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Dear parents, carers and families,

This has been another very busy fortnight which has gone by so quickly. I have enjoyed seeing so many of our children enjoying trips out, visitors in school and extra enrichment activities. We have had trips to the local park, a visit to The Eden Project in Cornwall, a journey into space at Plymouth's rocket tour, the start of the mini-police initiative, lots of sports coaches in school, different year groups taking part in Forest school learning with Mrs O'Leary and, this afternoon, Year 6 are at the Theatre Royal watching an amazing play! I don't remember my primary school being so full of great experiences. Please look at the year group photos and summaries later in this newsletter to get a better idea of what has been going on...lucky children!



We held our **MacMillan Bake Sale** last Friday which raised an amazing **£261.50** - just over double what we raised last year. Thank you for supporting this charity event and for those families who made and donated cakes to sell - what a generous community we have.



Who are all these Behaviour Champions?

Since the last newsletter, we have launched a new aspect to our school's Behaviour Framework; the chance for children to be recognised each day as **Behaviour Champions!** We want children to know how proud we are of their efforts to show school values, have positive conduct and try hard to make great choices throughout the day. We also want children to be proud of their fantastic attitudes and have a chance to be recognised for this as they move around the school.

So, in each class, on the board at the front of the classroom, we have added a **behaviour track** so that each child can check if their behaviour is 'on track'. This shows the children's behaviour progress throughout the day with the idea being that all children start each day on the 'start line'. When positive effort and actions are recognised, the children have their name moved along the track. Those that cross the finish line each day get to be the Behaviour Champions the next day, proudly wearing one of our very special Behaviour Champion purple lanyards around school for the day.

Any adult or visitor can recognise a pupil for positive actions, effort or attitude so all children have the opportunity to shine! When adults see great conduct then they simply recognise this by saying to the child that they can 'move themselves along the track'!

The children are absolutely loving this new approach and we have had so many Behaviour Champions so far that I think I will need to order more lanyards!

Of course, we also have our recognition boards in each classroom too, where children's names are added if they go 'above and beyond' showing one of our 6 Keystone Routines:

Wonderful Walking
Legendary Lines

Marvellous Manners
Terrific Transitions

Lovely Listening
Constantly Kind

So, if your child tells you that they are a Behaviour Champion for the day, this is really something to celebrate. A very well done to all the children who have been a champion so far this term!

You can find a copy of our Pilgrim Primary **Behaviour and Relationships Framework** accompanying this newsletter and there is also a full Reach South Academy Trust Behaviour and Relational Policy available in the policies section of our school website.

We've been Reading again...

Summer Reading Challenge

On Monday, Austin from the local library visited our assembly to celebrate our children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Children who took part were given a certificate in recognition of their achievements.

National Poetry Day

We celebrated National Poetry Day at Pilgrim yesterday. In classes we celebrated by reading and discussing lots of poems by poets such as Michael Rosen, Kate Wakefield and Joseph Coelho. The theme this year is 'Refuge'. We have been impressed by the children's thoughtful responses.



Harvest Celebrations



Next Friday (13th October) we will be having special assemblies to celebrate Harvest. The children will come together to be thankful for the food that we have and to appreciate the hard work of farmers and growers around the world who provide our produce.

Once again, we will be gratefully receiving our Harvest donations for the local Plymouth Food Bank. We ask, if you can, that you donate dried foods, tins, packets and jars (no fresh food please) during the week so that we can have a fantastic display of food to help our celebrations and to pass on to the food bank. Each year, Pilgrim proudly gives bags of your donations so I thank you in advance for anything you can spare. Please pass any donations via your child's classroom next week.

CURRICULUM NEWS - WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

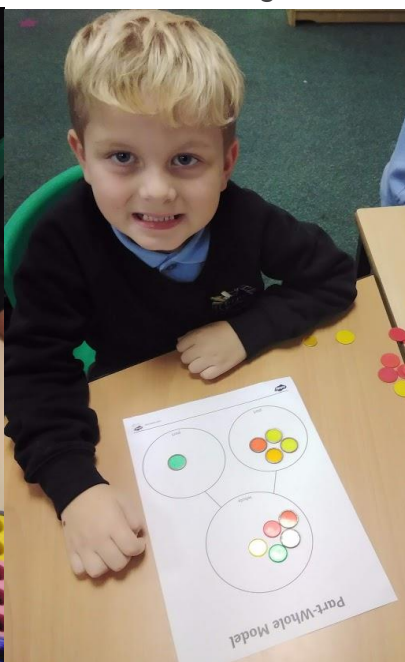
EYES

We received a surprise delivery. It was bread... But we didn't know who had sent it! We looked for clues and after listening to a story, thought it might have been the 'Little Red Hen.' We also explored the bread using all of our senses!



Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning about addition and subtraction within 10. We used a range of resources to show our understanding.



Year 2

In Year 2 PSHE lessons this week, we have been working in small groups to discuss respect in the classroom. We have talked about some choices that children make and the consequences that will happen in our classrooms. We talked about our Behaviour boards in the classroom and our new running tracks for praise.



