

Mount Tamar News - May 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 - please do not phone the main school number with this information

END & Celebration 2023

SEND & Celebration is the name of the Plymouth Parent Carer Voice annual SEND conference. This year it will be held on Wednesday 24th May at the Guildhall in Plymouth (PL1 2AA).

Just as the name suggests, it is an exciting opportunity for those with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and their parents, carers, professionals and anyone with an interest in SEND in Plymouth to meet, question and learn from each other. In the Great Hall you will find lots of stalls from service providers who are dedicated to supporting families of children and young people (0-25) with SEND. Over 30 exhibitors are looking forward to meeting you all and telling you about what they can offer. There are so many exciting opportunities to be found as you browse and chat to service providers at your leisure.

There are also many talks and workshops for you to attend during the event.

The event is FREE for members of Plymouth Parent Carer Voice, this includes lunch and refreshments.

For more information about the event and becoming a member of Plymouth Parent Carer Voice, please go to <https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/what-to-expect-from-send-celebration-2023/>

If you are planning on going, please let Jackie Hume(our SENDCO administrator) know, Rachel Hayes, our SENDCO will be at the event and will be pleased to meet you there

SEND CONFERENCE

24TH MAY | PLYMOUTH GUILDHALL | 9AM – 5PM

**FOR PARENT CARERS &
PROFESSIONALS**

**FREE ENTRY AND LUNCH
FOR PPCV MEMBERS**

OVER 40 STALLS ATTENDING

**TALKS & CONSULTATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

SCAN BELOW TO REGISTER



Future Events

We will be supporting Wrong Trousers Day on Friday 30th June. We are asking staff and students to come to school wearing their wackiest trousers and bring in a donation. This is to raise awareness

for the good work undertaken by Bristol Children's Hospitals - all donations raised will be sent to this great charity.

It's Assessment and Exam Term!

KS2 SATS

These will start week commencing 9th May. Staff have been working hard with the pupils in Y6 to get them ready for this. The pupils will have one paper per day this week.

Y11 Exams

This are spread over the next 2 months - pupils, parents and carers have received copies of exam timetables. Please help your child to be ready for their exam by ensuring they are in school at the right time, have had a restful, calm evening before and have had breakfast before leaving - these things really do help our young people to focus.

KS1 SATS and Y1 phonics and Y4 multiplication tests

These will take place in June - more details to follow



Attendance Matters

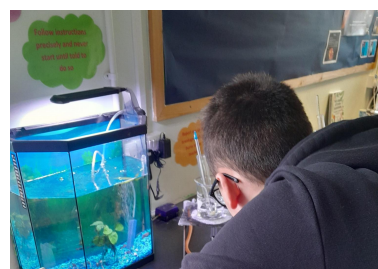
19 students across our centres had 100% attendance for the month of March last term. This is excellent news - well done!



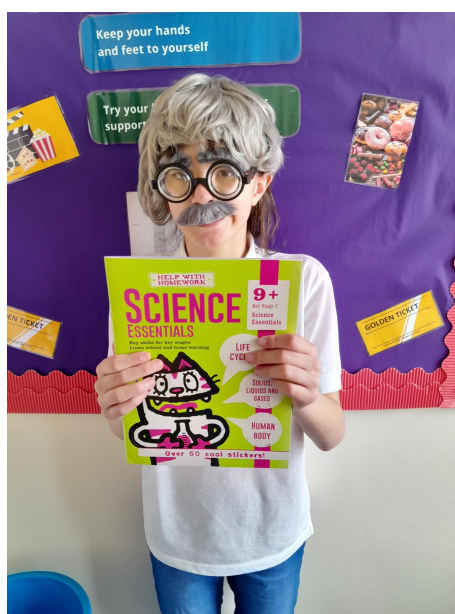
good attendance is crucial to a good education

News from Prospect Centre

Prospect students recently conducted an experiment to explore whether solids have different melting points. Year 10 and 11 worked



hard towards earning their AQA qualification. Excellent effort!



Towards the end of last term, students at Prospect came to school dressed as their dream job. We had a scientist, a fire fighter and a Flight Attendant!

Damage to school Property by Pupils - A reminder

We are experiencing a large of amount of damage to school property, for this reason we are re-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 suspension.

What's going on in the Community?



Positive Mental Health Fun day being held during half term on Thursday 1st June - Free Entry!

Do you or anyone else you know need help getting online?

Eat That Frog, in Plymouth have a fantastic course aimed at helping those digitally challenged with getting online so that they don't feel left behind. The course starts on 2nd May so be quick to sign up. This is a FREE course!

[Book here https://eatthatfrog.ac.uk/getting-online/](https://eatthatfrog.ac.uk/getting-online/)

Or telephone 01803 551 551

Granary Farm School

Our Granary Farm pupils have been busy preparing the vegetable garden for this year's crop, as well the ongoing, ever present maintenance tasks.





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

May Half Term

Last day of term: May 26th

First day back at school: June 5th

Summer Holiday

Last day of term: July 28th

Academic Year 23/24

Pupils Return to school - 6th September 2023

October Half Term - 21st October - 5th November