

Notes from the Vale

Friday 18th June 2021

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Welcome from Mr Lewis-Cole

The news on Monday from Boris Johnson about the delay to easing of restrictions, whilst fairly foreseen, was disappointing for us all. The emotional toll from the last year has affected us all and I am sure, like me, you were looking forward to things returning to 'normal'. This announcement, of course, impacts the plans in place for transition: especially for our Year 6 pupils. However, it is still incredibly important for us to follow the guidance around 'Hands, Face, Space' and continue to do our bit to keep our community safe. You will have seen the increase in cases locally and have heard about the increased transmissibility of the Delta variant amongst our younger members of the community. Stick in there, keep to the guidance and cross your fingers that further easing may be able to happen after the four week extension.

Transition

Thinking about transition, we are in the final stages of mapping out our transition arrangements for this year. All pupils will meet their new teachers in their new classes in the final week of this term for a morning session and, before this, will have further opportunities to meet their new teacher (for example, reading them a story at the end of the day). There is a bit of movement for teachers next year so I have included, later in this newsletter, the teacher structure from September so that you can get a sense of where teachers will be. As an initial step of preparing pupils to move on, it would be a good idea to talk to them about the teachers who will be working within their year group next year.

The school has, historically, mixed many year groups as they move up throughout the school, however, considering the significant challenges faced by the pandemic and restricted attendance to school this year, we have taken the decision to only mix classes if we feel it absolutely necessary. We feel that stability will be key for all pupils as they embark on another change. As such, only year 3 and 4 will be mixed as they move into their new year groups. Year 5 will be split into 3 smaller classes in September for their morning teaching as Mrs Stephens will become a 3rd teacher in our Year 6 team and then will return into 2 classes in their afternoon sessions. We will, once we have finalised class lists for those year groups being mixed, inform parents of which class and teacher they will be with in September. Thank you for your patience with this.

Parents' Evenings and Annual Reports

As I have previously mentioned, we have been carefully considering how to end this school year in a way that ensures that our families have a clear understanding of how their child is performing in school and the aspects of learning that they are working on. Teachers are busily preparing the annual end-of-year reports for pupils in their classes and these will be presented to families during parent evenings in the week of 12th July. With carefully considered safety measures in place, we will be inviting families into school for face-to-face meetings during this week (details of booking to follow shortly). At these meetings families will be able to pick up their child's report and hear about the many successes their child has experienced this year.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend. Take care and stay safe.

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Congratulations



Harris Cup
Alfie Baker



Reading Cup
Arlo Boroczky



'H' Cup
Isabelle Shears

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		Key Stage 2	
FJW	97.2	3L	97.9
FW	92.2	3F	97.3
1BH	99.3	4KW	94.6
1K	96.8	4P	97.1
2M	98.6	5S	96.6
2BR	93.3	5P	95.0
		6W	93.9
		6AW	99.0



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The **highest class attendance** last week

1BH in FS/KS1

6AW in KS2

GREAT ATTENDANCE



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Year 5 spent the first day of term completing their unit on 'Forces' with a Science and DT day building hydraulic bottle rockets. Throughout the unit, the children have been studying and investigating a variety of forces, considering their impact of the design and launch of their rockets. The day was a great success with some reaching heights of up to 100ft! The following day, the children pretended to be reporters from a local newspaper who had covered the story and created their own newspaper reports. Well done Year 5!



LIPSON VALE SCIENCE DAY!

By Lucy Williams
Lipson Vale Science Day
Tuesday
Monday 7th June 2021

On Monday 7th June year 5 launched a bottle rocket in the playground learning about forces.

Lipson Vale are learning about forces in science and made some bottle rockets to test how high they could reach in the air.

Year 5 started making and designing how their rockets would look. As they got put into groups and got together to discuss what it would look like.



This was getting the rocket ready. After year 5 finished discussing and designing they moved on to making the bottle rockets and they chose the materials they were going to use to build.

