



Newsletter- Friday 12th December



Leadership Conference

Last Friday, eight Year 5 pupils attended the PSSP Leadership Conference at the Plymouth Life Centre. They took part in a range of activities designed to help them learn how to promote the positive values of sport and how to be effective role models. Throughout the afternoon, they developed key leadership skills including communication, teamwork, self-belief, self-management, and problem solving. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school, and we are incredibly proud of them.



Dodgeball

Some great dipping, diving and dodging was on show this week as a team of Year 6 pupils attended the annual dodgeball festival at Plymouth Life Centre. They got to play against lots of teams from across the city and even a quick game against the teachers! They represented the school brilliantly and it was clear to see how much they enjoyed themselves from the beaming smiles on their faces!



EFL Cup

On Tuesday afternoon, a team of Year 6 boys participated in the EFL Cup at Marjons. Despite the blustery conditions, the team played fantastic football and scored some brilliant team goals. They impressed during the group stage, winning four games out of six which meant they qualified for the knockout stage. Unfortunately, the team narrowly lost a very competitive game against Elburton in the quarter final 1 - 0. However, the team did themselves and the school extremely proud.



Nativity

A huge well done to our Foundation classes for their great Nativity performances this week- and to our Year 1 children who narrated and sung so beautifully too. We are so proud of them all.

Thank you to the family members who came to support the performances. I'm happy to share that half of the proceeds from ticket sales (£100) will be donated to our chosen charity for this year: St Lukes Hospice.



Viking Invasion

Year 5 had a fantastic Viking Day on Thursday: making stew, building longships, and going on a raid to find riches. The children were proud to share their learning with family members in their class assembly. Thank you to everyone for their support with this.



Girls' Football

On Thursday afternoon, a team of Year 5/6 girls took part in a football tournament organised by Plymouth Argyle Football Club. The team played some fantastic football and showed great teamwork throughout the event. This was their first time playing together in a tournament, and they should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. Although they narrowly missed out in a highly competitive quarter-final match against Horrabridge, losing 3–0, the girls represented themselves and the school brilliantly. Well done to the whole team!

Times Table Rockstars

This week, all nine Connect Academy Trust schools have taken part in a Trust-wide competition- battling it out to clock up the most points before 8pm tonight. Each class is also battling to be top of the charts. Times tables are a crucial part of our children's mathematical skill set and practicing at home is crucial in building quick fluency of all their times tables. We will announce the winners in assembly next week but to celebrate the successful week, the whole school dressed like rockstars today and looked amazing. A winner from each year was chosen to receive a prize in assembly for their costume.



Celebrations

Well done to Stanley who was awarded his first belt in Karate – the orange strip. We are really proud of him!



These are the wreaths Kitty and Polly made at the fundraiser they helped with, raising over £500 for the Hands Up Project and Medical Aid for Palestinians.

Ella and Miyah in Year 5 have been awarded their trampoline badge 4 this week! We are very proud of their hard work this year.



Well done to Evelyn in Year 4 who will be performing as Kathy Cratchit in the adult theatre show of Scrooge with Plymouth theatre company. These roles will see Evelyn singing, dancing and acting on a big platform which has now sold out!

Staffing Update

We are sad to say that Miss Hick will be leaving us next week as she embarks on a new career outside of education. Miss Hick has been a huge asset to our team, and we wish her well in her new role.



Planet Protectors

Please take a look at Miss Roe's Planet Protectors newsletter which is at the end of this week's newsletter.

REMINDER- There are no extracurricular clubs next week after school.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barker

Connect Academy Trust Term Dates 2025-2026

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Holiday Bank Holiday Non Pupil Days

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Key Dates

*Please check this section each week as new dates are added frequently.

Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 th December	Parent craft afternoon (Nursery) 2.15pm
Thursday 18 th December	Rocksteady Concert for children and parents of Rocksteady musicians 2.15pm
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Term 2- Christmas Jumper Mufti Day £1 suggested donation for Save the Children
Monday 5 th January	Start of Term 3
Monday 5 th and Tuesday 6 th January	Home visits for new Nursery pupils – NURSERY CLOSED
Wednesday 7 th January	Nursery reopens

Planet Protectors Newsletter

December 2025

Welcome to our Planet Protectors Newsletter. This term, we've remained as committed as ever to defending our planet.



