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The Packet Ship An Lester Trumach

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Dear Parents

It was good to see last Thursday evening's presentations of the school's forthcoming involvement with Cornerstone so well attended – thank you to everyone who came... and for your expressions of support. These are certainly interesting times in the world of education; although I hope that our choice of MAT partner is an opportunity to side-step most of the politics! As explained at the meetings, our intention is now to turn our attention to improving the school grounds and addressing in particular those areas that, since LINE and the Big Digs have, quite simply, worn out!

We've sought the advice of a few experts and gathered some quotations for work to be done and, whilst there is no denying that there is a challenging project ahead of us, we are in a position to get started and, with your help, can look forward to making a significant impact on the site: Marlborough's physical attributes could well be something special, and match what we have in place as a school community.

The emphasis on next term's classroom topics will work alongside a school focus to discuss and design a range of outdoor environments that are inspiring but accessible all year round. We would like parents to be involved from the outset, so if you can be available throughout our Open Learning week (Monday 11th to Friday 15th April) please let us know and come and join us.

The aim will be to gather as many ideas as we can to solve the issues we have with mud and drainage, fallen trees and unruly undergrowth, concrete paths and inaccessible corners, etc. Then to plan what we can do, where we need help and how we can prepare and phase each area in turn. We will also need to plan and organise an extra special Sponsored Cycle Ride to kick start our project. As we said last week... your school needs you. We can promise that there will be a lot of hard work, but I think also a great deal of enjoyment and the opportunity for the children to work practically alongside adults is I think an extremely exciting one. Do please keep an eye out for invitations into class, meetings and any task groups where you might have just the skills we need!



LINE Cake Bake

Following last week's Diabetes Awareness fund-raising event (please see overleaf), and the plans for sports relief (below), we've decided to postpone next week's Cake Bake until next term. Our aim for LINE cake bakes will be to improve a specific aspect of outdoor learning and we will send you details of these following next term's Big Dig launch!

X-Country

Well done to those children from Marlborough who took part in the area schools Cross-Country race last week, especially to Zac who came second (just pipped at the post by his arch rival) in the y5 competition. He has qualified for the County Final and we wish him every success for that later this week. Falmouth/Penryn have asked me to pass on their thanks to all the parents who supported the local event.

Last Week			Total			
1 st	Freeling	31	7	1 st	Fox	41
2 nd	Pelham	30	5	2 nd	Swiftsure	36
3 rd	Fox	22	4	3 rd	Freeling	33
4 th	Chichester	20	3	4 th	Pelham	28
5 th	Walsingham	18	2	5 th	Walsingham	23
6 th	Swiftsure	16	1		Chichester	23

Sports Relief 2016

Comes hot on the heels of last week's fete so this year our contribution is simply to invite all the children to wear their favourite sports team kit or colours next Friday. There will be a 50p fund raising fine for anyone who chooses not to wear his or her uniform – but all proceeds will go to Sports Relief.





...to everyone who supported Global Links Group's fundraiser for Diabetes UK last Friday – A BIG thank you to everyone who donated, helped on the day or spent their money... we raised a whopping £942.90! A final donation has meant that we have been able to send off a cheque for exactly £1000 to Diabetes UK. Thank you!

This money will be sent to Diabetes UK in memory of Mrs Devine's daughter Michelle, on behalf of the Marlborough community.







If you were unable to make it on the day, there is still time to donate via Michelle's friend Jade's JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/Jade-Herman/. Jade is doing a sky-dive for Diabetes UK next Saturday.

Thank you from Global Links Group, Mrs Gall and Mrs Devine.

DIABETES UK CARE, CONNECT, CAMPAIGN.

I would like to offer my thanks to Mrs Gall, the global links group and of course to all who attended our Diabetes fundraiser last Friday. From a personal point of view I wanted to raise awareness of the Diabetes UK campaign and when I asked Mrs Gall and the children in our global links group for help with some fundraising, I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and support I received. With special thanks to Poppy in class 6 for her amazing efforts, including writing letters to local businesses for sponsorship. Thank you all ... Debbie Devine x

EXPLORE EGYPT,
GREECE AND ROME
AT THE ROYAL
CORNWALL MUSEUM,
TRURO, THIS EASTER!
(25th March - 7th April)



Easter activities at the Royal Cornwall Museum will centre on the wonder and mystery of the Classical Period. Come and touch treasures from over 3000 years ago, hold real ancient objects and transport yourself back into the past. Handling sessions will run every morning at 11;00. The Museum will also run 'make and take' workshops. Turn yourself into an Egyptian Pharaoh, create your own mosaic pattern or decorate a Greek tragedy mask. 'Make and take' sessions will run every day at 12pm. Activities are FREE for children, normal admission prices apply.

Also, come and celebrate our new exhibition 'All Monsters Great and Small' with our very own **Monsters Day** on Wednesday March 30th. We will be hosting **FREE** monster-themed activities and every child who dresses up as a monster gets an adult in for FREE!

Grey scooter lost with blue wheels and purple grippers between Marlborough and the Co-op last Friday

Lunch bags — The kitchen have four little grey cool bags that haven't made it back after school trips: please, if you have one unaccounted for at home, bring it in - it could be ours! Thank you.

Blog – Jess has created a kitchen blog to share some of the secrets behind our delicious meals! You will find it through the school website or look up the link https://marlboroughkitchen.wordpress.com/

The kitchen also uses twitter so you can follow Jess on @MarlboroKitchen and do go also to our cookbook 'Feed' account for updates @feedcookbook .

On Thursday 3rd March, Jess and I took eight children along to Samphire Bistro to meet David Trewin the chef there. He enrolled the help of Zeno and Hester, our two Food Ambassadors for next October's Oyster Festival and taught all of the children how to cook his recipe for a Seafood Chowder. A week later, last Thursday, David then came in to school and together with Zeno and Hester demonstrated to all the children in the junior's Healthy Living parliamentary committee how to cook this wonderful meal. Now it's all those children's turn!

