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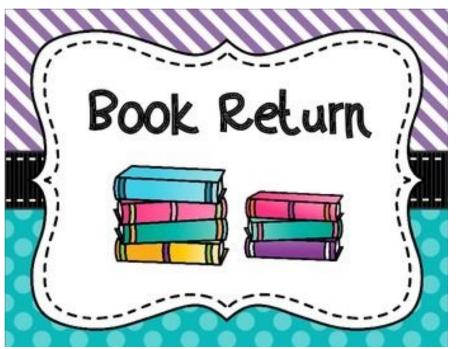
# Newsletter 22nd July 2022

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. We
 have seen the return of many face-to-face events through our school assemblies, reading sessions and
 Jubilee celebrations, which has been lovely to see. Over the final days of term, there will be information shared with you regarding arrangements for next year and important dates for our return. To keep up to date with this information, please like and follow our Weston Mill Community Primary Academy Facebook page, where letters and important reminders will be posted.

We are very much looking forward to the last few days of term next week, as we celebrate the achievements of our children this year and say a fond farewell to our Year 6s. We look forward to seeing Year 6
 families next week for their leaver's assembly and leaver's production.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Catherwood



Please can you check for any reading books at home and ensure they are returned before we break up for summer.



Matisse class have been learning to tell the time. We used our collaboration skills to challenge one another to make different o'clock times on a clock.







As part of our STEM week this term we had to plan, design and create a product for our Summer Fayre! We used all our STEM skills to create our products: Seashell Mirrors and Paper Plate Ocean animals.

We used Creativity and Inquiry Skills to come up with and design the products, we were Observant and Flexible while we decorated our mirrors. We worked Collaboratively to finish our products and finally we used our Problem-Solving Skills to work out a price to sell our product! Our mirrors and paper plate fish were a great success and we sold everything! Thank you everyone who bought our products .





## Star Learners



Last week our stars, Charlie, Arlo, Emily and Leonie, enjoyed cookies and a drink to celebrate how fantastic they have been.

This week our stars, Molly, Amelia B, Amelia, Dollie, Benjamin, Lettie, Samara, Delcie, Riley S, Summer and Brooklyn all enjoyed an ice pop outside.

Well done to all of our Stars for working so hard, they should feel very proud!



## Wed 27th July

Wed 7th Sep 2022

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct

Fri 25th Nov

Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023

Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb

Mon 20th Feb

Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April

Mon 1st May

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun

Fri 23rd Jun

Wed 26th July

## **SUMMER HOLIDAYS START.**

#### 2022/2023 TERM starts

**HALF TERM** 

**Non-Pupil Day** 

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS** 

**Half Term** 

**Non-Pupil Day** 

**EASTER HOLIDAYS** 

**Bank Holiday** 

**HALF TERM** 

**Non-Pupil Day** 

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS START** 

The foundation children would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and bought a pirate biscuits at the Summer Fayre. They loved designing, making and selling the biscuits and will be using the profits to buy ice-creams and bubbles for their last day at school!













Year 4 enjoyed using all their STEM skills to design and create airplane fridge magnets for enterprise week, inspired by their topic of Inventions and learning about Amelia Earhart. We had to use creativity when designing making the product, and flexibility when things didn't go to plan. Thank to everyone who bought one of our products, we sold out really quickly!









Yeeee Ha! It's the Y6 Leavers performance on Monday 25th July at 1.30pm in the school hall. They've been working and practicing so hard for this and are really looking forward to seeing their parents/carers there, so please come and join us if you can.



#### Reminder

Today is not the last day of term! We don't break up until next Tuesday the 26th July at 3.00pm.

Thank you



## **PARENT PAY**



Please ensure you clear your lunch & breakfast club accounts by the end of term, especially if your child is leaving the school.

















## STEM update—Summer 2022

## Goblin Go-Kart Event

Discovery MAT worked with apprentice engineers from Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) to build and race go-karts as part of a regional project organised by Greenpower Energy. The children worked hard to ensure that the cars were 'race ready' and were able to take part in the exciting event at Predannack Airfield in Cornwall in July. We are excited to further develop our link with BD next year and to continue to work on this project. It allows the children to apply their STEM skills to a range of different contexts while building, preparing and racing the cars.









## MediFest

Discovery MAT sent children from Years 5 and 6 to attend a city wide event at Plymouth Guildhall, designed to raise aspirations and engage the children in STEM. They were able to interact with a variety of different science equipment and experiments. There were stalls from a wide range of different companies from around the city who were able to talk to our children about careers related to STEM. Nick Arnold (the author of Horrible Science), was also at the event and gave a presentation to the children.









