



MBHS PRIMARY FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2024

Message from Mrs Macdonald - Head Teacher

It has been a busy week at MBHS! As Millbay parents know, we were notified of an Ofsted inspection this week, this time to assess our provision for the Millbay pupils of MBHS Primary. As I'm sure you can appreciate, staff were surprised to undertake another inspection so close to our High Street Ofsted visit in July, but we were all very keen to demonstrate the quality of our learning, and our brilliant provision for the MBHS pupils. We cannot share the result with you until the report has been finalised in a few weeks, but I will say that the inspection team fed back to us that they were appreciative of the warm welcome they received at both the primary and secondary schools, and were very complimentary of our pupils' manners.

Next week we look forward to World Book Day. We have invited pupils to participate in our 'design a plate' activity and I have seen some brilliant examples so far - Isabelle (Y5) showed me her Midnight Gang themed plate yesterday and it is amazing! We have consciously decided not to invite pupils to dress up to support parents, carers and families in times of National hardship/the cost of living crisis. We also are doing our bit for sustainability - many costumes are purchased and then grown out of quickly, so are not reused over time.

With my Y6 reading group, I learned that EVERY bit of plastic that has EVER been made still exists on our planet as it takes so long to degrade - with this in mind we would be remiss to encourage our families to purchase items that are not long lasting or useful! However, pupils WILL get the chance to dress up for our Comic Relief event on Friday the 15th of March- staff and pupils will be invited to wear 'the wrong trousers' for a small donation. More information can be found below.

Best wishes and have the best weekend,
Steph Macdonald

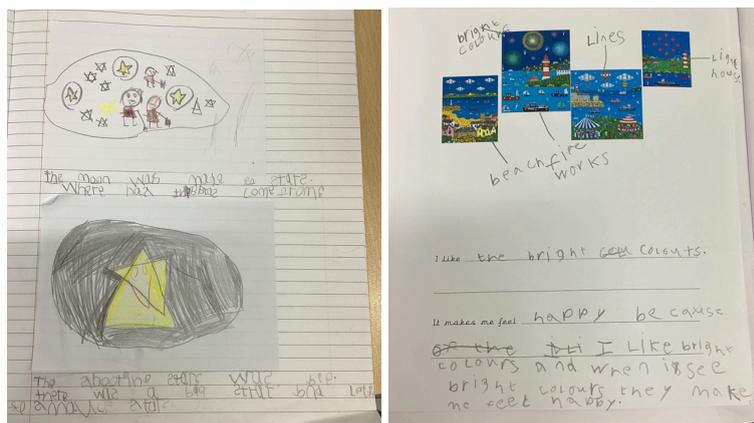
Dates For Your Diary



What's on?	When's it Happening?	Year Group?	How to Pay? More Information
World Book Day	07.03.24	All Years	Information can be found on Newsletter
Comic Relief - Wrong Trousers Mufti	17.03.24	All Years	Information can be found on Newsletter
Individual class photos	19.03.24	All Years	More information to follow
Careers Fayre	28.3.24	All Years	More information to follow
Paignton Zoo	16.04.24	Year 1 & 2	£18.00 per student - payable on ParentPay or cash to the school office

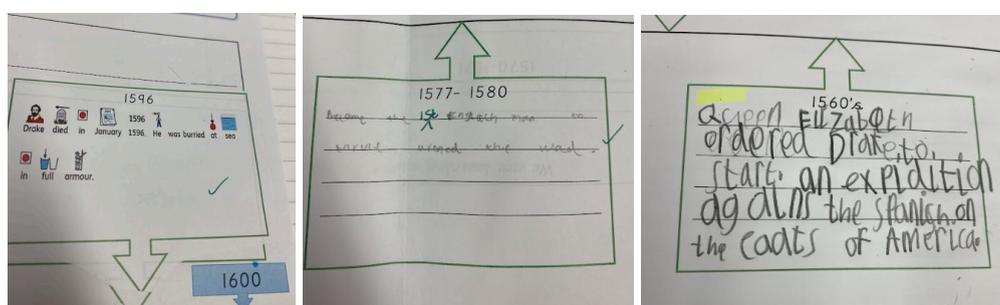
Pupil Voice - Our Learning This Week

<p>Nursery</p>	<p>In Pre-school we enjoyed the story “Jasper’s Beanstalk” this week. The children took a great interest in this story and really enjoyed listening to it being read. The children repeated familiar phrases and even finished off sentences when being read.</p> <p>We talked about what we need to do to help beans, flowers and vegetables grow. The children explored a range of activities. We had our tough tray to explore with soil, vegetables and gardening equipment. Our small world tray had a “Jasper’s Beanstalk” story sack set up and we also got creative making our very own Beanstalks.</p> 
<p>Reception</p>	<p>Reception have been very busy building boats this week! After hearing mysterious flipper footsteps, we received a surprise letter from a penguin! He is from our new text ‘Lost and Found’ by Oliver Jeffers. The children have been very excited to build their own boats in our construction area, retelling the story and playing together imaginatively. The children have been continuing to explore our non-fiction topic Our Ocean City, and have been excited to learn about the Atlantic Ocean and all its creatures. We have also seen some amazing blending in our phonics this week! Well done Reception.</p> 
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>In Year 1 this week we have been writing our stories based on the story La Luna. We have loved watching this short animation and writing our own stories. The children have worked incredibly hard on them and they should all be proud. We have also been looking at artwork from the artist Brian Pollard and talking about what we like about them. He uses lots of bright colours which the children said makes them feel happy.</p>



