

Mount Tamar News- 13th January 2023

Student Absence

If your child is going to be absent, please call this number to record this, giving your name, your child's name and the reason for absence. **07840 856030**

New Headteacher Introduction



Dear Parents and carers,

I hope my first update finds you all well after the Christmas period. My first two weeks at the school have been very positive, and I have managed to meet staff, pupils and one parent so far. This calendar year marks the start of what I hope to be some significant changes at the school, and we continue to receive good news about the school joining Transforming Futures Trust.

Over the coming weeks and months, I am planning on holding a number of events to hopefully meet as many parents as possible. These will include meetings on different days and at different times to try and support those who have childcare and work commitments. For those that live further afield I

also plan to hold an online meet and greet event.

As well as these events I plan to update families regularly through these newsletters as to the developments at the school. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Matt Bindon - Headteacher

Student Attendance

Thank you for helping us to get off to a fantastic start with attendance.

December was also a very positive month, with 17 of our students achieving 100% attendance.

They will be awarded with certificates in their assemblies this week. Well done!

Tania Sargent - Deputy Headteacher

Thank You!

Reward Vouchers

We have had several queries about students not receiving their behaviour reward vouchers in December. I can confirm that vouchers were emailed out to all students who requested them on December 16th. Please check junk mail and spam if you didn't notice yours. Thanks

Tania Sargent - Deputy Headteacher

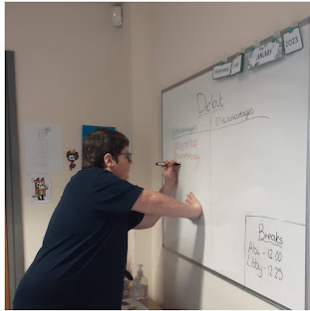
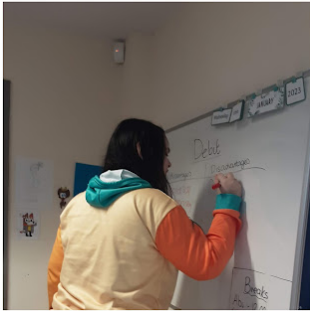
Can you Help?

If anyone has any spare lego at home that they no longer need, we would love to take it off your hands and put it to great use in school. Lego is very therapeutic for many of our students, and any donations would be gratefully received. Thanks

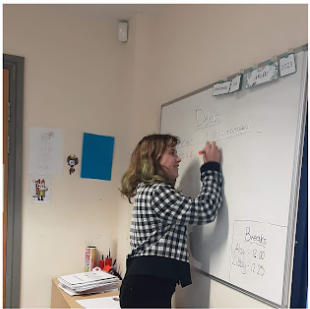
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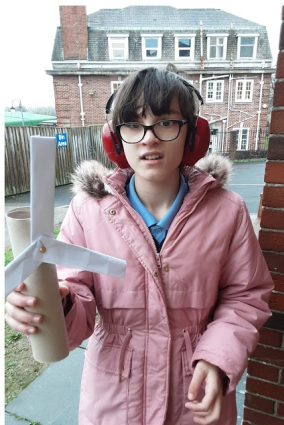
THIS WEEK AT THE PROSPECT CENTRE



Students in our UKS3 class have been working on "what is income and expenditure" and "budgeting and saving personal finances" during their PHSE lessons.



It's great to be back to our BTEC cooking lessons! Students Harry and Quinn worked on their knife skills, organisational skills, health and safety and created a beautiful vegetable curry along the way.



Our Year 7 students at Prospect have been learning about energy sources. During this week's Science lesson they created their own wind turbines

Granary Farm Update



Our farm offers so many learning experiences - this week alone these have included, problem solving, creativity, team work and independence. Equally as important, these experiences have been sprinkled with lots of fun and laughs along the way!



Coffee Mornings

Please come and join us at Mount Tamar, Row Lane Site! Parents and Carers of pupils at all of our centres are welcome, we enjoy meeting you in an informal, WARM, environment. It's a good forum for meeting other parents and staff who are all keen to chat and share advice and experiences, and to listen to any concerns you may have.



Coffee Morning Dates for this term:- All 10am - 12

26th Jan
9th Feb
23rd Feb
9th March
23rd March

Snowdrop Class



Snowdrop class had a brilliant morning in Dewerstone last week looking for local wildlife! It was a wet day but much fun was had! We work hard to make our curriculum fun and engaging - look at those smiles!



Useful Links

Tik Tok - this is a social media platform that is very popular with young people. Short clips of up to 60 seconds can be made and uploaded / shared with the world. Whilst many are harmless and fun there are many others that need careful monitoring. Please click on link below for more information

[Click here for Link to internetmatters.org page](https://www.internetmatters.org)



FREE SCHOOL MEALS LINK

If you think you might be eligible for **Free School Meals**, please check the eligibility criteria here <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/freeschoolmeals>.

National Online Safety - Free online courses for parents

Developed by safeguarding experts and presented by TV presenter, musician and passionate online safety advocate, Myleene Klass, these courses take you on a detailed journey through your child's digital habits, explaining the type of online world they're experiencing now, what risks they might be exposed to and just what you can do to support. There are different links for different age groups - click on the link below and have a look! They are FREE

[National Online Safety-link to parent courses](#)

TERM DATES

February Half Term

Last day of term: February 10th

First day back at school: February 20th

Easter Holiday

Last day of term: March 29th

First day back at school: April 17th

Coronation Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May 2023

May Half Term

Last day of term: May 26th

First day back at school: June 5th

Summer Holiday

Last day of term: July 28th