## Year 1 Lego Event

Oakwood and Beechwood Year 1 children attended an exciting event at Market Hall, Plymouth. The children worked as a team to design and build a Lego model and used their coding skills to program a moving element to the model. They then attended the Plymouth Festival where they were able to showcase their work to industry professionals, take part in fun challenges and celebrate their amazing work! Children from Discovery MAT were complimented for showing such fantastic behaviour on the trip.







# International Day of Women in Engineering



Year 6 children from across the 3 schools in our MAT attended a special day at Schneider Electric to celebrate International Day of Women in Engineering. The children were given a tour of the factory floor where they were able to see the wide range of products being made, able to participate in a variety of STEM related challenges where the applied a range of their STEM skills. The day was designed to raise the profile of women in STEM and to inspire girls in our schools to pursue careers related to STEM.







## STEM Week July 2022—Enterprise

## Week

The theme of our summer STEM week was 'Enterprise Week'. We encouraged the children to research, design, make and sell a product for a profit. Some of the classes had to apply for a 'business loan' from their head of school, which had to be paid back at the end of the project. The children were able to choose how to spent the money that they had made on a celebration at the end of term. The children were also able to present their project to parallel year groups in another school in the trust. They evaluate the products together, shared what had gone well and how they could improve on it in the future.















Thank you for buying our pebbles.





## Plymouth University Visit

Beechwood Year 6 spent the morning at Plymouth University where they were given a campus tour and given the opportunity to explore the laboratories. They also participated in a range of workshops including a crime scene investigation, which included using computer software to generate a face based on descriptions from a witness statement. The trip was designed to raise aspirations of our children and give them a better understanding of STEM related careers they could pursue in the future.



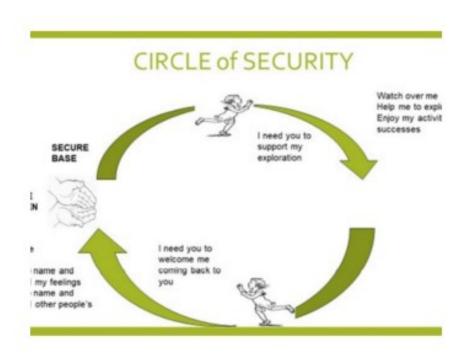






## Garden Project

We are continuing to work with Plymouth University to design a therapy garden which will be used by the community, The Edison Centre and Beechwood Primary Academy in the future. The plans for the project are still being developed.



As part of the STEM Enterprise Fayre Kiely class baked and decorated their own seaside shortbread. They made an amazing profit of over £45! This has been used to buy the children a treat for the end of year on Tuesday.

A big thank you to everyone who came and made it such a success!















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# Sat 10th Sep 22

10am - 12 noon



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Admission £2 on the door (kids free)

Book a stall early to avoid disappointment!!

www.cheekimonkeys.co.uk



## VACANCIES WITHIN DISCOVERY MAT

#### CLEANER - WESTON MILL

14.5hrs per week Grade A Point 1

#### MEALTIME ASSISTANT - WESTON MILL

10hrs per week Grade A Point 1

#### BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT - OAKWOOD

5hrs per week Grade A Point 1

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Kelly Mason via <a href="mailto:k.mason@discoverymat.co.uk">k.mason@discoverymat.co.uk</a> by 12pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## Weekly attendance for 18th—22nd July 2022

The UK Government expectation is 96%. We are striving for children to achieve this as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement .

This week's winners are: Mondrian & Gaudi

GOLDSWORTHY	9020
MATISSE	86.96
MONDRIAN	90.75
KEILY	84.78



KAHLO	91.67
DA VINCI	76.67
MONET	92.00
PICASSO	82.61
GAUDI	94.40
HADID	92.86
HOCKNEY	93.33

#### Fit and Fed Summer Holiday Clubs

Argyle Community Trust is delighted to be working in partnership with Plymouth City Council this Summer holiday to deliver the Fit and Fed project at venues across Plymouth.

☐ Get active

☐ Make new friends

☐ FREE to children entitled to benefit related free school meals

☐ Fun, exciting, and inclusive enrichments such as visits from Dartmoor Zoo, singing and dancing theatre sessions, personal trainers and much more!

☐ Participants provided with a healthy lunch

□ Day includes dodgeball, basketball, football and much more!

 $\label{limited spaces} \mbox{Limited spaces left! Book your place now $\square$ $ $\underline{$https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/our-regions/regional-course-bookings/fit-fed/.} $$ 



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