



HYDE PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL



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12th March 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What makes a good education? Everyone has had a view from our earliest history. Aristotle said "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it". He also said "The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal".

Socrates said "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel".

It can feel as if every new Secretary of State for Education has a different opinion.

At Hyde Park Junior School we believe a school should be a learning community, a place where everyone has the same chance to develop and succeed, where all should aspire to excellence. We endeavour to give our pupils the chance to excel in whatever area their talents lay. We were the only Plymouth School to take part in the Shakespeare Festival, we were the only school to get two teams into the final at the swimming gala. Next Saturday 17th March at 6pm pupils from our school will take part in Plymouth & District Schools' Choir Competition, 2018, at Mutley Baptist Church. We aim to kindle a flame that will stay with our pupils long after they have left us.

Miss Jackson

DRSA Swimming Gala

Wow! What a night. Firstly, thank you to the 16 girls and boys that represented our team so well. It was incredibly busy at the event and you behaved so sensibly - this helped a very stressed Miss Hexter out a lot! Secondly, thank you to the parents who came to cheer us on. I hope you are as proud of the team as I am! A special mention to Mrs Partridge for helping the team pool-side. Incredibly, both our boys' teams made it into the final - no other school did that! And though we did not win overall, I still think we did amazingly well. I'm sure next year we will be even more successful.

(A very proud) Miss Hexter and Mrs Rees-Williams

With the help of the PTA, we have invested in a brand new set of team bibs for our teams to wear at competitions. In the photo you can see our sports ambassadors modelling our sports bibs. I think you'll agree we look the part! Thank you to the PTA for funding this and I am looking forward to unveiling these officially at our next event.

Miss Hexter





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Star Writer Awards



Student Certificates W/E 09/03/18

YEAR 3

KELLER-Clara M

SEACOLE-Clemmie G

FRY- Liliana S

YEAR 5

EDISON-Sophie M

BABBAGE-Harris B

CURIE-Bere W

YEAR 4

KING-Teddy S

HAWKING-Joseph S

GLENNIE-Maria G

YEAR 6

PANKHURST-Noah J

GANDHI-Rhiannon H

MANDELA-Rohan J

Celebrating Positive Learning Behaviour Student Certificates W/E 09/03/18

YEAR 3

KELLER-Isla D

SEACOLE-Ava Mae T

FRY-Isabelle D

YEAR 5

EDISON-Lottie C

BABBAGE-Josh M

CURIE-Ben M

YEAR 4

KING-Grace G

HAWKING-Johnny S

GLENNIE-Ellis O

YEAR 6

PANKHURST-Lauren F

GANDHI-Reuben W

MANDELA-Hannah C

Sport Relief - Friday 16th March

In exchange for a voluntary donation children are invited to come to school on this day dressed as either, their favourite sports personality or in their favourite sporting activity kit.

Club cancellations

Due to the Liaison Meetings the following clubs will be cancelled for the evening:

Art Club with Miss Locket Monday 26th March

Power Hoop with Mrs Garland on Tuesday 27th March

100 million minutes:

We've signed up to a reading challenge where we as a school aim to contribute to reading 100 million minutes nationwide. Your children have been given a special bookmark on which to record their reading. They will have time to read in school each day, but we would love it if you also encourage them to read at home. Reading can be shared with an adult or independent. Each morning the children will share the number of minutes they have read to contribute to the class total. Children will be able to earn individual certificates to celebrate their reading as well as knowing they have contributed to the school total. We'll keep you informed, but to find out more go to **www.100MillionMinutes.org**.



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A vacancy for a Catering Assistant in the school kitchen.

CATERed has asked us to let you know that there is a vacancy for a Catering Assistant in the school kitchen.

Further details available from Plymouth City Council's website or by phoning **Sally Noble, CATERed Account Manager on 01752 307341.**

Closing Date: Tuesday 13th March

School Money website

The School Money website has recently been updated. When you log into www.schoolmoney.co.uk you will be directed to the new **eduspot** website. To sign in select the Sign In button in the top right hand corner, a list will drop down and you should select **Parent Login** NOT School Money. This will then send you to the parent login as normal.

PARKING

Please be aware of parking restrictions and general safety when dropping off/collecting children at the start and end of the school day. We would ask all parents to ensure that they park legally and safely, and avoid causing obstructions so that they do not endanger the safety of our pupils during these busy times.

START OF SCHOOL DAY

Please be aware that children are allowed into school from 8.40 a.m. every morning, there is no adult supervision prior to this time.

DIARY DATES

Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March

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Friday 16th March – Sport Relief

Saturday 17th March – 6pm - Plymouth & District Schools' Choir Competition at Mutley Baptist Church

Monday 26th March 1pm – 4.30pm – Learning Liaison Meetings Years 4 and 6

Art Club with Miss Locket cancelled

Tuesday 27th March 1pm – 4.30pm – Learning Liaison Meetings Years 3 and 5

Power Hoop with Mrs Garland cancelled

Wednesday 28th March 4pm – 8pm – Learning Liaison Meetings All year groups

Thursday 29th March from 1pm to 2pm – Exhibition of Children's Learning

Thursday 29th March – Last day of term

Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April inclusive – Easter holidays

Monday 16th April – Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 17th April – Pupils return to school