

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 31/03/2023

Dear parents/cares

We have ended the half term with an extremely busy, yet exciting week!

On Monday, Years 3 & 4 went on a trip to Kent's Caverns as part of their History learning, they were a credit to the school with how well they behaved and a good day was had by all. Mrs Bojang took a group of year 5 & 6 pupils to a change 4 life event at Marjons. They took part in several activities: learning a dance routine, going on a space adventure, making fruit smoothies and playing target-aiming games.

On Tuesday, year 2 went on their first ever school trip to the Golden Hind in Brixham; this was part of their History learning. They showed fantastic knowledge about their Sir Francis Drake learning and their behaviour was a credit to the school.

On Wednesday, all children who had brought their bikes or scooters in did an obstacle course, we have received a lovely email from the Sustrans team who came to work with the children, saying how fantastic they were at listening, turn-taking and sharing their bikes/scooters with those who didn't have them.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Bojang took a team of year 6 children to the Plymouth Rowing Championships at the life centre against 36 other primary schools. In their individual races, the boys rowed a total of 1553m and the girls, 1554m. As usual, they were brilliant and showed great teamwork and perseverance.

On Thursday, we had our headteacher's award assembly - we are very proud of all our children and how they apply themselves to their work. Congratulations to the following children who won headteacher awards: T Shepherd, E Cordner, L Cater, J Cater, M Hayward & K Pinhey. A special mention to the Endeavour award winners from year 2 and year 6: I Ninnim and J Canby.

At our celebration assembly today, all the KS2 children who have achieved their Accelerated Reader targets for the term received their certificates and extra reward of some sweet treats; I am pleased to let you know that 35 children reached their target, an increase of 25% from last half term - let's see if we can increase that even more next half term. The children have completed their star tests this week, ready for their new targets to be set for after Easter.

Today we finished the term with an Easter themed mufti and some fun Easter activities. It was great to have a school full of Easter bunnies and chicks rather than our usual children!

I hope you have an enjoyable easter break and we will see you all on **Tuesday 18th April**.

Foundation: this week we have been exploring what Easter means for Christians. We then really enjoyed the Easter assembly led by Rev Ann who used clever props to sequence events in the story. We have been exploring pattern making in Maths and then made Easter chocolate nests on Wednesday. The highlight of our week was negotiating the bike obstacle course.



Year 1: were introduced to our new class text 'Oi Frog!' by Kes Gray and Jim Field. After sharing our thoughts and feelings about the story, we explored our new text map. We had to come up with actions for the whole text map which has helped us to internalise the story. This will really support us when we come to writing our own versions of the story.



Year 2: had a fantastic time exploring the 5 decks of The Golden Hind at Brixham harbour on Tuesday. They learnt all about life on board the ship and enjoyed imagining what it would have been like to circumnavigate the globe like Sir Francis Drake.





















Year 3/4: spent the day at Kent's Cavern as part of our Stone Age unit in history. We spent the day handling artefacts and exploring the caves. Some of the artefacts we were handling were hundreds of thousands of years old! We learned all about the excavation of the site and the evidence that was found there. Did you know that over 80,000 artifacts were found in the caves? We all had a super day out and it will be something we remember forever.





Year 5: this week, we have been making boats and testing them to help us better understand the effects of air and water resistance. We have written our own poems about different British wildlife

in the style of Robert MacFarlane. We also used water colour paints to create a picture of our chosen animal.



Year 6: We have been writing our poems based on 'The Lost Words' poetry book. Test us on our knowledge of Ravens and one other animal/plant – we will exude knowledge resulting in these 'words' (technical names) never being lost again. In history, we have looked at the jobs which men did, other than being soldiers. We have also been prepping for our SATs... we can do this!!!



Learners of the week, well done everyone!!

Foundation:

Year 1: T.Ludgate

Year 2: Z.Krakowska

Year 3:M.Scott

Year 4: C.MacGregor

Year 5: M.Hayward

Year 6: R.Walsh



This week's attendance winners are...

Year 3, getting a 97% attendance this week.



Dates to remember!!!



- Children to return to school - Tuesday 18/04/2023

Dinner Menu w/b 17/03/2023 - Week menu 1

School packed lunches will available in the new term.



Easter Fit & Fed - Wednesday 12th 2023 April & Thursday 13th April 2023.



Please use this link to book if you are eligible for FSM.

[Book PL - Austin Farm Easter Fit & Fed - Wednesday 12th April from Argyle Community Trust \(officialsoccerschools.co.uk\)](https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Please use this link to book if you are **NOT** eligible for FSM

[Book Argyle Community Trust Football Courses & Soccer School Sessions \(officialsoccerschools.co.uk\)](https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

FREE NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers



The NSPCC is running a series of free **Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers**.

Core Content - The workshops are 1 hour and will help parents and carers to find out about:

- What children and young people are doing online
- Parental concerns
- What the risks are for young people in terms of what they see, do, and who they meet online
- How to manage these risks as a parent/carer
- Sources of help and support

Each workshop will also focus on a combination of the following topics:

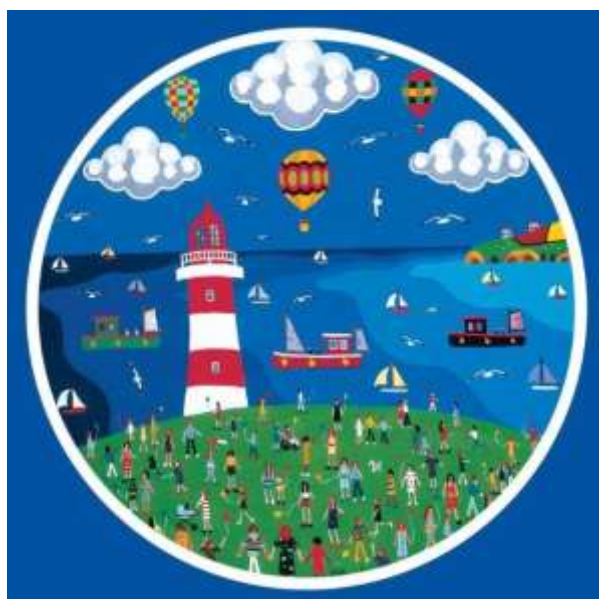
- Gaming
- Social Media
- Online Bullying
- Parental controls
- Mental health and well being
- Modelling good behavior
- Online challenges, hoaxes and scams
- Persuasive design and screen time vs screen use

We would encourage that a lead professional from your setting is present on the training, so that you are aware of any concerns and can follow up appropriately. You will also benefit from hearing the same key messages as your parent/carer community. However, this isn't mandatory.

For more information and to request joining details please email parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk

Date	Time	Content
22 March	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Mental Wellbeing + Online Bullying
28 March	6-7pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Online Friendships
5 April	4-5pm	Core + Gaming + Social Media + Bullying + Parental Controls
11 April	7-8pm	Core + Online bullying, social media +modelling good behaviour
19 April	6-7pm	Core + Social Media + Parental Controls
25 April	4-5pm	Core + gaming, parental controls & bullying

Activities & Events for SEND: Spring 2023



[Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. - Supplying you with information, advice and support \(plymouthias.org.uk\)](http://plymouthias.org.uk)

[Introduction to PIAS - YouTube](#)

Staying safe online



Attendance.

Next term we will be implementing new attendance procedures with our new Educational Welfare Office. More details to follow.