After they designed the bottle rockets it was time to launch. 55 and 5P had time to launch and one hit the teacher.



THE LIPSON Tuesday 8th June 2021

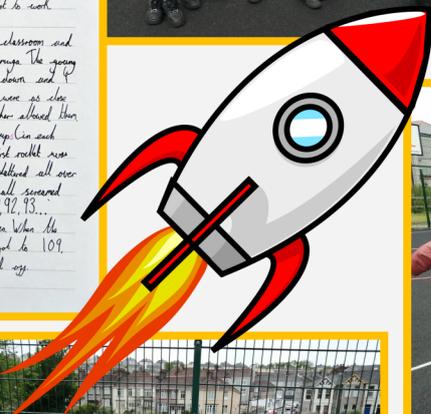
LIPSON LAUNCH ROCKETS!
Reported by Miss S. Goodwin

On Monday 7th June 2021, Mr. E. Pelly was telling his class about how to make bottle rockets. The entire class was filled to the brim with excitement. Whilst the professional professional teacher was showing the students how to make a bottle rocket, he had noticed the teacher didn't get lucky. He had Miss Matthews started up to a shop for fireworks bottles.

The children were working in groups of 6. The room buzzed with activity and the rockets looked amazing. Everyone was offering helpful advice and tips to their own rockets which would help with air resistance.

Many children were using scissors to cut the mighty tape paper and cardboard was needed for the bottle rocket to work.

Year 5 left their classroom and travelled to the playground. The groups were divided into 6 groups and groups of 6 were set up. Mr. Pelly then allowed them to start. When the first rocket was launched, it splashed all over the children. They all received a '100%' and the rocket landed on the ground.



LVPS NEWS
10 June 2021
By Ben Lewis

Building Rockets In The Sky

Yesterday (on the 7th of June) year 5 made bottle rockets. They made them in that they would use their bottle rocket groups could go.

The year 5 groups had had previous science lessons learning about water rockets and rockets and space. Before the building the children watched multiple videos of rockets launching. They were all watching how they would launch.

The children were put into groups and given the paper and cardboard and the tape. The groups had to work together to make a rocket. The teacher had to make a rocket to launch.

The teacher thought the mission was to launch the bottle rocket. Then they cut out the paper and taped them on cardboard. Then they wrote the name of the rocket and taped it on.

The teacher then they high building back a very long time to pump. The teacher then the groups started building on the rocket. They had to make a rocket to launch.

Build Launching in the playground

The day was quite interesting and had a lot of fun. Year 5 were very happy to make a rocket to launch. They were all very happy to launch their rockets.

The Daily NEWS

Lipson lands on Mars!
Reported by W. Jenkins

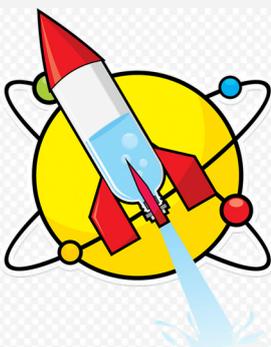
Yesterday morning at Lipson Vale, Year 5 did a Science project all to do with rockets. The teacher was to make a bottle rocket and see which one would go the highest into the clear blue sky.

All the children into groups of five and had coloured paper on their desk to represent what team they were on.

As soon as the students got inside they finished their rockets and started launching their creations.

This is one of the groups rockets.

Mr. Pelly (The teacher) started handing out all of the materials to all of the groups and everyone started building. As for that everyone went for lunch.



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On Friday, it was KS2 African drumming workshop day. The classes learnt a range of djembe rhythms, used call and response structures and combined different rhythms to make an exciting performance, lots of organized and rhythmical noise! Great effort everyone.



Last week a beautiful book called 'I wish I was' was donated to Lipson Vale Primary School. The author, Richard Johnson, attended Lipson Vale Primary school when he was young.

