

Mount Tamar News- 27th 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**

Photo of the week

Our beautiful Granary Farm covered with a light scattering of snow, in the early morning sunrise



Can you Help?

We are still in need of any spare lego - if anyone has any at home, we will be able to put it to good use - please bring it in or send in with your child!



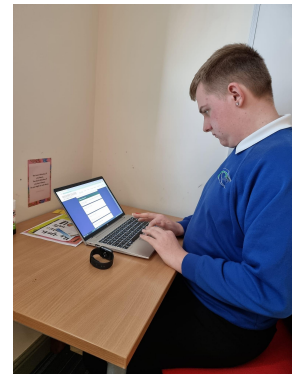
We have been approached by Kate Paino from Tiny Travels, who are running several special family community events in February to help children in Devon learn about different cultures. The events are all "carnival around the world" themed so lots of dancing, dress up and every child gets a free mask!

They have some free tickets for families who need it and all tickets inc the free tickets can be booking online, on a first come first serve basis <https://tinytravels.co.uk/booking>

This is a fun and educational family event to help children learn about other cultures to promote respect and understanding.

Year 11

Year 11 applications to Post 16 choices have begun! We wish all students Wishing all students sending off applications the best of luck. This is Harry working hard at his application.



APPRENTICESHIP OPEN DAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2023

Come and visit our Coypool site in Plymouth to see our apprentices at work, get involved in the trades, and find out more about apprenticeships at Princess Yachts.

We offer award-winning apprenticeship schemes in Engineering, Carpentry, Welding and Fabrication, Composites, CAD, and Business Administration.

Apprenticeships are up to 4 years long, but they will last you your lifetime. You will gain practical experience from day one, while also gaining important Level 3 qualifications with South Devon College.

Our apprenticeship application process closes in March 2023, please come and get a taster at one of our open days before then.

Book your place now by scanning the QR code below with your phone, or email beatrice.hayton@princessyachts.com to book.



Princess Yachts, Coypool Road, Plymouth, PL7 4NW


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Y11 opportunities!!

Princess Yachts open day offers an exciting chance to tour one of their factories and also meet apprentices in each trade - it is a great opportunity to find out more about apprenticeships and to ask any questions. To sign up scan the barcode and book a slot!

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Engineer
Programme

2023 Future Engineers Work Experience

Future Engineers Programme

We are offering a fantastic opportunity for 36 year 10 students to join us for a week's work experience from Monday 3 - Friday 7 July 2023 based at Devonport Royal Dockyard.

Over the course of the week, you will be working in teams to design a humanitarian vessel, experience tours of Devonport Royal Dockyard, attend presentations and talks given by members of staff and partner organisations, as well as taking part in many more fun activities.

This unique five day programme will give participants first hand experience of the workplace.

For more information or to submit your application form, please email:

EarlyCareers.Devonport@babcockinternational.com

* Please note that for our 2023 programme, the closing date for all applications is Sunday 05 March 2023

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News from Prospect Centre



We were delighted to hear that Lyla won the Careers Hub South West Christmas Card competition! Her design was sent in by staff at Prospect Centre and this was the result! Lyla's design was used at the end of all of their emails and

correspondence throughout December.



This week a member of the Plymouth Argyle Community Team, Eoin Donovan, visited the Prospect Centre to award Lyla with her prize - a £50 Amazon voucher. Lyla's face shows her joy and surprise!

Thanks to Vicki and Claire for encouraging their students to take part in this competition!



Rachel Hayes, our SENDCO was thrilled with the Primary pupils this week. As she was showing around a prospective pupil and their family, our pupils were excited to welcome a potential new class mate. They managed to encourage the child into the dining room, who ate lunch with them and soon felt a real part of their community!

Thank you Primary pupils!

Coffee Mornings

After much thought we have decided to cancel the planned coffee mornings for the rest of this term.

