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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week saw the children planting trees, singing on the Pirate FM stage, switching on the Christmas lights and decorating the Town Council tree. A busy week! The wonderful tree planting day was our contribution to the Green Charter, as Marlborough joins primary schools in Cornwall in declaring a climate emergency. The day could not have happened without Cath Willoughby and her band of merry helpers all giving up their time to plant trees, light fires, toast food on the fire and help the children make climate pledges. We also had a fun filled Quiz Night last week, organised by Kelly and Dan Konik and an amazing team of raffle ticket sellers and cider makers. As the saying goes 'It takes a village to raise a child' so we would all like to say thank you so much to parents and carers who truly make Marlborough a community school.

This is the article sent to the Falmouth Packet for our Tree Planting Day...

Marlborough pupils do their bit to tackle climate change and help wildlife

Pupils from Marlborough School in Falmouth took a break from the regular school day last Thursday to plant an amazing wild woodland on the edge of their school field. The school had successfully applied for a wildlife hedging pack from the Woodland Trust, which comprised of 135 native tree saplings. Children from across the school visited the field in half hour slots and, assisted by a marvellous group of parent and grandparent volunteers, each child planted a tree. In addition they wrote climate pledges of things they could personally do to help tackle climate change by reducing their carbon emissions. Along with a number of wishes for electric Tesla cars, children pledged to eat less meat and cycle to school. After planting their trees the children toasted pineapple and apple snacks on a camp fire and returned to school, happy, muddy and inspired.

IT Funding Bid

We have been successful in gaining funding for our IT provision through The Belling Charitable Settlement trust. This will enable us to have new interactive white boards in the classrooms, 32 Chrome books and two charging trollies, 8 new desk top PCs, 8 new laptops and a new wifi system. NCi will be providing the installation and training for the new equipment. This gives us an exciting opportunity to develop the use of IT within the curriculum, allowing pupils to develop essential life skills and gain an enjoyment of using technology.

Curriculum Enhancement

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance

We have booked for our Reception pupils to join Year 1 and Year 2 at Rogue Theatre's Winter Wood in Tehidy Woods on the 13th of December. We have booked coaches to leave school at 11.30am, with the children bringing packed lunches to be eaten in the woods (unless a school packed bag has been requested.) *Please note that as this is an afternoon performance pupils will be able to be collected from school at 4pm on that Friday.*

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Performance- TOMORROW

Pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be heading down to The Poly on the 5th of December to see Kernow King in A Cornish Carol. The cost for A Cornish Carol will be £7.50. The performance starts at 1pm so pupils will have an early lunch and we will then walk down to The Poly. We should be back at school by 3.30pm.

Outcome Dates

The dates for the outcomes are below.

Year 3 – Thursday 5th December, 9am – Chocolate Museum and Fairtrade Shop – [Please bring money for the shop!](#)

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Year 4 – TODAY Wednesday 4th December, 2.30pm – Exhibition of Mayans and Sumerians

Year 5 – Friday 6th December, 9am – Heavenly Bodies Exhibition

Year 6 – **Note: new date due to staff training** - Tuesday 10th December, 2.45pm – VE Day Party

Reception parents will be invited in at the end of term to look through pupils' learning journals with their child.

The Inn-Spectors Nativity Tickets

All tickets have now been allocated for the performances at 2pm and 6pm on Thursday the 12th Dec. We have a waiting list of 30 names so we have decided to open up the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 11th for those people who are in need of tickets (please email office with requests.) Please bear in mind that this is a rehearsal!

Carol Concert

This year, the pupils in Years 3 to 6 will be leading the Carol Concert at All Saints Church on Tuesday 17th of December at 5.30pm. The audience will be treated to festive songs, readings, choir harmonies and a guitar club performance. There are no tickets for this, however we will have donation pots at the door to support our Falmouth and Penryn Foodbank.

Year 5 Dance Republic Project

Our Year 5 pupils are working with dancer, Sally Knight, to prepare for a Psychedelia showcase performance at AMATA on Thursday 16th of January. Pupils will be taking part in workshops over the next few weeks to prepare for the performance. We will be leaving school at 3pm for a tech run, watch other performances and have a tour of the University site. They will need a packed tea. The performance will start at 6.30pm and finish at 8pm. Audience tickets are now available from the AMATA website.

Religious Education Week

As our classes have come to the end of their termly topics, next week will see all of our classes learning having an RE focus. We will be looking at the Christian festival of Christmas and comparing it to other world religions' festivals.