Thank you to Roxy Day in 1K for bringing the book in for all of the children to enjoy. We hope that every class in the school will have the opportunity to read the story and look at the beautiful illustrations!



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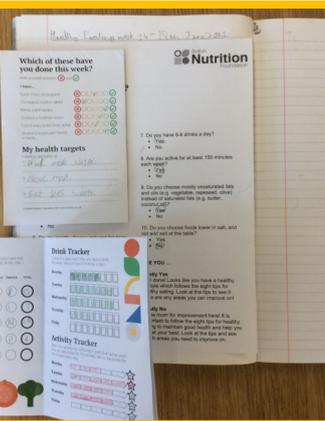
On Monday afternoon, an eager and excitable group of year four girls set off for their first ever football tournament at Plymouth Argyle Manadon Sports Hub. Having never graced the state of the art 3G pitch before, the girls were understandably nervous and apprehensive, but very much looking forward to finally kicking a ball in competition.

After the pleasantries and introductions were made, the girls started the first of their three games in great fashion, working hard for each other and doing their absolute best to showcase this term's theme of self-belief. The girls narrowly lost their first match to a cruel deflection off a Pomphlett player and succumbed to a successive defeat to a very strong Bickleigh Down team.

However, the girls' spirits were not dampened! After battling hard in the baking Plymouth sun, the girls had one final game against local rivals, Laira Green. They got their reward in the form of a three nil victory, epitomizing the hard work and effort they had put in throughout the tournament.

The year 4 starlets should be very proud of their achievements. Not only was the quality of football quite incredible, but the tenacity, desire, and willingness that the girls showed was humbling. With a bit more practice, football may come home after all!

GOAL



Year 3 have enjoyed a wide variety of activities during Healthy Eating Week, which has also been a great opportunity to think about the Veg Power 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign. We have been keeping a Health Tracker of our success this week, recording our efforts to eat 5-a-day, drink plenty and keep active. We have written instructions for making a healthy sandwich and had some fun during a carousel of sport activities, as well as completing some artwork, word search challenges, an Eatwell plate to show the fruits and vegetables we have eaten so far this week, found out about some exciting new recipes and completed a quiz.

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This week in maths, year 4 have been using visual representations, including bar models and counters, to support us in calculating fractions of amounts. The children have made super progress in fractions and are able to reason about them superbly.

In English, we have been immersing ourselves in an explanation text about how bees make honey. To help us to use some of the features of them, such as causal conjunctions and adverbials, we interviewed each other in the role of the bee or bee keeper.

We have also been really enjoying learning about how to keep healthy and have created some excellent entries to the ALDI Design a Lorry competition. We also designed our own healthy flapjack this week for sports week, considering seasonality and the nutritional benefit of the ingredients. We look forward to making and eating them next week!



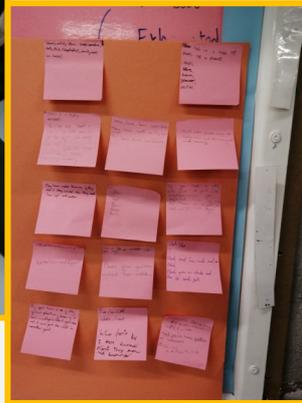
This week, the Foundation children have been learning about the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They have enjoyed listening to the story, writing their own independent sentences about the story and have taken part in character hot-seating. The children were very excited to plant their own seeds as well. We look forward to seeing and hearing all about how your vegetables are growing. Remember to give them lots of care with sunlight and water.



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The Year 1 children have been enjoying their fabulous new reading den in our garden. Thank you Mrs Barras for setting this up: it is a wonderful snugly space for sharing and enjoying books. We have also been having a great time during Forest School. We loved climbing trees and enjoyed finding things in nature to photograph, using the iPads. We are becoming really good photographers, as we have been trying to keep really still (which is tricky!) in order to take good photos.



