



# Notes from the Vale

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## Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

This term is zooming by. We only have 2 weeks before the Easter break! I am sure that you will agree, by looking through this Notes from the Vale, that the last 2 weeks have continued to be filled with engaging learning and enriching experiences. To help us recognise what we do well and how we can improve further, it would be great if you could spend a couple of minutes to complete the [Ofsted Parent View](#).

### Parental engagement

We are always looking for ways to involve families more widely in school life. We have had a number of parental engagement events over the last few weeks: Miss Cusack ran an event to discuss communication in general from school and how this could be improved; Mrs Diggins and Mrs Coles ran early reading sessions for Year 1 parents; and Mrs Stephens has worked with parents on our mental health policy moving forward. The voice of our families is really important to us and I hope that we can increase the number of families getting involved in these sessions moving forward. We will let you know of sessions coming up. The next one is **Online Safety and Wellbeing** which will be held on 21st March @ 3.30pm.

### PTFA

The PTFA recently held their AGM. This meeting was well attended by parents who were very keen to get involved. As a result, 2 new co-chairs were elected to take a lead moving forward. The new PTFA and co-chairs are incredibly enthusiastic and have some great ideas about events to run to raise valuable funds. They have already run 2 events over the last 2 weeks and have grand plans for an easter fair. Keep a close eye on the events coming up by following the [Facebook page](#).

### World Book Day

It was wonderful to celebrate World Book Day last week. The enthusiasm shown by all pupils for the books that they brought in created such a wonderful buzz across the school. As well as the paper plate competition that we ran in school, the pupils also heard from speakers passionate about literature. Throughout that day, the bell rang to signal 'Drop Everything and Read'. At this time, the school fell silent as every child and adult opened their book and enjoyed some uninterrupted reading time. We were actually interviewing on this day and came to school dressed in pyjamas and formal jackets - it was definitely a look! Thank you to Mrs Low for putting the days events together and organising it with great precision. I hope that families also enjoyed coming in at the end of the day to hear a bedtime story.

### Red Nose Day

Thank you for supporting Comic Relief today by coming into school wearing something red. Through your donations we were able to raise £303.25 which will all be given to Comic Relief. Your donations will help them to continue to great charitable work which seeks to improve the lives of individuals. Thank you.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

**Together we are inspiring a community with a bright future.**

*Resilience, Collaboration, Responsibility, Bravery, Communication, Self-belief*

# Together we

## Congratulations



**Harris Cup**  
Reuben S



**McIver Cup**  
Darcey W



**'H' Cup**  
Macy S

Each of you are excellent role models for your peers and have shown significant determination and effort to your learning.

to our weekly cup winners.

### Attendance

We know that we are all having to be a little more cautious at the moment; however, for those pupils well enough, we still have high expectations for daily attendance.

#### Foundation & Key Stage 1

Puffins	95.5
Coral	95.9
Seahorses	96.2
Oysters	97.5
Mussels	93.7
Starfish	99.0

#### Key Stage 2

Turtles	94.5
Sunfish	95.0
Otters	97.5
Dolphins	98.4
Anglerfish	93.7
Orca	93.8
Angel Sharks	99.0
Rays	87.6



### Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The **highest class attendance** last week goes to...

**Starfish** in FS/KS1

**Angel Sharks** in KS2

**GREAT ATTENDANCE**



**On Time Octopus**  
winning class:  
**Mussels**

**Punctuality Penguin**  
winning class:  
**Dolphins**



celebrate

# News & Events

## Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



### Things to talk about at home...

- Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?



We would love you to take part in the Big Plastic Count!

Results can be uploaded up to the 31st March. See the link below with further information and remember to email pictures to the office addressed to Mrs Hardy, so we can share your great work with everyone!

### LET'S INVESTIGATE TO STOP THE PLASTIC CRISIS

Nearly 2 billion pieces of plastic packaging are being thrown away each week in the UK, and just 12% is recycled.

It's time the government got serious about tackling the plastic crisis. You can help by taking part in The Big Plastic Count!

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Thank you everyone!