THEY WILL RETURN, with a new, more focussed approach! Watch this space for updates and please do contact us if you need support in the meantime.

The new coffee mornings will cover a range of days and times to allow all of our community to be able to attend.





Attendance Matters



We are constantly monitoring student attendance and will shortly be emailing out letters to families of students whose attendance falls below 85%. We are keen to work with all families to support students with high absence in order to increase their attendance to a satisfactory level. Every day a student misses school, they are disadvantaged compared to their peers;

good attendance is crucial to a good education

Damage to school Property by Pupils

We are currently experiencing a large of amount of damage to school property, for this reason we are issuing the following statement to all parents and carers and to our students.

Students will be liable for any instances of deliberate damage. The cost of repair or replacement will need to be paid by the group or persons involved, and the student may be refused further use of school facilities. A contribution towards the cost will be requested once our maintenance staff have inspected the damage. Additional clean-up fees may be charged to return the facility to original condition, and it is also likely that students will be faced with some level of exclusion.

Primary school News



Some primary pupils have been working hard to help build a tree-mendous wooden house from recycled pallets in forest school!

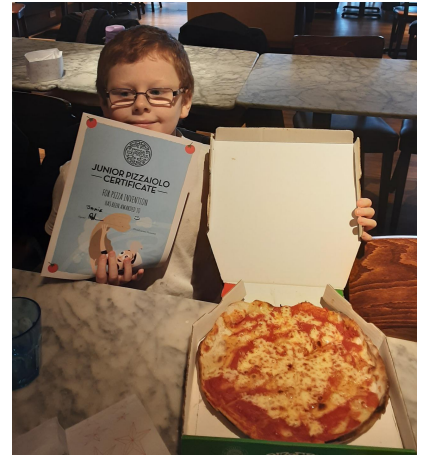
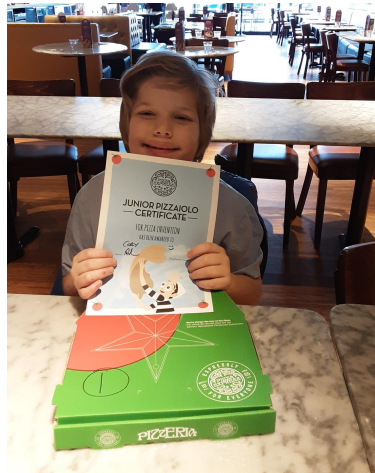
Forest school has been wet and cold the last few weeks but our pupils and staff have enjoyed their time outside.

Learning is Fun!



Other News from the Primary School

A small group of primary students were invited to Pizza Express for a slice of fun! 🍕 They had a great morning learning to make their own dough balls and Margherita pizzas, as well as practising their dough throwing skills! We definitely have some little chefs in the making!



Granary Farm School

When Sus, our Granary Farm School lead, looked at the recent weather forecasts, she thought each day was going to be tough. It turns out she was so wrong!

Sus has been so proud of her pupils - not one moan about the rain or clothes being wet and muddy. Each pupil got stuck into their written and practical tasks with a real sense of pride and purpose. Keiron worked endlessly in the pouring rain to clean out and improve the goat area.

Marshal has been getting his hands dirty to move the shed so that he can construct a new, safe floor base. Cory has been improving pathways and preparing for his wall project, as well as completing a mountain of English work. Luca has been getting a chicken area ready for the arrival of a new hen. Josh, Lenny and Harry have all been building their BTEC evidence and even emailing catch up work from home. They all also demonstrated huge improvements in their tractor driving skills. Finally Elliot has been doing a better job than Sus can of keeping the pigs happy and in the right places. This is as well as keeping up to date with his

BTEC and English work. Sus doesn't normally give such a long update but she and Paul felt each pupil really deserves a huge 👍 Thank you and well done to all!



Useful Links

These links will be a permanent feature of the newsletter to ensure parents have up to date information and resources

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 takes 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

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