This term Year 5's science focus is investigating plant reproduction and life cycles. Our first lesson involved listing the facts we already know and then dissecting a flower and identifying all the different parts. There was lots of new vocabulary.

Year 1 have been working really hard to achieve their Blue Peter Green badge over the last 2 weeks. In order to get the badge, they made 3 individual pledges and 1 class pledge to help save the environment. The pledges ranged from sorting recycling, to turning off lights and even planting seeds to encourage more bees! The children worked collaboratively to make a collage. This will be sent to Blue Peter and hopefully shown on the TV show at 5pm on Thursday the 23rd June 2021!



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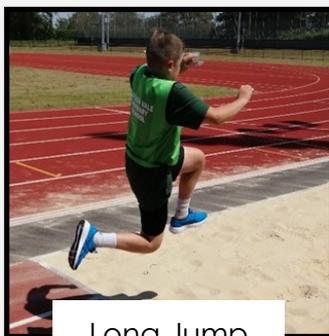
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Brickfields Primary Athletics Competition

This long standing, well attended, highly popular and competitive event which we attend with KS2 children annually was sadly cancelled last year. We are so pleased that, this year, at least some of the children have been able to attend a session and got to compete in field and track events alongside a few other schools. Our two teams of 10 talented and enthusiastic Y6 and Y4 children competed against 4 other schools in the same sessions on Wednesday and Friday but all results were recorded in order to compare across the day and thus to establish overall winners of each event. Certainly, a different, shorter and much quieter experience than normal, but one which had lots of benefits, including all children getting an opportunity to try out each field event. At the time of writing only Y6 have attended, photos and news of Y4 plus any overall results will follow in due course. The Y6 team were a pleasure to spend an afternoon with and absolutely put their hearts into each event. The boys' relay team were complimented on their excellent handovers and were only just outstripped at the finish line. The girls' ran an equally good race and Emmanuelle managed to find that extra bit of speed on the last leg to come first in that heat of the relay. Individuals ran 90m and 200m where we found that our boys were up against the current fastest boy in their age group in both Devon and Cornwall! Although this was tough, they put up a really good performance and were excited to think that they had raced against someone who may, one day, be in the Olympics! They all supported each other in a most positive and collaborative way and showed off our school in a very good light. A particular mention to Mohammad and Bonnie who both stepped into the relay teams as a 5th participant at the very last minute and actually made huge contributions to the style and outcome of the races. Well done to both for showing such great resilience!