Year 3

Supporting our geography theme, Year 3 visited Eden Project. We got a first hand experience of what it feels like to walk through a tropical rainforest and the plants that grow there. A long but amazing day!



Year 4

Year 4 has been really lucky this term to be training as Mini-Police. Over the last few weeks, we have been learning about Internet safety and this week we got to go out litter picking to help the local community keep their environment tidy. We are enjoying learning all about the roles and responsibilities we have as part of the school and wider community.



Year 5

Last Friday, we went to the Space Mission exhibition in town. It was a really exciting experience. We made exploding rockets and even had a go at the VR. We went to space and travelled in a space rocket using VR, it was out of this world!



Year 6

Today the Year 6 pupils have visited the Theatre Royal to watch a play called "The house with Chicken Legs". The children were extremely excited to watch the play as they have been reading the book in school. This trip has kindly been funded by a member of the public, a lady called Joan, who is a member of the theatre Royal. Her aim is to support all children to experience the magic of the theatre! We have made her thank you cards to show our appreciation.



Butterflies

In our english lessons we have been reading the book 'owl babies' we have been researching owls and decided to have a go at making our own clay owls.



COMMUNITY NEWS

REMINDER - Entitlement to Pupil Premium-Free School Meals

All children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals as part of the Universal Free School Meals programme. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for additional Pupil Premium funding, if families are on a lower income, to support their child at school. You can apply for this funding at any time during your child's time at Pilgrim Primary..

Children, whose parents are getting any of the following, are entitled to Pupil Premium funding:

- Universal Credit – from 1 April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods.
 - Income Support (IS).
 - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
 - The guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
 - Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.

How to apply

Apply through Plymouth City Council by using the following link:

www.plymouth.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, you can email fsm@plymouth.gov.uk.

Remember - Increase In School Meals Prices

Just to make sure everyone is aware, the cost of a school dinner **will rise to £2.80 from 30th October 2023**. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are still entitled to a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

LOOKING AHEAD....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th Oct	Harvest Festival (donations to Plymouth Food Bank)
17th Oct	Year 4 trip to Morwellham Quay
20th Oct	Show Racism the Red Card - wear red clothes day (no contribution)
w/c 23rd October is Half Term week - no school	
8th & 9th Nov	Parent Consultation Meetings and Information Evening
10th Nov	Yr 1JM Class Assembly
10th Nov	School Photos (individual)
17th Nov	Children in Need
24th Nov	Yr 6RH Class Assembly
1st Dec	Yr 1LW Class Assembly
8th Dec	Yr 5AC Class Assembly



Pupils to Celebrate!

Well done to these children who have gained recognition from the adults and the children in school in the last fortnight. Great stuff!

	PAT ON THE BACK	STAR LEARNER
	From 25/09/23 until 06/10/23	
Yr 1	Sofia W / Jimmy M / Adam G /Kacie P	Malachi P / Ibrahim Y / Elle M / Favour A
Yr 2	Flora A / Aavya S / Leyland S / Zara A	Jubal J / Kalyan G / Bianca P / Alp S
Yr 3	Oliver H-D / Lena K / Clarence A / Cruz E	Katie P / Oscar W / Theo W / Reggie F
Yr 4	Alya M / Mae L / Nyah L / Oskar C	Hannah W / Annalise W / Shabbat T / Ty J
Yr 5	Evie G / Harley W / Joseph B / Luca P	Harley W / Kokob M / Zoe C
Yr 6	Sarah T / Jamal A	Camron B / Arsema M / Emma C

Attendance at Pilgrim

Children should be in school 'regularly' in order to get the best out of the education we provide. The Government is clear that regular attendance is 96% or better.

Here are the attendance figures for the year to date for each class. The classes in green are at or above 96% - our target. Well done to those teams!

25/09/23 until 06/10/23

<u>Registration Form</u>	<u>Present R/C: Marks</u>	<u>Late R/C: Marks</u>
<u>Year F HG/ROL</u>	<u>93.0%</u>	<u>0.5%</u>
<u>Year F HT</u>	<u>94.1%</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
<u>Year 1 JM</u>	<u>87.8%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
<u>Year 1 LW</u>	<u>94.3%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
<u>Year 2 BF</u>	<u>98.6%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
<u>Year 2 RH</u>	<u>87.9%</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
<u>Year 3 CB</u>	<u>96.2%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
<u>Year 3 KC</u>	<u>96.1%</u>	<u>1.8%</u>
<u>Year 4 EK</u>	<u>95.8%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
<u>Year 4 LJ</u>	<u>96.3%</u>	<u>0.7%</u>
<u>Year 5 AC</u>	<u>97.6%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
<u>Year 5 SS</u>	<u>91.7%</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
<u>Year 6 RH</u>	<u>93.0%</u>	<u>1.2%</u>
<u>Year 6 SR</u>	<u>89.7%</u>	<u>1.4%</u>

Whole School Attendance Figures

Pilgrim Primary Attendance (382 pupils)	Attendance School (target 96%+)	Attendance National (Primary schools in 2022)	Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am)
Up to w/e 6th October 2023	93.7%	94.0%	0.94%

Enjoy your weekend everyone - see you next week.



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