite Holiday-** Sailing Catamarans in Corsica where my son taught windsurfing
4. **Hobbies I enjoy in my spare time-** Jogging, sailing, concerts, visiting my sons abroad
5. **Favourite thing about Mount Tamar so far-** Amazing welcome from pupils, very friendly staff and the view from my room!





An Introduction to Shakespeare

**To be or not to be?
That is the question...**

12th June 2019

**The Terrace
Mount Tamar School**

Free Entry

A work in progress theatre in education performance with interactive workshop

**Performance starts at 4pm
Parents are welcome to attend**

Amended GCSE Exam Timetable

Please see the list below which shows which pupils have been entered for each GCSE exam. **Please also view the updated GCSE exam timetable which can be found on the next page for times and dates.**

English	Maths	Biology	Physics	Comp Studies
Akira K A	Akira K A	Akira K A	Jake A	Zak Richardson
Jake A	Kyle B	Jayden O	Sam Harvey	
Zak R	Jayden O	Zak R		
	Zak R	Jake A		
	Jake A			
	Shannon P			
	Sam Harvey			

Amended GCSE Exam Timetable

Morning Start 9.30

Afternoon Start 1.00 pm

Exam Timetable 2019 Maths English and Science							
Cambridge	627	English First language (Core)	Paper 1	Core	1 Hour 30 Mins	Tuesday	7th May 2019 PM
OCR	J276-01	Computer Science (Systems)	Paper 1	Foundation Tier	1 Hour 30 Mins	Monday	13th May 2019 AM
AQA	8461/1F	Biology	Paper 1	Foundation Tier	1 Hour 45 Mins	Tuesday	14th May 2019 PM
OCR	J276-02	Comp thinking and Algorithms	Paper 2	Foundation Tier	1 Hour 30 Mins	Thursday	16th May 2019 PM
Pearson Edexcel	1MA1 1F	Mathematics	Paper 1	Calculator Foundation	1 Hour 30 Mins	Tuesday	21st May 2019 AM
AQA	8463/1F	Physics	Paper 1	Foundation Tier	1 Hour 45 Mins	Wednesday	22nd May 2019 PM
Pearson Edexcel	1MA1 2F	Mathematics	Paper 2	Foundation Tier	1 Hour 30 Mins	Thursday	6th June 2019 AM
AQA	8461/2F	Biology	Paper 2	Foundation Tier	1 Hour 45 Mins	Friday	7th June 2019 PM
Pearson Edexcel	1MA1 3F	Mathematics	Paper 3	Foundation Tier	1 Hour 30 Mins	Tuesday	11th June 2019 AM
AQA	8463/2F	Physics	Paper 2	Foundation Tier	1h 45m	Friday	14 June 2019 AM

Term Dates 2019/2020



Summer Holidays

- Last day of term: 26th July 2019
- First day back to school: 4th September 2019

October Half Term

- Last day of term: 18th October 2019
- First day back to school: 5th November 2019

Christmas Holidays

- Last day of term: 20th December 2019
- First day back to school: 6th January 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

- 4th May 2020-

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

Coffee Morning for Parents & Carers



Next coffee morning dates:

20th June

4th July

18th July

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

New Autism Friendly Cafe Opening Soon!

Opening June 2019 in Plymouth, "Auti NOT Naughty Coffee Shop" is the place to go for your sensory needs, whether you enjoy a sensory limited environment, sensory equipment, or just somewhere with an understanding that we don't all like the same things. Our experienced team are here to help you find the relaxation you deserve, whilst providing you with a service of quality beverages and snacks".





We have a new group starting **Saturday 15th June 2019** and we still have a few FREE funded places available for families who may benefit.

Arterne CIC and Beach Schools South West work in partnership to deliver activity based group work on the beach as a 5 week psycho-educational programme focusing on mental health promotion to support challenges at home or at school, through family based intervention. A full-term arrangement to support families and young people is also available and can be supported by individual work where required. Please see below link for further information:

<https://mailchi.mp/b6623c4bf92f/sea-ing-changes-321507>

SEA-ing Changes offers an intensive group programme that has been developed as a result of the profound positive outcomes of outdoor learning on the beach and systemic working with families.

If you could please complete the attached form and return to us asap we will be able to get them started on Saturday.

If you would like to find out more information please feel free to contact Arterne Enquiries on 07554665461 or email:enquiries@arterne.com

PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



For Your Interest: May 2019

Are you looking for things to do in the Plymouth area over the school holidays including activities suitable for young people with special educational needs and disabilities SEND?

If so, our May 2019 edition of For Your Interest is now available to download from our website and includes many FREE activities and events.

Download the latest edition:

[For Your Interest: May 2019](#)
(PDF - 8.93MB)

FOR YOUR INTEREST
May 2019
Please take a copy

Schools Out... for Whitsun Holidays!
There are lots of excellent activities and events in the Plymouth area scheduled for families over the school holidays and beyond.
Take a look and see what's on offer... there's lots to see and do and many activities are **FREE**

We are looking for Volunteers to join our Service Users Advisory Group
Terms of reference for the Service Users' Advisory Group:



- Monitor, review and evaluate the effectiveness and impact of PIAS in relation to the Department for Education Quality Standards.
- Discuss and prioritise PIAS initiatives to be developed.
- Check carefully and with rigour that PIAS provides neutral and impartial information and advice to parents and when doing so differentiates Local Authority policies from existing legislation, available government guidance or independent advisory organisation guidance.
- Ensure PIAS is accessible to all sections of the community in Plymouth.
- Take an active role in promoting the work of PIAS.

The next meeting is on Thursday 2 June 2019 at 4pm.
If you would like to volunteer or for more information, please contact bob.tuckton@plymouth.gov.uk

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LOST PROPERTY

We have recently received a lot of feedback from parents and carers that children are “misplacing” items of school uniform. We appreciate that this can be costly and want to try to help as much as possible.

As such, we now have a new system in place in school.

We now have a lost property “container” that will be stored in the kitchen next to reception. Cleaners and hostel staff will place any items found in this bin. Hopefully, this will make it easier for children, staff and parents to find any missing items.

Please note that the container will be emptied at the end of each term.

Also be aware that you can always give me a call to have a look for you.

Kind Regards
Hayley
01752 355018

HappyMaps⁹



A website for parents and carers.

Reliable and up-to-date resources on
emotional health for your children.

For all ages from babies to young adults.

www.happymaps.co.uk

Worried about your child's behaviour or mental health ?

Not sure where to start looking for help ?

HappyMaps will guide you to websites, books, videos and
Apps to help you and your child plus there is information
on being referred for specialist help, how to find
counselling and parent support groups.

Progeny

Parent and Carer Workshops Mental Health Awareness and Young People

Location	Date and Time
Courtlands Special School	Wednesday 12th June 2019 9;30am-11:30am

These workshops are split into a 1 hour information session with the second hour providing an opportunity for Parents and Carers to ask questions/gain information from a panel of professionals comprising of The Zone, CAMHS and Young Devon.

Please contact The Zone for further information and to book these sessions.

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