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## Congratulations

Dancing at the 'Wessex Dance championships' in Poole all weekend, competing in 6 different dances, Lola, Lexi-Mae, Kendall and Ruby all qualified for the 'Finals night' on the last night and the three girls from Y5 Seadragon class all made the 'GRAND FINAL', bringing home these massive trophies.

Between them they brought home 16 trophies (4 each) and as parents we are incredibly proud of their efforts!

Well done girls.



## \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

Can we please remind you that Peanut Butter is **NOT** to be given to children in their packed lunches or any other nut products as we have a number of children with allergies. Many thanks



## Teaching and Learning at Discovery MAT

Over the last year, the Department for Education has commissioned a number of organisations to review the effectiveness of marking and the impact that this has on children's learning and progress. Many different methods were reviewed including talking to children through conferencing, marking policies and using assessments during lessons. Following these investigations, reports were published to support the best ways observed. Many of these highlighted that feedback given to children in lessons not only resulted in the children's learning progressing at a faster rate, but also provided teachers with more time to prepare focused lessons as less time was spent providing written feedback in books.

As a result of these reports and recommendations, Discovery MAT has reviewed our marking and assessment policy to highlight the importance of first-hand feedback to children in lessons, whilst still allowing them to review their achievement in books, supported by teachers. As parents, you may notice a difference in what you see in your children's books, but what we will ensure is that every child receives support and challenge to make good progress in lessons. Many schools are now reviewing this and we hope that this decision will allow our teachers to plan, review and deliver teaching and learning that has an even better impact on every child's learning. All of our children will be given support to understand these new methods, and we hope to see the impact in our school monitoring, which I will be undertaking with Heads of School shortly.

I would like to thank you all for the support you provide to the school and if you have any specific concerns, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.



## Important Dates

Dates  
for your



12/10/18 PTFA Disco

19/10/18 Individual photos

**22/10-26/10 HALF TERM**

14/11/18 Flu Immunisations YR-Y5

21/12/18 Last day of term

07/01/19 Children return from  
Christmas break

**18/02-22/02 HALF TERM**

### \*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*

Please be reminded that the school will provide all of the necessary stationery that your child requires whilst in school therefore all pencil cases will be sent home. Thank you



## Parent Information

**ONE YOU**

Last year you may remember we completed the HCQM programme and as a result of that the school had a few areas we agreed to work on. This email links to one of those areas. The following link may be of interest to some of you

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/>

There is a How are you quiz? Which is quite fun, it gives you a score out of 10 and shows the areas you may need help with it then offers ideas to help you with these areas.

Have a look and see what you think. If anyone finds the website really useful it would be great to have some feedback from you. Thank you Mrs Rose

## FSA update

Hello All,

I would just like to inform all parents and families, I have secured some workshops and courses to run. These include a family first aid course running from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November for five weeks, with the option of continuing to complete a paediatric accredited first aid course and then to end the winter term off there will be a Christmas Crafts workshop starting on the Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> November for 3 weeks. All of the above will run within the school and will be 2 hour sessions starting at 9.30am. I will however have doors open at 9am

and provide a free Tea/Coffee. All courses are FREE, however if you choose to complete the Paediatric First Aid Course there will be a fee of £10 to cover cost of your certificate etc. This does not need to be paid up front, I think this is fantastic value and great for your CV. There will also be a free crèche available for parents with children over the age of 12months.

I truly hope, you try some of these courses/workshops I am sure it will be great fun!! I do need people to register ASAP, if not the courses may have to be cancelled. If you are interested in any of these, have any questions or would like to register please contact the school's office

Katy Dow - Family Support Advisor - 365250



## Attendance for w/c 08/10/18

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the current class attendance data.

Octopus	94.5%
Stingray	97.0%
Turtle	91.0%
Narwhal	95.9%
Dolphin	90.0%
Shark	96.1%
Orca	87.2%
Lobster	92.8%
Shrimp	87.9%
Seadragon	92.1%
Jellyfish	96.4%
Coral	98.6%







In September 2018, Beechwood Primary Academy welcomed the arrival of Discovery MAT's alternative provision, **The Edison Centre**.

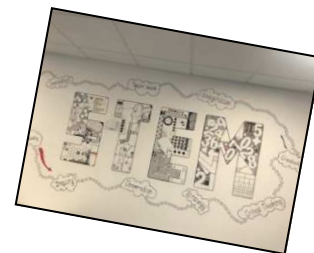


Children from years 1 to 6 from schools in and around Plymouth, including Discovery MAT, can be referred to The Edison Centre by their schools. These children will be struggling at mainstream school, whether this due to behavioural, SEN or family and social issues.

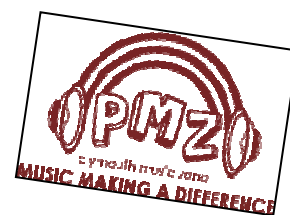
Children will attend the centre for six weeks and then be reintegrated back into their school.

Over the past few weeks, the Edison staff have been preparing from the arrival of their first cohort on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The Edison team will teach in a therapeutic and thematic way, specialising in STEM and music.

The Edison staff are SEN teachers Mrs Cooper Smith and Mr George



SEN Teaching Assistants Mrs Healey and Mr Owen



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### \*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*

Mobile phones should **ONLY** be brought into school by children in Y5 or Y6 and handed in to their class teacher on arrival. They should also be switched off. All other phones should stay at home.



### Attention Year 5 and 6 parents

If you would like your child to walk home alone please complete the Walking Home agreement if you haven't already done so. Copies can be found in the leaflet rack just inside the school by the FSA notice board or at the office. Thank you.