**THE BIG  
PLASTIC  
COUNT**

**11-17 MARCH**

# are musicians

Together we

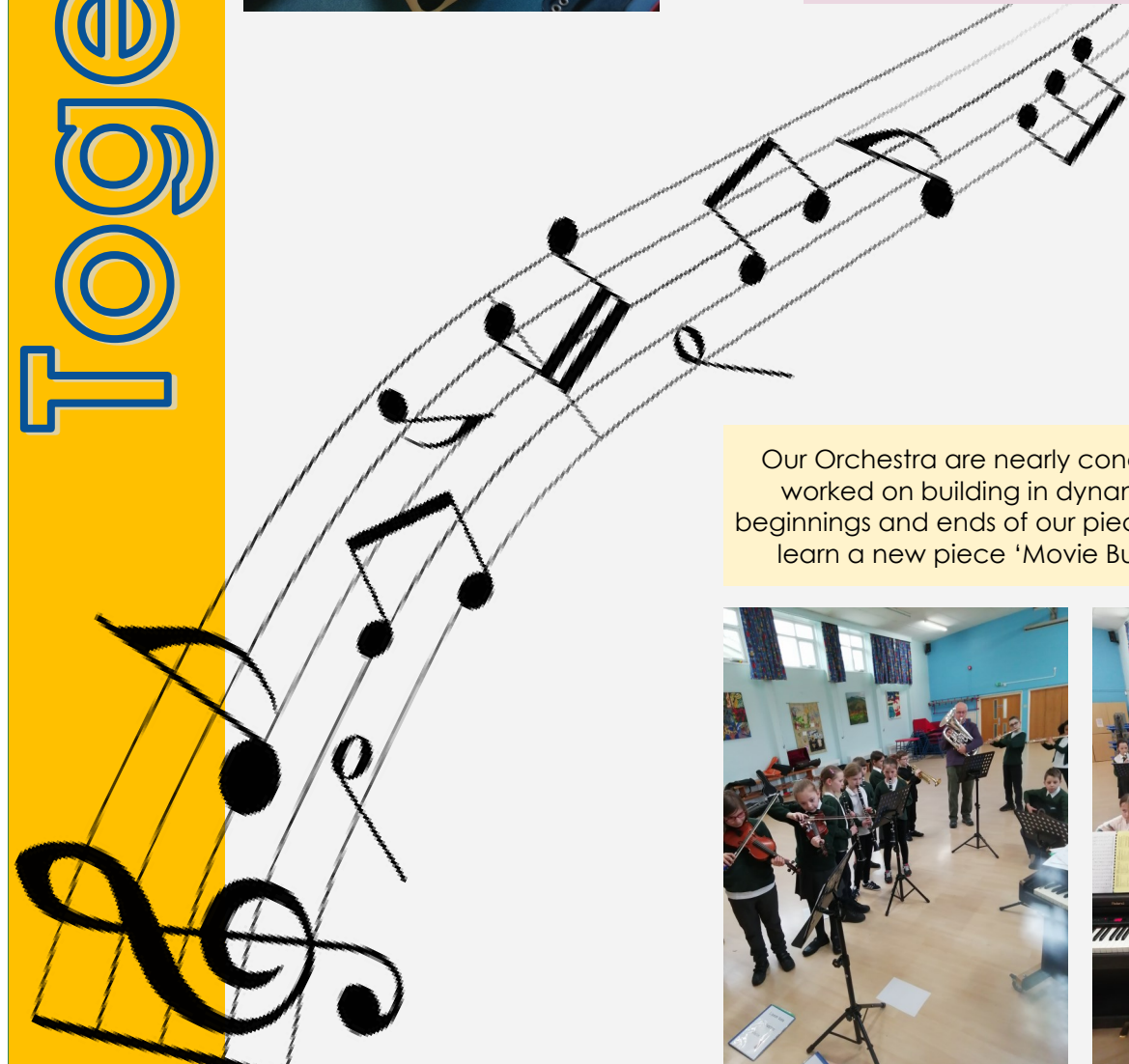
Our brass musicians today played a fantastic military march, listening carefully to the beat played by Mr Pettit and stepping in time.



Year 4 have embraced their focus of pitch linked with their study of the Victorians. This week they were able to play a simple Victorian street call using notation, next week, the challenge will be to tackle calls with more notes and trickier rhythms.