Year 2

This week Year Two have been hard at work, we have been learning about the significant importance of Sir Francis Drake. The children have placed key points of his life onto a timeline of events. They are very much looking forward to deciding if he is a Pioneer or a Pirate!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week this week. They have written their own version of the narrative story 'Leon and the Place Between', using their own descriptive language, adverbs and dialogue. They've explored the countries and continents on our planet using atlases, but the highlight has to have been our research session in DT, when we tasted lots of different pasta salads to decide which flavours and ingredients we might like to include in our own pasta dishes! Another brilliant week, and lots more fun to be had next week!



Year 4

In computing this week, we managed to complete our Egyptian websites then moved onto 'What is the difference between weather and climate?'

Each pair focused on a certain continent and used the spreadsheets to track the different countries in the specific continent in the spreadsheet.



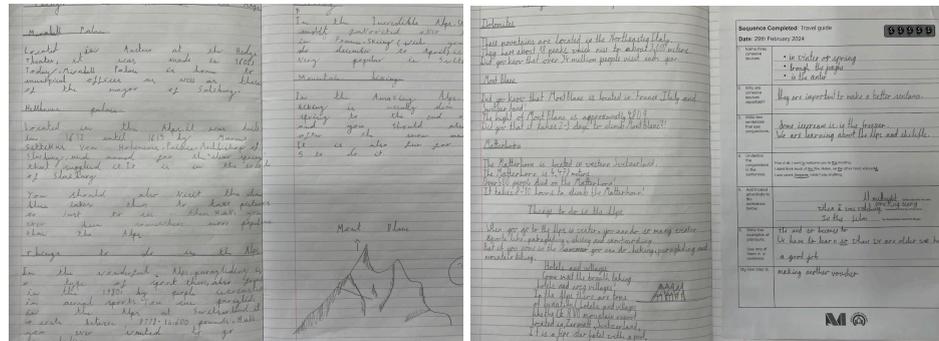
Year 5

Hello to all, this week, year 5 was fantastic. Not only did they show their very best selves to Ofsted and their calm and focussed attention was noted by an inspector, but their writing is absolutely amazing, beautiful and pridelful.

We have now finished our travel guides and embark on an instruction text to back up our DT learning where we'll be making ski lifts very shortly.

Home Learning is on Google Class, Thursday lunch is open doors for home learning club.

Thanks all. Have a marvellous weekend.



We LOVE Reading

Each week we will share our love for reading with you below. If you have any questions about reading at MBHS please come in and see Lea.



Boom Reader Update:



We have been made aware of some technical issues with boom reader, we have been in contact with them and these should be resolved over the next few days.

Thank you for your support.

This week, we asked Year One children to share their favourite two stories.

Melody-Rae chose Stick Man. She loves this story because at the end he finds his family again and it makes her smile.



Milo chose Perfectly Norman, Milo said he really enjoyed this story during Reading Masters. He really liked it when Norman grew his wings.



World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

MBHS is proud to support sustainability wherever possible so this year we will be continuing with our “Design a Plate Challenge”. Your child should have come home last week with a plain paper plate. We would like for your child to create a scene or image from their favourite book, using any method they like! They could paint it, colour it, collage it, they could even use the plate as a base of a model.

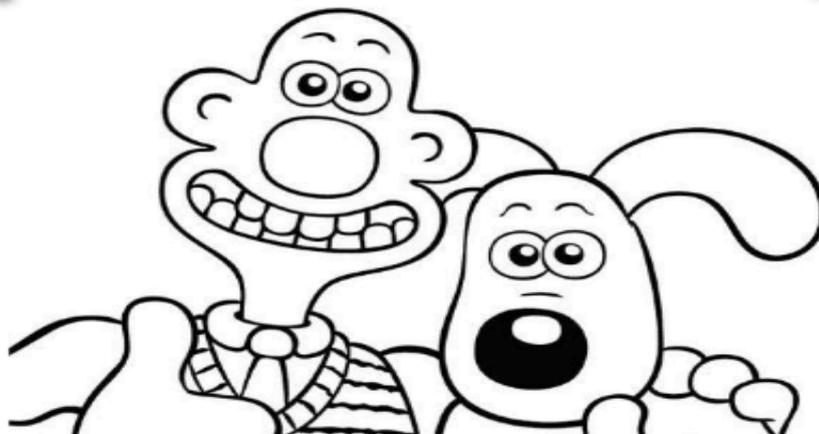
With the cost of living always increasing we do not support buying unnecessary costumes that your child may only wear once, the children should attend school in their usual uniform on this day please.

We would like designs to be back in school no later than **Wednesday 6th March** ready for our Judging panel!
There will be a prize for each year group’s best design.

