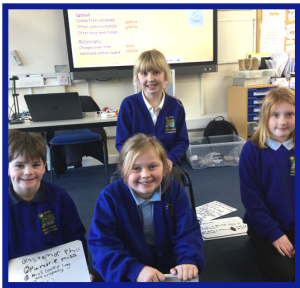


Friday 19th January 2024



Dear Parents

It's so nice to see proper winter weather back after the months of drizzle and storms we've had. Our OPAL philosophy means we make sure the children are running around at breaktimes in all but the most severe weather. But I have to say it's much nicer when the rain relents. The children have been playing on the grass a lot more and I've seen some excellent den building and creative games played with our tarpaulins.

Our first ever Opal certificate was handed out in celebration assembly last week. There were many children who got honourable mentions, but all the staff felt that Jack H was the deserved winner as he did a fantastic job of helping to organise tidying up the playground. He was a great role model to the other children. I'm pleased to see that so many children are following his example this week.

Last Friday, we had our first tennis and football sessions that are running until the end of the year. The Otter's tennis was excellent, all the children got to develop their hand eye

coordination and racquet skills through a number of warm up games, then they played different tennis variants using the nets. The football session was six different activities that the Owls did on a rotation. I got involved in a penalty shoot out but the less said about that the better!

Mr Northmore did a fantastic job hosting the Reception phonics open morning. It was so nice to see so many parents there and the children did an amazing job of showing off all their hard work on their reading. If you were unable to attend or have any questions about phonics he'll happily talk you through the key messages from the day.

In other news, the Friends of Beaford PTA are meeting at school on 30th January at 9am. They have already done a fantastic job of organising the Halloween disco, break the rules day and the Christmas Bonanza. Please come along if you'd like to help organise upcoming events.

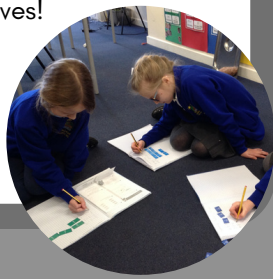
Enjoy the weekend and drive safely in the icy conditions.

George Myers



Owls

This week, the Owls have started looking at a new text called 'Tower to the Sun' and thought about how the author makes it an effective text. In maths, we have been learning how to subtract fractions and convert mixed number fractions to improper fractions. In science, we explored opaque, transparent and translucent and used torches to test whether objects were translucent or opaque. We also looked at how shadows change depending on where the light source is. In music, the children have really got into our unit 'Disco Fever' and requested to dance as well as sing the song. They showcased a variety of fantastic disco moves!



Otters

Otters have had a brilliant week. We have been learning to accompany a song using glockenspiels in music and in French we are practising how to introduce ourselves and ask simple questions. In maths we have moved on to column method multiplication. In English we have been exploring information texts linked to our topic. Otters are now experts about different types of rock and how fossils are formed. Improving our tennis skills is an excellent way to finish the week, despite the cold!



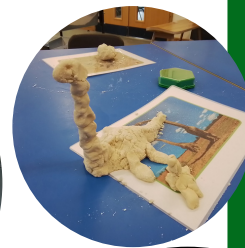
Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been researching facts on Antarctica this week. They have looked at non-fiction books, fact files and pictures to help them. The children have recorded their sentences on their mind map and talked through their sentences verbally. In maths Y2 have continued to calculate with money and have enjoyed combining different combinations of coins. Year One children have created a 'human number line' and marked numbers on blank number lines. In Science they have compared animals found in polar habitats and learned about how they are suited to their environment. In RE the children have acted out the story of 'The crying camel' and what it means to Muslims.



Ladybirds

This week, it started with a roarsome book based on underpants and dinosaurs! The children have been discovering about lands of dinosaurs, creating them using salt dough, different 2D shapes and labelling them independently in their learning. Some of them have also begun drawing their own and writing their names in their independent time. We will be continuing our dinosaur theme and discover more about fossils and bones.