Rubbish, rubbish, everywhere...

This term, strong winds have driven lots of rubbish onto our school grounds once again. However, we remain dedicated to removing litter and ensuring it's disposed of properly. We have continued to collect litter during our weekly club, but have also resumed litter picking at playtime to tackle the problem.

We discovered that lots of recyclable waste is actually sent to landfill rather than being properly recycled. To address this in school, we decided to monitor our classroom bins to ensure the recyclables are not thrown in the 'normal' bin, and that the recycling bin isn't contaminated by non-recyclable rubbish.

Wildlife

In September, our school was fortunate enough to be visited by Prickles in a Pickle, which is a Devon-based hedgehog-rescue charity. We learnt all about these amazing creatures, but also about the fantastic work the charity do to rehabilitate (look after) poorly hedgehogs and release them back into gardens and hedgerows. Furthermore, our pond has continued to be a focus for us this term.



To continue removing the duck weed from the surface, we have skimmed the surface almost weekly. This has also been important over the autumn to make sure fallen leaves don't sink into the pond and rot. In the spring, we hope our efforts will be rewarded with an abundance of healthy wildlife.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...

From September, our school reception has contained a clothing rail where still-wearable uniform has been swapped and used again. This has saved an enormous amount of acrylic (a type of plastic that our school jumpers are made from) ending up in landfill– and helped our parents save money too! Christmas jumpers have also landed on this rail to be used again.



Also, our school battery recycling box is almost full. It's the perfect place to dispose of any batteries that no longer work after the holiday, as these are sent away to be recycled. This prevents dangerous leaks and saves lots of money.

Wider action

In the background, our Trust has developed a Sustainability Action Plan to address climate issues over the next few years.

We have also created our own assembly which we will present in the new year to discuss issues that are important to us. We will also be recruiting new, passionate members!

Thanks for reading!

#ScrunchTest

SCRUNCH IT TO SORT IT.

This Christmas, give your wrapping paper the scrunch test.
If it stays in a ball, throw it in the recycling!



BUT FREEZE!
Don't recycle if it:



Bounces back open



Contains foil or glitter



Has sticky tape on it

Awards Pages

If you would like to share significant successes e.g. from your child's involvement in clubs/ competitions out of school, please send a short explanation (and a photograph if you wish to include one) to admin@leigham-primary.plymouth.sch.uk with 'Newsletter Celebrations' in the subject line. Please note that the newsletter is shared via email and online through our website and social media platforms and so adding a photograph to your email means that you consent to it being shared in all of those places.

Class Charter Champion

Each week, staff recognise a class member who has demonstrated our school values of being **KIND, READY** for a challenge and a great **LEARNER**. They will be invited to celebrate with a hot chocolate on Friday afternoon.

Ash	Tucker	Spruce	Esme
Oak	Alveiah	Beech	Ruby
Maple	Louie	Hazel	Evie
Palm	Gracie-May	Fir	Isla
Poplar	Rafe	Elm	Vladimir
Willow	Mckenzie-Lee	Pine	Darcie
Larch	Imogen	Yew	Riley



Dojo Awards

The classes with the most weekly Dojos in each Key Stage are shown below.

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Poplar	Spruce



FAMILY CRAFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Saturday 13th Dec

Cardboard Christmas 'Gingerbread' Village

2pm - 3.30pm (£15 - 1 child & 1 adult)

Monday 22nd Dec

Christmas paperchain making

2pm - 3.30pm (£20 - 1 child & 1 adult)

**Book
Now!**

Includes



Tuition

Resources

Tea & coffee



32 Devonport Road, Stoke PL3 4DH

Stitch & Splodge

**SCAN
ME!**



MARINE ACADEMY
PLYMOUTH
COMMUNITY SPORTS



CHRISTMAS CRACKER

**MONDAY 22ND & TUESDAY 23RD
DECEMBER**

AGES 6-11

9.30AM-3PM (DOORS OPEN AT 9AM)

£15 PER DAY

INDOOR & 3G SESSIONS



Take your pick of Football Camp or Multi-Sports days.

Early booking advised

Limited Fit & Fed free spaces.

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