Year 4 have enjoyed learning songs from the Victorians music halls. They have learnt to sing them with great energy and actions.

Our Orchestra are nearly concert ready. Today we worked on building in dynamics and tidying the beginnings and ends of our pieces. We have started to learn a new piece 'Movie Buster, lots of energy'.



# Together we



# are musicians



This week in our music assembly, KS2 sang a song about rhythm and used body percussion to link the verses together. We also enjoyed a performance from our Year 5 guitarists. They set a challenge to name the football teams their musical chants represented. They were all recognised; super precise playing.



Year 3 have continued to build on their rhythm study. This week they practiced reading and playing different rhythms in preparation for their rainforest raps.



# love to learn

Together we

Our children in Foundation have been having a great time counting and building numbers. We are very proud of all our fabulous number work!



This term, Y6 have been given a 'Design and Make' homework challenge. They have all been busy honing their creative skills and the finished results have started to arrive at school. Here are a few of the stunning projects they have created.



This week, in Year 5, we have continued exploring Cubism. We had the opportunity to mix colours to create our own colour wheels, where we looked at secondary and tertiary colours. Afterwards, we used our skills to create colours linking to different emotions to support our final pieces.



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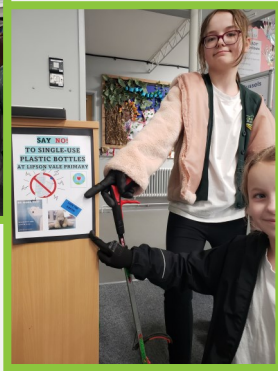
Well done to Quinn, Frankie and Noah in Year 2 for your fabulous geography home learning. These fantastic models have been created as part of the children's learning all about the geographical features of Plymouth and the surrounding area. The models artistically demonstrate iconic features of our city, using recycled materials. Fabulous creativity - well done to you all!



This week, Year 4 children learned about Victorian school life in their history lesson and made comparisons with our present day education. The Otters and Dolphins classes discovered how children were disciplined, what classrooms were like and the different lessons that boys and girls were taught in schools during the Victorian era. Whilst imagining themselves in a Victorian school, they actively participated in three typical lessons: a drill, nature drawing and a handwriting exercise alongside experiencing a meticulous fingernail inspection!

# love to learn

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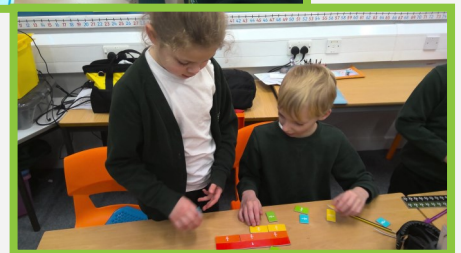


Thank you to our fabulous litter pickers for helping to keep the school clean and using your own initiatives to tidy up the playground.

Also please remember everyone that we are a **'PLASTIC FREE SCHOOL'** and encourage everyone to share this message and reduce the amount of single use plastic we all use. Tricky at times, but by taking small steps we can all make a big difference.

Also thank you to Iris and Emily for all their work with the Eco Club this term and enthusiastically setting up this club and helping to keep our school eco friendly. Well done and thank you!

Year 3 have had great fun in their fractions unit. So far, they have learned that the whole can be anything and that a whole has equal parts but they do not have to look the same. They have also been impressing us with the maths talk using fancy maths vocabulary such as numerator and denominator. The children have enjoyed using the fraction walls/circles to understand wholes.



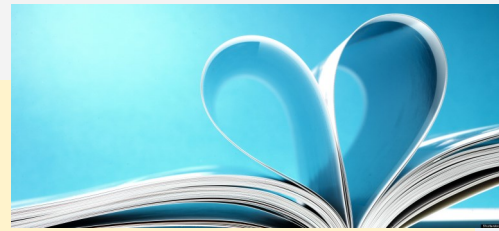
Well done to Noah in Year 2 for this fantastic model of a mosque, which supports the RE learning we have been doing this term. What a great model you have made and how special to spend time with your Grandad making it. Thanks for sharing your fabulous home learning with us all.