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Eddie for working on sharing his understanding in maths with the rest of the class.
Hedgehogs	Izzy for her effort in Gymnastics. Izzy was trying really hard to remember each shape and hold a balance for five seconds. She worked really hard to control each movement.
Otters	Heidi for her factual writing about fossils and the Earth's structure. Heidi thinks hard about the vocabulary choices she makes to ensure that her writing is clear and effective.
Owls	Harry C has worked so hard in all his lessons this week. He has especially shone in maths and science where he's shared his methods with the class and has excellent subject knowledge in science.



Contribution Certificates




awarded to


Ladybirds	Walter for always including others and their ideas during independent learning time.
Hedgehogs	Oscar for building up his stamina to work independently and think for himself. All the adults in Hedgehogs class have noticed this new confidence.
Otters	Ethan for the effort and enthusiasm which he is bringing to the school community. Ethan is a great role model for other children in terms of his attitude to his learning and his behaviour towards other children and adults.
Owls	Fred has gone above and beyond this week by helping to tidy the school at every opportunity. He's organised the classroom, the communal areas and helped to clean the school.

Opal Play

awarded to



Amber S for helping the younger children and showing them how to use the equipment safely and playing in the mud kitchen so nicely all week.



Mr George Myers
Head of school

DATES

for your diary

3rd January

1st Day of Spring Term

11th January

Year 3 Swimming Starts

15th January

Deadline for Primary
School Applications

17th January

Ladybirds Reception
Phonics Open Morning

22nd January

National Measurement
Scheme
Reception & Year 6

30th January

Year 5 Residential to
London

12th - 16th February

Half Term

20th February

Hedgehogs Trip to
RHS Rosemoor

29th March

Easter Holiday Starts

Attendance This Week

Reception - 90% Otters - 93%

Hedgehogs - 97% Owls - 95%

Nursery Fees

Nursery invoices have been sent home this week and fees uploaded to Arbor. Please log into your Arbor account to make a payment. If you are paying through Tax Free Childcare, don't forget to notify us when you have arranged a payment and let us know your reference number.

If you are having any problems making payment, please contact the school office.

From 1st April 2024 TEAM will be increasing the charges for nursery places:

3/4 year old sessions - £5.22

2 year old session - £6.30

London Residential

Please make sure all medical letters are returned to the school office by **Friday 19th January**.

The final payment is due next **Friday 26th January**

Nursery Hours

Please can parents who are claiming funded hours at nursery pop into the school office to sign their hours off for this term.

Thank you!

PE Days Spring Term

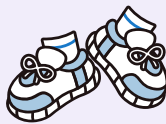
On the day that your child has PE, please make sure they come to school in their PE Kits and have a change of clothes should they need them.

Ladybirds Reception - Friday

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Otters - Friday

Owls - Monday & Friday



Hedgehogs Trip to Rosemoor

Letters have gone home about Hedgehogs up and coming trip to Rosemoor on the 20th February. Thank you to all those who have paid their voluntary donations through Arbor and returned their lunch slips. Please can all remaining slips be returned to the school office by the 7th February.

Thank you!

Lost Property

We are starting to accumulate a large amount of lost property in the reception porch together with a black umbrella that was left after the Christmas Fayre. Please come and have a look through and retrieve anything that might be yours.



DON'T FORGET

The School Office

Emails are only monitored between 8.30am - 12.30pm.

If you need to speak to someone urgently please call the school number 01805 603263. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Menu

Monday

Sausage Rolls
V – Cheese & Bean Wrap
Creamed Potatoes & Baked Beans, Peas

Fruit Crumble with Ice-cream

Tuesday

Beef Burgers in a bap
V – Veggie Burger in a bap
Potato wedges & sweetcorn

Jam Sponge & Custard

Wednesday

Roast Beef
V – Vegetable Bites
Roast Potatoes & Broccoli & Cauliflower

Fruit Platter

Thursday

Chicken Pasta Bake
V – Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Seasonal Vegetables
Pineapple Upside-Down

Cake & Custard

Friday

Oven Baked Fish
V – Vegetarian Nuggets
Golden Fries & Sweetcorn

Flapjack

Breakfast, After School

Please don't forget to book your children into our wraparound care clubs in advance to avoid disappointment.

