

# Pilgrim Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a fantastic response to the Spring Garden competition - thanks to everyone who got involved. We had over 150 entries and each one was creative, colourful and made us smile. This morning, we judged the competition and gave a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Easter egg prize to each year group. Every child who submitted a garden for the competition received a certificate and small chocolate egg. Well done everyone - so impressive!

## Spring Garden Competition

Well done for taking part in our Spring Garden Competition!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Parent and carer Consultation Meetings and Spring Term Reports

Many parents and carers took the opportunity to attend meetings with their child's teachers last week. In these meetings, Spring Reports were discussed and progress shared. Many who attended said how useful it was and how proud they were to see their children's progress in books.

For those parents and carers who did not attend, there is still chance to find out how your child is doing - please book a meeting with your child's teacher on the return to school. For those who have not yet had a meeting, the report will come home with your child - please look out for this.

## Sustran Big Walk and Wheel Event

I don't think we could have had worse weather for the last 2 weeks when we have been encouraging children to walk or wheel to school! **Well done to so many (brave!) families who made the extra effort to walk, scoot or bike to school.** Each class has been collecting their points and there has been some healthy competition going on - we will register our information and keep our fingers crossed that we win a school prize again.





### Free Reading and Activity books for our younger children

Bookmark, a charity which promotes children's enjoyment of reading, has given us some lovely booklets full of games and stories.

Children in years 2-4 will bring one home today. We hope your children enjoy the activities in the Easter break.

### Pilgrim Curriculum Focus - What have we been up to?

#### What a sporty bunch we are!

##### Indoor Rowing Festival

On Wednesday 27th March, a talented group of Year 6 pupils attended an Indoor Rowing Festival at Marjon University. The event organiser, Plymouth Schools Sport Partnership, had previously visited school and hosted an event where all pupils had a turn at using the rowing machines on our site. This event saw the best rowers from across all of the Plymouth Primary School competing, head to head. We are happy to announce that **Fabrizia achieved a fantastic 2nd place** in the individual girls competition, Well done Fab! The Pilgrim Rowing Team also placed 4th out of all the Plymouth schools, which is also a fabulous achievement. **Well done to all the Pilgrim pupils that took part in this event, we are very proud of you.**



Here is Fabrizia in action - she was so fast that the photo is blurred! I think it is safe to say that Miss Redmond was a little excited in the background...



And here is the team!

#### Plymouth Schools half Marathon - we are in training!



Well done to our half marathon runners who are running half a mile in school now, three times a week. This will clock up their miles before running their final mile Sunday 14th May on The Plymouth Hoe. Students partaking in the event range from year 3 to year 6.

Here they are getting in the miles....

## Marjon University Sporting Event

On Monday 27th March, some children from Year 3-6 went with Miss Mabin and Mr Quintrell to Marjons University to take part in a Change4Life sporting event with various other schools from across the city. The children got to play lots of games and take on challenges. They all participated with great energy and enthusiasm and worked well with the leaders from all the groups. The children were also very lucky to meet a rower who is part of team Great Britain. Well done to you all!



## Reading Visitor

To celebrate World Book Day, Plymouth Drake Foundation arranged for Carl Heslop, the owner of Obediar Construction and The Plymouth City Patriots, to visit our school and read a story to our Foundation, year 1 and year 2 classes. He particularly wanted to come to us because Pilgrim Primary was his primary school too!

He read *The Adventures of Scout - The Bees are Missing* by local authors: The 3 Engineers.

The children were enthralled and asked Carl some great questions afterwards.

After hearing the story, Sea Stars class entered a competition to create something based on the story and they won!

**Every child in Sea Stars will receive a copy of the book. We are very proud of them.**



## Dates for your Diary

03.04.23	Easter Break
17.04.23	Return to School
21.04.23	Chameleon Class Assembly
04.05.23	<b>School closed for local elections - Polling Station</b>
05.05.23	<b>Coronation Celebration - whole school event</b>
05.05.23	Lion Class Assembly
12.05.23	Owl Class Assembly
19.05.23	Dolphin Class Assembly



## Year 4 Swimming

Our Year 4 children will be undertaking a block of daily swimming lessons next half term during the period from Tuesday 9th May (it's a bank holiday Monday) until Friday 26th May. More details will come out to Year 4 parents via letter on return to school.

## Community Information

### Group chat sites

Along with the newsletter today, there is an attachment of a poster relating to 'What parents need to know about the use of group chats' sites. This shares information relating to the risks of your children using social media and group chat sites and gives practical advice which we would urge you to read.

### Fit and Fed Schemes 2023 - Easter holiday

**Don't forget that there are Fit and Fed schemes running across Plymouth over Easter. Please check out:**



[www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed)

### Pupils to Celebrate!

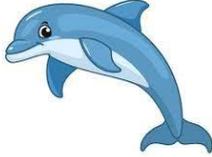
We are now presenting a Star Learner recognition in every class weekly AND the children are recognising one of their class team for a Pat on the Back for conduct each week too. Lots to celebrate so well done to these children:

	<b>PAT ON THE BACK</b>	<b>STAR LEARNER</b>
	<b>From 20/03/2023 until 31/03/2023</b>	
Year 1	Biance P / Sam W Miss Webb / Cameron A	Fatima F / Dominika K Emil W / Zara A
Year 2	Vincent M / Carter H Jacob T/ Khaled A	Sheyon P / Casey B Autumn G / Amira O
Year 3	Richie M / Shabat T Tallulah D / Tiwa O	All Chameleons / Sienna N Digby C / Taym A
Year 4	Daniel T / Oscar B Robyn F / Ioanna N	Evie S / Gracie M-C Jake S / Luca P
Year 5	Kya G / Paige J Connor L / Lacey W	Miguel D / Ruben D Kidd C / Shyanne M
Year 6	Olesya M / Abraheem L Alfie C	Tugce K / Emma C Rachel S / Marwa A

### Attendance

**Attendance for the year to date remains at 92.2% and this is still a bit below the average for school in England.** Please remember that requests for absence for holidays in term term are not authorised and are likely to result in requests for Penalty Notices to be issued (fines of £60 per child).

Which classes are attending well? **Dolphins in Year 5** continue to be the best attending class of the year so far BUT our **Year 6 Eagles** have been the best attending group in the last fortnight. **Keep it up!**

Pilgrim Primary Attendance (398 pupils)	Attendance School (target 95%+)	Attendance National (Primary schools)	Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am)
Up to w/e 31.03.23	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Best class (year to date)</b>  <b>95.4%</b>	<b>Year 5 Dolphins</b>  	<b>Best class (last fortnight)</b>  <b>97.4%</b>	<b>Year 6 Eagles</b>  
 <b>There are 31 pupils in school with 100% attendance to date!</b> 			

### Goodbyes



Today we say a sad farewell to our lovely Year 1 Teacher Miss Smith, who has been at Pilgrim for the last 4 years. Mrs Harvey, who has been a Teaching Assistant at Pilgrim for 10 years is also having her last day today. Miss Smith and Mrs Harvey will be really missed by our staff, children and families. The younger children said goodbye in assembly today with gifts, flowers and cards. We wish them well in their exciting new adventures and thank them for their contribution to school.



**As today marks the end of the Spring Term, we now have a 2 week holiday and return for the Summer Term on Monday 17th April. I wish you all a happy Spring holiday and look forward to seeing you then.**



**Mrs L Meek  
Headteacher**