

AUSTIN FARM

Academy

Newsletter 19/05/2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so excited to start this week's newsletter with fantastic news - Miss Brokenshire and her partner Ben welcomed their baby son into their lives yesterday! He was a bouncing 10lb baby; both mum and baby are doing well. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them on this fantastic addition to their family!

What a lovely week we have had with the sunshine making playtimes, lunchtimes and PE lessons more enjoyable than ever - we even got to use our field for the first, second and third time this year! Long

may it continue... as we shall be on the field as much as we can, if your child suffers from hay fever, please remember to dose them up in the morning. Unfortunately, we are unable to administer any 'over the counter' medication we can only give medicines prescribed by the doctor. If this is the case please come to the office to complete a form.

With the warmer weather, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day, this must **not** be a PRIME bottle. If it is a sunny day, please remember to put sun cream on your children in the morning , you may also send in some for them to apply. We are not able to apply sun cream to children, so please train them to do it themselves, the roll-on ones are excellent and easy for younger children - please put names on the containers.

We had class photos on Wednesday, the children all had their best smiles and I am sure you will love the resulting photos! We anticipate that the proof copies will arrive in school by the end of next week, they will have the ordering and payment details on them, please check your children's book bags.

On Sunday, 44 of our children had a great time running the mile on Plymouth Hoe, despite earlier predictions it was sunny and warm, everyone who took part tried their best and had great fun, (we even had a photo with Steven Schumacher - Plymouth Argyle manager!). It was the first time at the event for several children and everyone I spoke to can't wait for next year's event! I'm sure you will all join me in saying thank you to Mrs Bojang, Mrs King and Mrs Robinson who gave up their free time to supervise the children and look after them during the running event, hopefully we have inspired future Paula Radcliff's and Mo Farah's!

Next week is the annual Skerne Lodge residential for year 6's and year 5's - we wish them a safe and enjoyable trip. Remember, those who are going can come in a little later on Monday if they wish, if not normal school time is also fine.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Foundation: this week, we have had lots of fun using our decking as a stage to create new Eurovision entries after watching some of the Eurovision songs. The Finland entry was a big favourite! In literacy we have been creating our story map of Handa's Hen and trying out actions for words like hunted and peered. We have been continuing to learn about Kenya and have been comparing Egguckland village with a Kenyan village. We also explored making a tinfoil river in a tuff spot and selecting small world animals to go in our Kenyan savannah.



Year 1: this week, year 1 have been continuing their topic of toys in history. We looked at the differences between toys now and toys from the 1960's and discovered there were no smart toys then. In our history lesson we made posters about how to stay safe when using a smart toy.



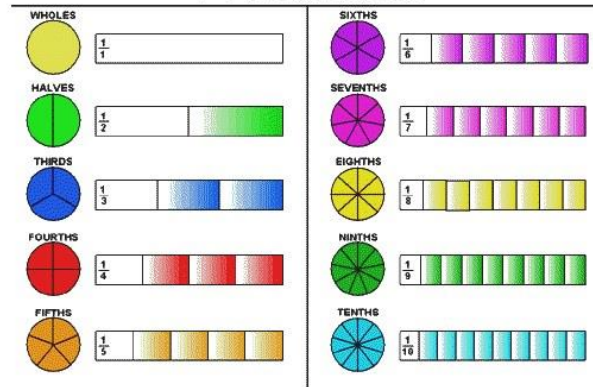
Year 2: have been working hard on their reading SATs and have all shown so much determination and resilience.

I am so proud :)



Year 3: we completed a fractions quiz and showed Mrs Blake and Miss King just how well we have listened and learned in our lessons. We can add fractions, find parts to make a whole and find fractions of amounts. We were very pleased with ourselves.

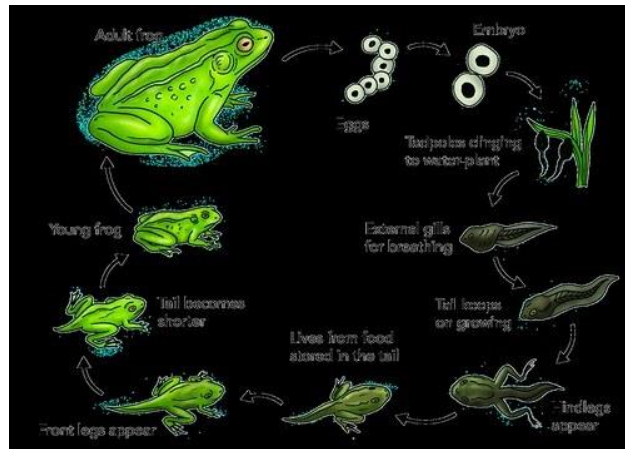
Fractions



Year 4: as part of our science lessons, we completed an invertebrate hunt. We found insects, annelids, molluscs and spiders. We took them back to class in a petri dish to look at them with a magnifying glass. We drew them and described their characteristics. It was great fun in the sun although many of the invertebrates were found in the shade.



Year 5: in Art, we have have enjoyed leaning various techniques of how to bend wire to sculpt flowers in preparation for their final creation. During Science this week the children have been comparing life cycles of amphibians an insects. In Maths the children have been using their position and direction skills to translate co-ordinates.