Breakfast Club (Mon- Friday) - 8.00am - 8.45pm
After School Club (Mon - Thurs) - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Breakfast and After School Clubs are charged at £4.00 per session
Pupil Premium eligible children receive a 50% Discount
Payment is through Arbor.

Please remember there is no early admission or late collection

Nursery Funding

Devon Early Years and Childcare Service are running some online sessions for parents in February to give an overview on what funding is available for Early Years children, the eligibility criteria, how they need to apply for different funding streams and how a child can access funded time.

There is no need to book, just join by clicking on the Teams link below.

Dates for online sessions:

Monday 5th February, 10.30-11.30 – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Wednesday 7th February, 19.30-20.30 – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Wednesday 14th February, 16.00-17.00 – [Click here to join the meeting](#)



FOOTBALL & TENNIS Fridays

TEAM Vacancies



VACANCY FOR TEACHING ASSISTANT PILTON BLUECOAT C OF E ACADEMY

JOB TITLE: TEACHING ASSISTANT

REQUIRED: ASAP

HOURS PER WEEK: 27.5HPW

WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

STATUS: FIXED TERM (TO PROVIDE COVER FOR ABSENCE)

STARTING SALARY: £12.18 PER HOUR

GRADE: C

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024

INTERVIEWS: TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2024

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the class teacher and will help to support the pupils to engage with their learning. In-service training will be provided where appropriate. The reason for this fixed term employment is to provide cover during the absence of staff member(s) who are absent due to illness.

It's a fantastic opportunity to join a team where you will be valued, welcomed, and supported within a friendly staff environment. Additional benefits include, Membership of a generous pension scheme (TP/ LGPS). Access to Medigold Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app. Free Eye tests and Seasonal Flu Vaccinations, Cycle to work and IT schemes, a Competitive Salary, Wellbeing and Long Service days.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

We actively welcome visits to our schools. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with Pilton Bluecoat Head of School, Matt Harts, via mharts@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com

Application should be hand delivered, posted, or emailed to Sam Stobbs, via vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



Registered Office: Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple EX31 1JU T:01271 345952

Mr Ian Thomas – Executive Headteacher

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 8110847



VACANCY FOR A CATERING ASSISTANT HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

JOB TITLE: CATERING ASSISTANT

REQUIRED: ASAP

HOURS PER WEEK: 6 (2.75 HOURS ON THURSDAY 11AM – 1:45PM & 3.25 HOURS ON FRIDAY 10:30AM – 1:45PM)

WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS

STATUS: PERMANANT/ PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £11.60 AN HOUR

GRADE: A

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2024

INTERVIEW: WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024

Would you like to join our school team as a Catering Assistant and help to create nutritious and appealing meals for our pupils? The post will be under the direction of the Kitchen Manager.

Full training will be given including a Basic Food Hygiene Certification course.

The appointed person will work as part of a team to help prepare meals. This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

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Applications should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to head of school John Hick via head@hntps.org or Sam Stobbs, via vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



VACANCY FOR 0.44 FTE KS1/ RECEPTION CLASSROOM TEACHER
PILTON INFANTS' SCHOOL

INVITATIONS ARE INVITED FROM BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATES FOR THE ABOVE POST THAT WILL BECOME VACANT ON 18TH MARCH 2024

JOB TITLE: 0.44 FTE KS1/ RECEPTION CLASSROOM TEACHER

STATUS: PERMANENT/ PART TIME

HOURS: 0.44 FTE / 14.30 HPW (MONDAY IN YEAR 1 AND FRIDAY IN RECEPTION)

SALARY RANGE: MPS/ UPS

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024

INTERVIEW: TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2024

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague to join a thriving primary school. The successful candidate will have a passion for teaching, the ability to inspire and enthuse pupils and a desire to get involved in many areas of school life.

If you would like to work and contribute to a Trust that is committed to providing children with outstanding learning experiences, aims to continually develop and grow, and where teamwork and the professional development of all staff is important, we would encourage you to apply.

We actively welcome visits to our school. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with our head of school John Mortimer via jmortimer@piltoninfants.school

Team Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Offers of appointment are subject to the completion of pre-employment checks including an Enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

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