Vortex Throw



Long Jump



Year 6 Athletics Team 2021



Vertical Jump



90m +200m



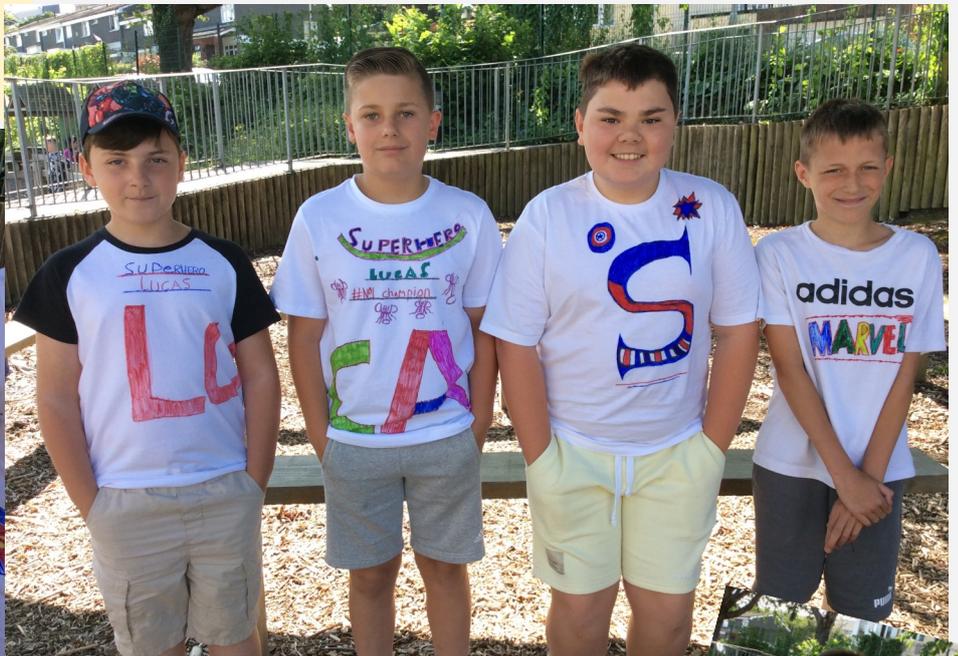
Relay

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Thank You!

Thank you so much to you all for the fantastically generous donations you have made today to donate to the GoFundMe page, set up to help support Lucas and his family.

We raised a magnificent total of £1252.94



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Music has many benefits, so get playing!



Music opens a door to a whole world



Music makes you smile



Music is rewarding



Music helps you connect



Music has academic benefits



There are lots of ways to be musical



Music is good for your brain



You don't need to be an expert to help your child learn



You don't need to spend much to get started



Music is for life



#GetPlaying Find out more at musicmark.org.uk/getplaying

As part of the national 'Get Playing' campaign Music Mark have created a webpage which includes a 'Find my local music service' function to make it even easier for parents, families, teachers, and those interested in music education to connect with their local Hub. In doing so, the campaign aims to encourage children and young people to connect and get playing – whether that means taking up musical tuition, trying an instrument, creating music, or joining an ensemble. We recognise that musical learning can take many forms and celebrate them all with #GetPlaying"

Teacher Structure 2021-22

Foundation

Mr Whittaker, Miss Worth & Mrs Barras

Year One

Miss Kett, Miss Jones

Year Two

Mr Moore, Mrs Diggins & Mrs Coles

Year Three

Mrs Foster, Mrs Wilkinson & Miss Lucas

Year Four

Mrs Low, Mr Petty

Year Five

Mr Shrimpton, Mr Peacock

Year Six

Mrs West, Miss Welsh, Mrs Stephens

PPA

Mrs Tew, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Fice

Plymouth Science Summer Holiday Club



To book click the QR code or email plymouthscience@gmail.com

9am—3pm Daily
£15 a day
FREE for FSM Children

When?	Where?	What's happening?
Every Monday (Except Bank Holiday Monday)	St Peters Roman Catholic School, Whiteleigh, PL5 4HD	All things science from slime to explosions, children will carry out some awesome experiments with a WOW factor.
Every Tuesday	Plymouth Marjon University Derriford Road, PL6 8BH	Forest Activities, children will be cooking on open fires, going on STEM walks and finding out about science in nature.
Every Wednesday	Plymouth Marjon University, Derriford Road, PL6 8BH	All things robotics. Children will be able to explore Lego robotics as well as other programmable devices.
Every Thursday	TBC	How things move— This will be exploring hovercrafts, cars, boats, aeroplanes and much more.
Every Friday	Wembury Beach (Transport from St Budeaux and City Centre available for free on booking)	Children will spend the day on the beach, rock pooling, creating beach art, learning about classification and all things science.



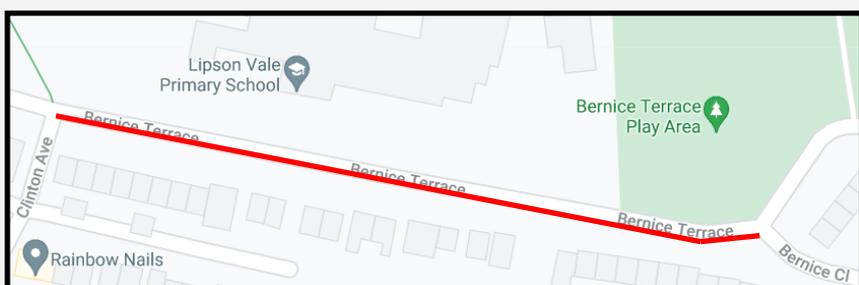

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Meet our Governors

Hello, I am Hannah and I am a new Local Authority Governor. I have worked for the council since 2006. My current role is a Performance Advisor and I support the Chief Executive of the Council and the Director of Education with data analysis. Clearly, maths was my favourite subject at school but I also loved music and P.E.!