Year 6: this week, we have completed our SMSC unit on Relationships. We have been looking at scenarios and, using anagrams such as SMARRT, discussing the best ways to ensure we stay safe at all times. We have restarted our Reading for Meaning sessions and enjoyed reading some fictional stories set in WW2. We have breathed a sigh of relief that SATs is over and we are looking forward to our residential next week.



Learners of the week, well done everyone !!

Foundation:

Year 1: B.Harrison

Year 2: I.Ninnim

Year 3: L.Cater

Year 4: E.Everard

Year 5: F.Corneu

Year 6: E.Moloney

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This week's attendance winners are...

Year 4, getting 100% attendance this week.



We are delighted to be hosting a PAFC Roadshow at Austin Farm Academy during Whitsun Half Term.

The Roadshow will run on Wednesday 31st May which will be a Multi Sports Roadshow (Tennis, Football, Dodgeball and Netball)

The roadshows are suitable for ages 5-12 years old and cost a reduced fee of only £14 for the day (usually £20).

You can book on via the link below or pass the cash and consent form to the office. Forms are located in the admin office.

Please ensure you bring a packed lunch, plenty of fluids and suitable attire for the day and to book on please use the link provided below.

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses/plymouth-holiday.html>

Any questions, please feel free to ask

Charlie Hardcastle



Dates to remember!!!



Yr5/6 Residential trip - Monday 22/05/2023 - Friday 26/05/2023

May half term - Friday 26/05/2023 - Children to return Monday 05/06/2023.

Whole school Paignton Zoo trip Thursday - 08/06/2023 .

Sports day 19/06/2023. 12.45 - 3.15pm

Yr 6 Prom - 14/07/2023 6.00 - 8.00pm

Last day of term - 21/07/2023 - Children to return Wednesday 06/09/2023.

Family photos via Tempest - 8am-8:30am. Please book via Microsoft link, this will be sent closer to the time. 19/9/2023.

Individual school photos - 19/09/2023.

Dinner Menu w/b 22/05/2023 - Week menu 3

School packed lunches are available

JACKET POTATOES
Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings

Cheese	Tuna (with Mayo/mayo)
Beans	Coleslaw (with Mayo/mayo)

Brown bread or Tortilla wrap with a choice of fillings

Cheese	Tuna (with Mayo/mayo)
Ham	

Dessert of the day, fresh fruit or yoghurt

KEY TO ALLERGENS

GLUTEN	EGG	PEANUTS	SOY	FISH	LUPIN	MILK
CELERY	WHEAT	SEALFOOD	GLUTEN	EGG	FISH	LUPIN

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL DINNERS
All Dinner money is paid via ParentPay. We do ask that you could please keep your balance in credit. KS1 children are entitled to UFSM KS2 children only £2.20 per meal

FREE SCHOOL MEALS?
Do I qualify for Free School Meals?
If you receive ONE of the following benefits then you will be entitled to Free School Meals:

- Income support
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by the HMRC) of less than £16,190
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - from April 2018 provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400 or assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

PLEASE NOTE: Eligibility for FSM cannot be determined until you have received your first Universal Credit statement or entitlement letter. We have been informed by DWP that they may take up to six weeks to process your first/new claim

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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ReFuel AUSTIN FARM ACADEMY

WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Burger in a Bun with wedges	Meatballs with pasta	All Day Breakfast with sausage, bacon, scrambled egg, waffle and beans	Roast Garmmon with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, veg and gravy	Fish Fingers with chips or pasta
Cowboy Hotpot, with baked beans, sweetcorn and fried potatoes	Quorn Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with pasta	All Day Breakfast with Quorn sausage, scrambled egg, hash brown, mushrooms and tomatoes	Seasonal Vegetable Crumble with roast potatoes, veg and gravy	Quorn Dippers
Rice Pudding	Pear and Chocolate Sponge with custard	Cornflake Cookie	Raspberry Frozen Yoghurt	Chocolate Shortbread

EVERY DAY Jacket Potato, School Packed Lunch, Salad Bar, yoghurt and fresh fruit available daily

All items listed may contain allergens!

Staying safe online

Yr 6 Prom - Friday 14th July 2023





Attendance.

Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. The higher a child's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. We are implementing new procedures to help parents get their children to school.

Do you know your child's attendance ?

95% Attendance - 2 whole weeks of school missed.

90% Attendance - 4 whole weeks of school missed.

85% Attendance - 6 whole weeks of school missed.

80% Attendance - 8 whole weeks of school missed.

75% Attendance - 9 plus whole weeks of school missed.



5 minutes late, does it really matter ?



Lateness = Lost Learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

- **5** Minutes late each day - **3** days lost
- **10** Minutes late each day - **6.5** days lost
- **15** Minutes late each day - **10** days lost

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Important dates

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To view this calendar with all formatting and layout, on the View tab, choose Reading View.

Autumn Term Dates Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October then Monday 30 October to Tuesday 19 December

Term 1 33 days Term 2 30 days School NPD Monday 4/WeST NPD Tuesday 5 September/ WeST NPD Monday 30 October

Spring Term Dates Wednesday 3 January to Friday 9 February then Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Term 3 28 days Term 4 28 days WeST NPD Monday 19 February

Summer Term Dates Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May then Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July

Term 5 25 days Term 6 35 days School NPD Monday 22/23 July

Three Trust NPD's and three school NPD's. 189 teaching days in total.

Peach – holiday periods, Purple weekends, Green Trust NPD's, Blue School NPD's.

Send conference Wednesday 24th May 2023

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