Marlborough Advent Appeal

The school Christmas tree now up and is decorated with a decoration from every pupil. Under the tree this year we will have boxes for the community to fill for the Falmouth and Penryn Foodbank during Advent. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our fund raising parliament group have decided to support the Save the Children campaign and invite the whole school to wear their festive jumpers on Friday 13th of December. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to wear festive jumpers into the woods.

A message from the kitchen - Support Needed

Many thanks to those people who have offered to help in the kitchen in the new year, the support that the volunteers give is so useful in the busy environment and greatly appreciated!

Details are as follows: 1 new volunteer slot per day between Mon 25 Nov and Fri 6 Dec; you would need to start by 10:00am (earlier fine); you can stay for a free lunch with your child. To book a slot/express interest in volunteering email Angie Douglas: kitchen@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk. You will be shown basic kitchen hygiene, safety practices and safeguarding training before you begin so don't worry about not being experienced or qualified for the role. A fantastic part is seeing the children engage with the kitchen team, mostly very excited with what they are about to eat, and hearing about their day.

Extinction Rebellion Meeting

Please see the message below from the coordinators at Falmouth and Penryn Extinction Rebellion (XR):

We would like to talk to staff, teachers, parents and carers on the Climate and Ecological Emergency. We would like to invite you all to come along to Falmouth Rugby Club on 4th December at 6.50pm to hear The Talk first hand. XR have been providing this presentation nationwide for some time, constantly updating with the latest

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science, and giving a frank explanation of the situation in which we find ourselves and what we might do about it. We gave the talk at The Poly back in the summer to a full house. As I'm sure you are aware

Parliament and both Cornwall Council and Falmouth and Penryn Town Councils have declared a Climate Emergency. We need to face this situation and tackle it now because our children's future depend on it.

Craftivism

Craftivism club will not be running this Friday (6th of December.)

Yoga Classes For Parents

The last yoga session this term for parents and staff is going to be next Tues 10th Dec, and the first one back (which will be a welcome back one off free session) will be Tues 14th Jan.



A big congratulations to Arella y6, Katie y5, Bonnie y2, Jenna y6, Lily G y6, Tula y5 and Suki y5 for being awarded their Yellow Belts on 24.11.19!

5 more students will be attempting their Yellow Belts at a grading on 14th December.

Reminder: There are 11 spaces still available for karate sessions afterschool on Monday's (until 4:30pm) for Jan-Mar 2020. Please see the office for a sign up form/details if interested.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 5th December – A Cornish Carol at The Poly for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Friday 6th December – Flu Immunisations

Monday 9th December – Whole School Religious Education week

Thursday 12th December – Nativity Performance by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – 2pm and 6pm

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December – Year 1 and Year 2 to Rogue Theatre's Winter Woods

Tuesday 17th December – Key Stage 2's Carol Concert - 6pm at All Saints Church

Thursday 19th December – End of term - 2pm finish

Tuesday 7th January – Back to school

Packet Points						
This week score table				Termly score table		
Position	Team	Weekly Points	Weekly Score	Position	Team	Termly Score
1 st	Chichester	480	7	1 st	Chichester	45
2 nd	Pelham	450	5	2 nd	Swiftsure	41
3 rd	Fox	435	4	3 rd	Pelham	38
4 th	Walsingham	396	3	4 th	Walsingham	33
5 th	Swiftsure	370	2	5 th	Fox	24
6 th	Freeling	329	1	6 th	Freeling	20

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The Green Charter

As educators, we are committed to teach our young people to be environmentally literate and to develop their knowledge, skills, motivation and confidence to practice and promote sustainability in their community.

As organisations, we are committed to ensure any decisions we make about our working practice take into account the impact on the environment, with the aim of adopting sustainable practices wherever possible.

To this end, we will:

1. Collectively declare a climate emergency in November 2019.
2. Provide opportunities for staff, Governors, children, and community to find out about the climate emergency and what action they can take. Ensure at least one member of staff has climate change training.
3. Gain Eco-School status within two years, then maintain it thereafter.
4. Significantly reduce the use of single-use plastic with the aim of becoming 'plastic free.'
5. Develop the school grounds (or other local space) to promote engagement with nature, biodiversity and growing food. Plant at least 30 trees every year (eg free Woodland Trust Packs) and ensure they are looked after.
6. Have a meat-free school menu once a week and/or promote the benefits of eating less meat and more seasonal, locally-sourced food.
7. Speak out. Staff work with pupils to engage with parents and community in order to promote action on climate change.
8. Engage with another school (nationally or internationally) about action in schools.
9. Support Cornwall Council's aim to become carbon neutral by:
 - reducing energy consumption by at least 10%
 - using some form of renewable energy source on site, where possible
 - buying energy from renewable suppliers, where possible
10. Explore ways to lessen the impact of petrol and diesel vehicles on the environment.

