



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

24th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We noticed it last week and it has now been an consensus across the country that primary children are finding this return to school far more difficult then in September. Wellbeing and happiness are our priorities however, even with all our provision in place, some children are still finding it difficult to adjust to the routine and hustle and bustle of school life. The 23rd March 2020 was the first day of the first school closure, meaning we have had a full year of Covid 19 measures and restrictions. Our last whole school assembly was on the 20th of March 2020 and since then life has been unpredictable for everyone. No wonder the children are frazzled and exhausted. Learning in school is being heavily supported, meaning that everyone should feel that they are able to achieve any set goals. We are already seeing an increase in resilience, resourcefulness, reflection and positive learning attitude since we have returned and it is wonderful to see the children blossoming again. As always, our Marlborough children are amazing at letting their optimism shine through when times are difficult.

Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing

- Please inform the office if your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, is being tested, is awaiting a test result and the outcome of the test.
- Do not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, someone in your household is displaying symptoms, someone in your household is awaiting a test result or someone in your household has tested positive.
- Please continue to inform the office if someone in your household has a positive Covid test result.

Keeping the School Covid Safe

Although safety measures are changing in line with the government roadmap, the government guidance for schools has not changed. Therefore, we are still asking adults on the school site to keep to our safety measures. **These include wearing a mask on the school site, observing social distancing when waiting for children, only one adult dropping off and collecting children, leaving the school site as soon as children are collected and making sure pavements and pathways are clear for others to use.** Thank you all for your efforts to keep our community safe.

Message from the Government

Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - Households with primary school age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home. This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

Keeping Healthy

We have found, from the feedback from our parent survey and through talking to our children, that being active and keeping fit is an aspect that we really need to focus on after lockdown. We are making sure the children are being active during the school day and eating healthy lunches and there are ways that you can help too:

- Children in Classes 3 to 6 can bring a **piece of fruit or healthy snack** for playtime,
- Encourage your child (Classes 3 to 6) to take part in the free after school clubs,
- Limit computer gaming time.

Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have worries about your child's health and wellbeing since lockdown. Thanks.

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Learning Out and About and In School

Singing Sessions – Jade Stewart-Tribe will be singing with each class with the aim of getting a whole school music video recorded and available to share on our website. The song we are learning is Harry Styles' *Treat People with Kindness*.

Adventure Club –The next Adventure Club is on Tuesday 30th March and it will be Class 4 who are out and about.

The Easter Story – Classes 3 to 6 will be working with Jane Wheeler from New Street Church to explore the Christian Easter Story. They will be exploring the Last Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection through art, drama and story telling.

Physical Education – The recommendation is that children have at least 60 active minutes in a school day (180 minutes in reception class.) Teachers are very inventive in finding ways to get children moving; Daily 10, Wake and Shake, Go Noodle, Supermovers, Active Playtimes, Physical Education lessons and After School Clubs all promote movement and get the children active. Plymouth Argyle and Vicky Pryor are supporting us in the delivery of our PE sessions and we are enabling the children to get active and moving as much as possible to support their physical and mental wellbeing at other times of the day. Swimming sessions will commence as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Red Nose Day

The children looked absolutely amazing in their Super Hero costumes; their smiles coming into school on Friday were a joy to see! Thank you for the donations towards Red Nose Day we managed to raise **£346.13**. Many thanks to you all!

Book Amnesty

Please can we ask families to have a look through their book shelves and return any school books. No judgements will be made about the length of time they have been at home!

Mariners' Meeting

Many thanks to those who attended the Mariners' meeting on Thursday.

Items discussed included:

- the construction of the field shelter,
- ideas for fundraising and possible crowdfunding,
- ideas for safely getting preloved uniform out to the community,
- ideas for supporting the wellbeing of families.

If you feel that you could support any of those ideas please contact mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk

Marlborough Kitchen

Class 3's Parliament Group, *Food and Health*, had wonderful ideas for the development of Marlborough Kitchen. Not only have they suggested some wonderful additions to the menu but they also wanted the kitchen to look more appealing. Ruth Littlejohns-Sames has been working in school, while it was quiet, making the entrance to our Marlborough Kitchen match restaurant standards! Thank you Ruth for making our hungry children happy!



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Upcoming lunches are:

Thursday 25 th March	Beef Chilli Bean Chilli Hummus and Breadsticks
Friday 26 th March	Fishfingers and Wedges Veggie Burger and Wedges Tomato and Sesame Soup
Monday 29 th March	Pizza Margarita Curried Parsnip Soup
Tuesday 30 th March	Macaroni Cheese Lentil Ragu Pasta Leek and Potato Soup
Wednesday 31 st March	Jacket Potato Egg Mayo Roll
Thursday 1 st April	Sausage and Wedges Veggie Sausages and Wedges Carrot, Coconut and Ginger Soup
Friday 2 nd April	Easter Holiday

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 24th March – Reception Vision Screening

Tuesday 30th March – Class 4 Adventure Club

Tuesday 30th March – Class 6 and Class 4 with Jane Wheeler from New Street Church.

Wednesday 31st March – Class 3 and Class 5 with Jane Wheeler from New Street Church.

Thursday 1st April – Last day of term, 2pm finish

Saturday 3rd April – Marlborough Mariners' Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 19th April – INSET day

Tuesday 20th April – Children return to school start of the Summer Term

Tuesday 20th April – Class 5 Adventure Club



Class 5 have been creating clay dragons' eyes as part of their Explorers and Invaders topic.

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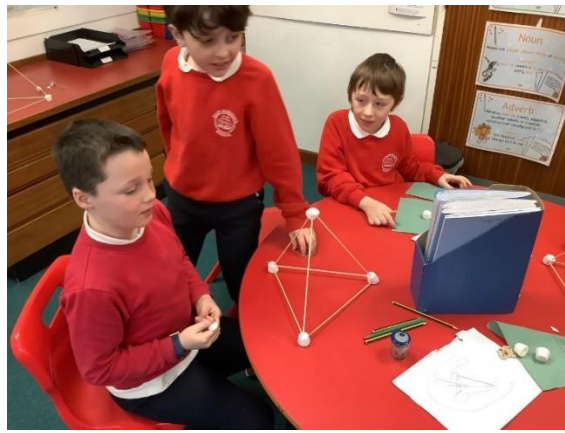
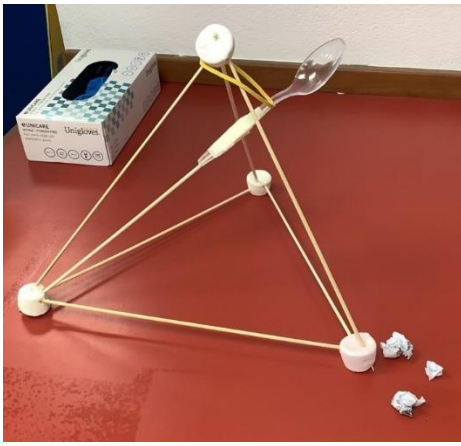
Class 5 have joined in with Songfest, along with many other local schools.

Class 3 have been learning about team building as part of their Adventure Club.



Class 1 have been learning about Austin's Butterfly and refining their learning.





Class 4 have been making catapults using marshmallows.



Class 2 have been composing music inspired by mining and creating their own plant bulbs from clay.



Class 6 have been busy creating potions (some of them were explosive!) as part of their Harry Potter topic.





Reception have been busy preparing for a mission to the moon; creating rockets together as a team.