Comic Relief - Friday 15th March 2024

Wrong Trouser Mufti Day

Friday 15th March 2024



We invite you to help MBHS support Comic Relief with our Wrong Trouser Mufti Day. The idea is simple: find your weirdest, wackiest wrong trousers and wear with normal tops. You might want to parade your pyjamas, shimmy around in sequins or have fun in some funky flares, all you have to do is wear "The Wrong Trousers"



We suggest a £1 donation which can be paid in cash to the school office or via our just giving page by scanning the QR code.



Attendance Winners



Our whole school attendance this week is: **95.59%**

Our weekly Class attendance winners this week are: **Year 2 with 98.33%!!!!**

Please be reminded that our attendance target is 96%

Nuts

Can we also remind all parents that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL - this includes all products containing any form of nut. If we find your child has a nut product as their snack or part of their lunch we will not allow them to eat this at school and it will be sent home with them.



PE Days

Our PE days are detailed below. On their nominated PE day it is important that children should arrive at school already wearing their kit. PE kit consists of black jogger or tracksuit bottoms, a plain tshirt (either white or their nominated house colour) and suitable footwear. **There is no need to change, they will remain in the kit all day.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Monday	Year 5
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday	Year 6
Friday	Year 3

Staying Safe and Well - Eating Healthily

This week is Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

[Young Minds](#) have some helpful advice on their website for parents/carers who are worried about their child's eating habits.



If parents/carers are worried then initial advice can be sought from the GP. If the concern feels more significant and immediate then parents/carers can contact the CAMHS Crisis Line on 0800 923 9323.



BEAT (the Eating Disorders Charity) also have a [helpline](#) on 0300 123 3355 and offer support for anyone worried about themselves or someone they care about.

School Lunches

Please see below the menu for school lunches for next week.



WEEK 3

W/C - MONDAY: 15TH JAN, 5TH FEB, 4TH MARCH, 25TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1</p> <p>Beefburger in a brioche roll with wedges</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E), (Su) M/C (So, Se, Mu, R, Bar)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H V</p> <p>Macaroni cheese with garlic bread</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) M/C (So)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Homemade fish croquettes served with fresh chips</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (F), (E)</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - V VE</p> <p>Quorn dippers with seasoned wedges & tomato dip</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H V</p> <p>Courgette sausages, mash & gravy</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (Bar), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</p> <p>Vegan sausage savoury rice</p> <p>Allergens: (So)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</p> <p>Vegetable bubble and squeak</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H V</p> <p>Pizza wheels</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (So), (Mi), M/C (E)</p>
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
<p>DESSERT - V VE</p> <p>Fruit Salad, fresh fruit or yoghurt</p> <p>Allergens: (Mi)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H W V</p> <p>Chocolate brownie</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (E)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H V</p> <p>Fresh fruit platter, fresh fruit or yoghurt</p> <p>Allergens: (Su), (Mi)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H W V VE</p> <p>Banana bread</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H V</p> <p>Jam sponge & custard</p> <p>Allergens: (Wh), (Mi), (Su), (E)</p>
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN. W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH. V = VEGETARIAN. 2 = THE VEGETARIAN LINE.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Gl), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (M), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

Allergens and ingredient information correct at the time of menu production but subject to change due to stock availability. Please speak to your catering manager for the most up to date information.



DID YOU KNOW
You can have mixed or frozen rice instead of potatoes!
Tilda

School Calendar

Please see below our term dates for 2023/2024.

	September 23					October 23					November 23					December 23							
Monday			4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25
Tuesday			5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26
Wednesday			6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		
Thursday			7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		
Friday			8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29				

	January 24					February 24					March 24					April 24										
Monday			1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26			4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday			2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27			5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday			3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28			6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24	31
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Friday			5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23			1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26	

	May 24					June 24					July 24					August 24										
Monday			6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26	
Tuesday			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27	
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Term	No. of Pupil Days
Autumn 1	33
Autumn 2	37
Spring 1	27
Spring 2	29
Summer 1	29
Summer 2	35
Total:	190

Public Holiday
 School Holiday
 School Inset Day

We can now also inform you of our term dates for 2024/2025.

Term Dates 2024 - 2025

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					Dec-24				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
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Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	

	Jan-25					Feb-25					Mar-25					Apr-25				
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
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Friday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	

	May-25					Jun-25					Jul-25					Aug-25				
Monday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
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Peninsula Dental
Social Enterprise

Paediatric Dental Clinics

PDSE are accepting registrations for paediatric patients in Reception and Key Stages 1 and 2. If you would like to register your child, please call 0345 155 8109 or visit our website and complete the form <https://peninsuladental.org.uk/register/>

The link will take you to a registration page which says our waiting list is closed, please ignore this and fill out the enquiry form, stating that your child attends High Street Primary Academy or Millbay Academy (this information will then be verified), and you will be contacted to arrange an appointment.

The opportunity to register will only be open until 5pm on Friday 31st May.

Further information on how our paediatric services work can be found on our website <https://peninsuladental.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Paediatric-Dental-Clinics-Leaflet.pdf>

