

Mabel Prichard School

Weekly Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It is so lovely to see the sun at last. There has been a lot of outdoor learning as a result, including art and drama, and we have seen learners enjoying some very imaginative play together.

In this warmer weather, please remember to send in sun cream, a hat and drinks. With the increase in outdoor learning and particularly when water play is involved, it is also helpful for us to have more than the usual changes of clothes.

Our wall mural on primary continues to make progress. This week we had a chicken nugget tree added (thank you Mo!) and some other shapes painted by learners have now become a peacock and a turtle on wheels. There are two more weeks to go, so who knows what else may appear. We are very grateful to have received donations from Buildbase, Tile Flair, Carpets for Less, Homebase and Brewers. If anyone has any connections with anyone who may be able to supply art or sensory materials, that would be fantastic. We are looking at a date after half term where we will have an official opening of the wall, which we can invite parents and carers to and we can celebrate all the artists who have taken part.

For those of you who have been with us in previous years, you will be aware of our summer festivals. This year the secondary festival is on Thursday 11th July and primary is on Friday 12th July. These festivals include live music, dancing, drama, art displays and activities, creative activities and many many more events. Again, parents and carers are invited in and if anyone has a festival related skill or talent and would like to offer support, or run a stall, that would be greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful sunny weekend everyone.

Best wishes

Lucy

Coming up:

Friday 24th May
Break up for half term

Member of the



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

News from the Classrooms

Blue Class

We have had a great week in blue class. We've been making use of the lovely warm weather by exploring our outside area. We have had new equipment such as water trays, sand trays and parachutes. Blue class have been making sand castles and having exciting water fights.



Mabel Prichard have been very lucky to have a special artist help us create an art project in the school. Blue class have been extremely keen to participate and add our contribution, which we have really enjoyed.

In cooking we have been exploring different textures and flavours by making chocolate rice crispy cakes. This has helped us practice mixing, pouring, measuring and sharing.

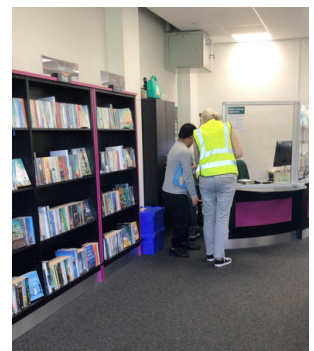
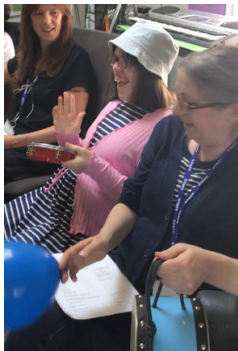
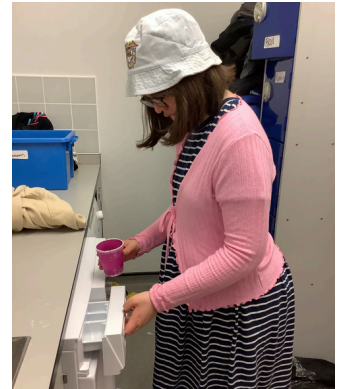
We continue to make good progress with our phoics and enjoy our sessions. We are very much looking forward to sahring this progress with Orla when she returns from her mainstream placement in Orchard Meadow on Monday.

News from the Classrooms

Copper Class

Copper have had a great week and we have enjoyed getting out and about in the sunshine. We have really built up our physical stamina with lots of exercise and are becoming more independent, learning when to stop before crossing a road. We are also growing in independence within school and we are getting really good at jobs such as washing as well as communicating with less familiar adults such as our fantastic office staff.

We are continuing to develop our reading skills and we really like our weekly trips to the library. Our love of reading grows with lots of opportunities to share stories throughout the week.



We have had a great time developing our foundations for phonics skills through a range of sessions. We are learning to recognise the different sounds in our names alongside rhythmic drumming patterns. We are sharing a new call and response sensory story with Platinum class this term all about Theseus and the Minotaur. Our favourite part is when Aegeus throws himself into the deep, dark sea because we go under the parachute waves and get sprayed by the water.

Carly's Skydive for Thomley

Carly from Titainium will be doing a Skydive for Thomley on Sunday 26th May.

Carly says "I have never done anything like this before but I am pleased to be doing it for such a lovely charity, which is very close to my heart"

If you would like to donate, the link to her page is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/carly-skydive>





Ethan



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Michael



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HEADTEACHER'S
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Marcel



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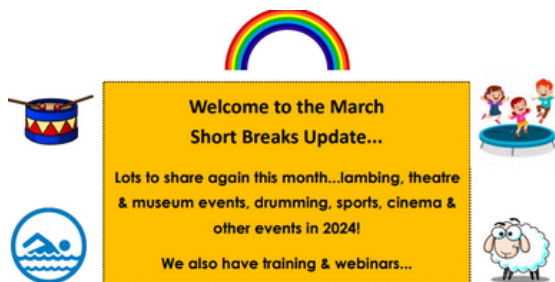
Our Sensory story wall

Our work with silk screen artist and illustrator, Jon Mackay, is now in week 4. This week the wall has grown and some creatures and a chicken nugget tree have appeared.



Short Breaks

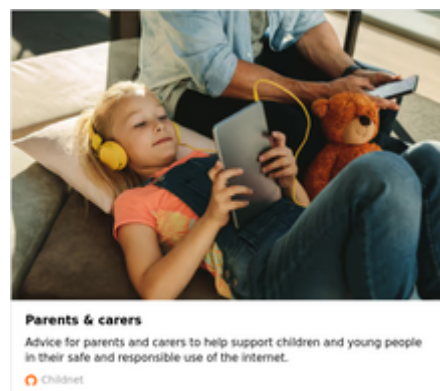
Please find below links to the March Short Breaks newsletters.



Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People March 24

Short Breaks update - Parent/Carer Support Groups

Keeping Safe Online



[Childnet](#)



[Safer Internet](#)



[Internet Matters](#)



[NSPCC](#)

[ThinkuKnow](#)





Skills Builder: Staying Positive

As a school we use Skills Builder to teach eight essential skills that everyone needs. This term we have been focusing on ‘Staying Positive’. In school this week your son or daughter might have been focusing on what positive or negative emotions or about telling others when they feel positive or negative.

At home, everyone involved with your son or daughter can support them in building their essential skills. It would be wonderful to talk to your son or daughter about their emotions, naming them to help them identify their feelings, encouraging your child to think about what they are good at. It is always great to praise your child when they are ‘staying positive’. Maybe this is when they

**Keep trying when something goes wrong
Staying calm when something goes wrong
Try and cheer others up**

If there is anything your son or daughter does at home which shows them building the skill of ‘Staying positive’ we would love to see it on the Class Dojo.

An activity you might like to do at home is make a picture together of all the things that make you happy. If you would like to learn more there is a parents and carers page on the Skills Builder website you might like to visit [Skills Builder: Parents and carer site](#).

**Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school
Tor Broadley**