I am a working mum of three children (aged 19, 17 and 11) My eldest is at University, he is studying for a Sports degree and would like to be a PE teacher. My daughters are at a secondary school nearby. I am also a 'step momster' to a nine year old who is still at Primary school. All of them have had a unique journey through Primary education and this has made me really appreciate the unique role schools play in helping children thrive. I love being part of that and when my own children completed their primary education, becoming a school Governor was a natural step to take.

I also support my partner in running our small business in Stoke. This has brought many challenges throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic but we have been really lucky to have a supportive community and customer base. When we are not working, running a business or taxiing our children around I love nothing more than to walk our pup, Rascal, around Saltram, walking around the Barbican and Hoe and visiting Looe.



We have been notified by Plymouth Highways that essential highway maintenance will be taking place along Bernice Terrace between **Monday 5th July and Friday 30th July**. The planned work is on the footway between Clifton Avenue and Bernice Close. This will result in 'no parking' markers being placed along the road and will cause disruption to those families that collect their children from school by car. The parking and pedestrian restrictions will be in place between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

This is advanced warning that parking will be challenging around the school at collection time from the 5th July and families are politely requested to plan alternative arrangements during this time. Thank you.

Advance Warning

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Fit and Fed with PAFC



ARGYLE TRUST
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Plymouth Argyle Community Trust are running their Fit and Fed Programme over the Summer Holidays within our school grounds. This is for primary aged Free School Meal children.

They will be running this programme over 4 weeks. Children can attend as many of the weeks as they like.

The days will run from 9am-3pm and will involve a variety of sports and games as well as some activities about keeping healthy. Children will be provided with lunch each day.

To book your child on please follow the link below and use the password FITFEDLIPSON

<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshows/in-plymouth/>

PAFC Community Trust Summer Roadshows

PAFC Community Trust summer roadshows are running every single day in Plymouth and we are delighted to be offering an Early Bird discount of 20% on the total cost of any courses booked from today until Friday 26th June.

To access this discount please use the discount code below at the checkout:

EARLYBIRD20

Please find the attached link to find out what is happening across the Region:

<https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshows/in-plymouth/>



Fun, free bike rides for everyone

Guided Rides are led by friendly British Cycling **trained Ride Leaders** along carefully selected routes. **It's easy. It's free.** And it's a fantastic activity for the whole family, with friends or on your own. You'll meet new people, improve your fitness, and get more confident on your bike.