# Together we

love to learn

## We are Readers



### World Book Day

Thank you for your wonderful support of this special day. It was fantastic to see our pupils dressed in their comfortable nightwear or as a book themed character and enjoying a host of book themed activities during the day.

We were particularly impressed with the entries we received for our book character paper plate competition. It inspired the Year 6 teaching team to create an inviting display of the children's efforts.

Congratulations to Kash from Turtles class and Zainab from Seahorses class who were the winners of the £10 book token.

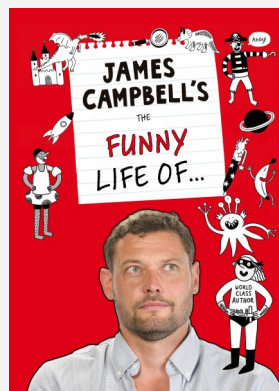
### Author Visit - Tuesday 16th April

On the first week back after the Easter Holiday, we will welcome hilarious, award-winning author, James Campbell to our school. He is best known for his 'Funny Life Of..' books and last year his book, 'The Funny Life of Football' won the Sunday Times Children's Sports Book of the Year Award.


James Campbell will talk to the children about his writing and introduce his new book, 'Don't Panic: We Can Save The Planet'.

Our librarians have been busy helping to stock our library with some brilliant new books to engage and excite our young readers. Furthermore, if you are looking for a book for your child or another family member to enjoy at home, please do help yourself to a book from our Community Book Exchange in our school reception.


Happy reading



# News & Events




**OMEGA SPORTZ**  
Providing A Safe Space For Fun



**PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL**

**Omega Sportz**  
**Easter Activity Camp**  
@ Morice Town Primary Academy,  
Charlotte Street, Devonport  
PL2 1RJ

Arts & Crafts



**Easter Fun for Children**  
**Aged 5-12**

**8th April - 11th April**

Hot lunch Included

**9:00 – 13:00 £20 or free**  
**for FSM**

Team Games

Science Experiments

Dance


Ball Sports

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## Crownhill Easter Party

**Tuesday 2nd April 2024**  
**1400 – 1600**

**Family Disco, crafts and Easter Eggs**

All service families welcome

For more information and to book your place please go to RN Forum Events. Booking closes 26 March  
Crownhill Community Centre, Fort Road, PL6 5BX



• MISS B's MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY •

## NINJA HOLIDAY CLUB

£15 per child, per day, £10 for siblings.  
Or £60 for the entire week.

- Ninja skills
- Basic martial arts techniques
- Board breaking
- Games

Limited spaces  
Advanced booking only



Monday 8th - Friday 12th April 1-4pm

Monday: Guide HQ Saltash

Tuesday: Elburton Village Hall, Plymstock

Wednesday: 1st Plympton Scout Hut, Plympton and St Matthews Primary, Derriford

Thursday: Lipson Primary, Plymouth

Friday: Victoria Hall, Scout Hut, Ivybridge

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**BRITISH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**



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29/3 PLYMOUTH CITY PATRIOTS VS CHESHIRE PHOENIX

05/4 PLYMOUTH CITY PATRIOTS VS MANCHESTER GIANTS

10/4 PLYMOUTH CITY PATRIOTS VS CHESHIRE PHOENIX

12/4 PLYMOUTH CITY PATRIOTS VS LONDON LIONS

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## LIVE BASKETBALL

HOLIDAY HOOPS COMING YOUR WAY

# Collective Worship

Last week, we had the pleasure of Mrs Low leading our collective worship. This was a brilliant introduction to World Book Day and inspiring us all to love reading. Mrs Low spent some time discussing the importance of reading widely and introducing ways to increase our reading for pleasure.

This week, we continued to focus on our value of **communication**. We considered what our appearance communicates about us and discussed stereotyping.

**How does stereotyping effect the way we think about others?**

## Dates for your diaries:

21.03.24	Online Safety & Wellbeing meeting @3.30pm
25.03.24	Years 1-6 Tennis/Pickleball Day
26.03.24	Spring Concert @2pm & 5.30pm
28.03.24	Last day of school before Easter
29.03.24	First day of Easter holidays
15.04.24	Non pupil day
16.04.24	First day of summer term
10.05.24	Class Photos
13.05.24	KS2 SATS week



**School Meals**



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