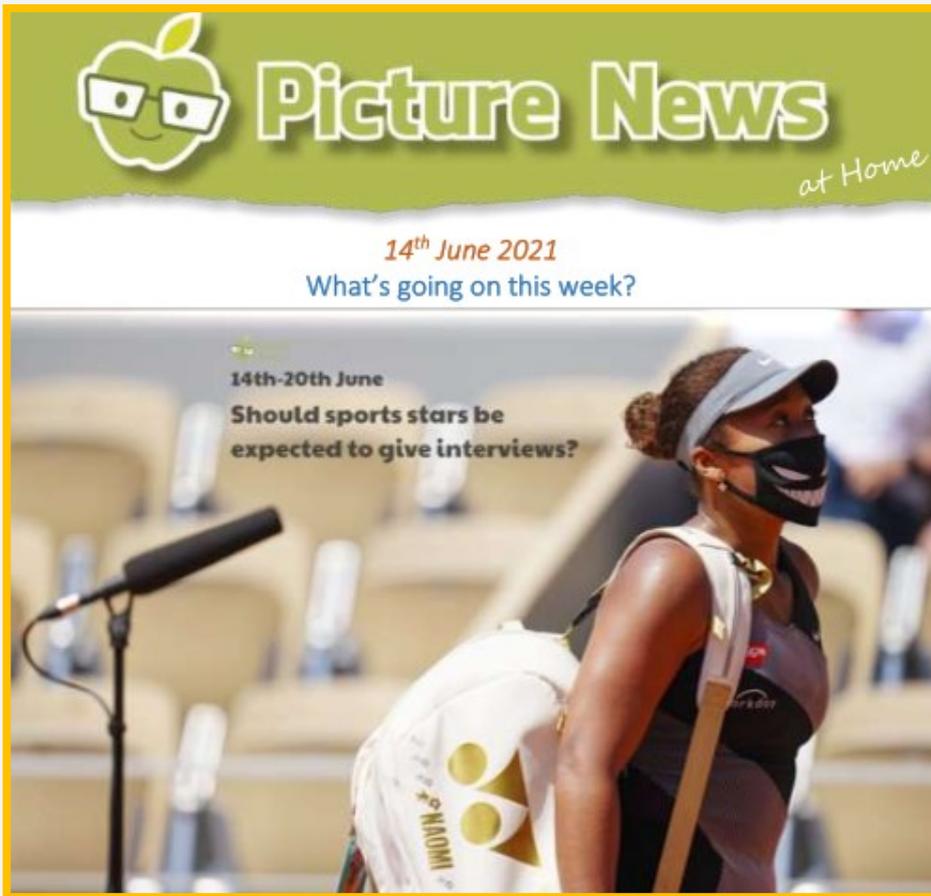
Beginner Rides			
Every Tuesday	6.30pm	Plymbridge Woods	Women only
Every Thursday	6.30pm	Plymbridge Woods	Everyone

*Beginner rides operate April to September 2021 (Bike hire available)

For free local Guided Rides visit letsride.co.uk



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Things to talk about at home...

- Are there any sports stars who you admire and enjoy watching?
- Do you watch any sports on television or online? If so, which do you enjoy?
- Have you seen any interviews with sports stars after the match or competition has ended?
- Do you think interviews after the sport has finished are important? Why?



As we continue to consider ways to reduce our use of plastics, the children have been fantastic in thinking of ways they can do this. Don't forget, we would love you to share photos with us of ways in which the children are working hard to reduce plastics. Either email them to your class teacher or send via Google Classrooms.

In Year 3 Emily & Faye do weekly litter picks to help to keep their local area tidy, as well as to help prevent animals from being injured by litter. Well done for being so kind and caring!

Jamie has swapped his milkshake straw for a metal one. Well done Jamie what a great thing to do!

Jack is using all of the recycling at his grandma's to make a model city. So far he has made a circus and a castle. Wow what great recycling and we can't wait to see the photos!

Zaafiah is helping to sort the recycling at home. Great work Zaafiah, keep it up!

Laila is helping her little brother to use paper straws instead of plastic ones. Well done for helping to teach others about recycling.

Rosie-Lee is making sure that plastics, paper & cardboard is recycled at home. She is also turning off her night light to save electricity, even though she is scared of the dark. How brave you are Rosie-Lee!



Collective Worship

This term we have started to focus on a new school value: **Self-belief**.

We believe that this is an excellent value to focus on this term as we begin to consider our transition into new year groups and working with new teachers. We started by considering the mental state of self-belief and how, like resilience, it requires us to believe that we are capable of more than we think. We explored images of self-belief and discussed how we could promote it in our classes.

How can we help ourselves to have more self-belief?

Dates for your diaries:

28.06.21	Sports Week.
12.07.21	Vision Test—Foundation only.
13&15.07.21	Parent Meetings.
22.07.21	Last day of term.
23.07.21	Non Pupil Day.



School Meals



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