

4th February 2022

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by announcing that after many years of working with the Tavistock Primary and Nursery School, the time has come for Mark Wickett to retire. We are ever grateful for the kindness and passion Mark put into his work with the children and staff and his time with the school will be fondly remembered by all.

From all the staff and children at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School, we would like to say a huge Thank you to Mark and offer our best wishes for your future.

All information for upcoming residential trips has now been sent out via Parentmail. If you have any further enquiries, your child's class teacher will be happy to answer them, or contact the school office on 01822 616044 or admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk.

Please can I remind parents and carers that nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies. We have a delicious variety of nutritious food on offer cooked by our in house kitchen team, or you are welcome to bring your child in a packed lunch which I encourage you to keep balanced and with healthy options.

Finally, term dates for the next academic year have been finalised, and we will be welcoming children back to school from Summer Holidays on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

Mrs L Handel
Headteacher

Year 5 Garden Day

As part of the geography curriculum, Year 5 have been learning how contour lines are used to show changes in the elevation of land. As well as playing some orienteering games, they had great fun on their garden day last week, using contour lines to build mountains and add features from the surrounding natural environment. The resulting mountain range looked amazing!



After many years of working with the children and staff of Tavistock Primary and Nursery School, Mark Wickett has sadly decided to 'hang up his boots' and retire. Although we know that Mark will appreciate the extra time he will now have, we will all miss him and his enthusiastic PE sessions very much.

Mr Wickett has provided weekly PE skills sessions in TPNS to all of our age groups, developing the children's 'fundamental movement skills', enabling them to be better all-round participants in sport. His high expectations and focus on balance, movement and, above all 'good listening' have made a huge impact on so many children who have passed through our school over the years.

There can't be many people in the Tavistock community who have not benefitted from the holiday clubs, football training sessions or school PE sessions that Mr Wickett has delivered over the years and I am sure you will all join us all in thanking Mark for his amazing service to our school and the wider sporting community.

THANK YOU AND OUR VERY BEST WISHES MARK!



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Dates for Your Diary

- > Feb 21st half term week begins
- > Week commencing 28th March Y4 residential trip to Dartmoor
- > 11th April Easter Hols
- > Week commencing 9th May Y5 residential trip to London
- > Monday 2nd May school closed for bank holiday
- > May 30th half term week begins
- > Week commencing 27th June Y6 residential trip to Porthpean
- > Friday July 22nd School Closed

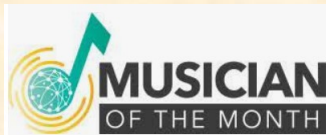
Garden Days

Year 3
Thursday 10th February

Year 6 (Class 15)
Tuesday 1st February

Year 6 (Class 14)
Thursday 3rd February

Year 2
Thursday 17th February



February is finally here! Our new Musician of the Month is 'The

Queen of Soul', Aretha Franklin. She is one of the biggest-selling music artists of all time, having sold over 75 million records worldwide. Heavily involved in the civil and women's rights movements, her songs "Respect" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman" have become anthems for social change.



Due to allergies, we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or nut based foods.

REMINDER

When parking, please remember that our car park is for **STAFF PARKING ONLY**.

Please do not park at the Clinic opposite as this parking is reserved for their patients.

Playground Reminder

Our playground is very busy before and after school and to help keep our children safe, we have the following rules in place:

- Please can parents arrive **NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES** before school starts
- Please can parents leave immediately after they have dropped off or picked up
- **If you have asked an older sibling from the college to collect your child, please remind them they must come ALONE and not bring a group of friends.**
- **Please do not ask college children to meet you in our playground.**

Many thanks,

Mrs H Alexander (Deputy Headteacher)

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Simply open Amazon Smile and search for **Tavistock Community Primary Home School Association** or search for us by our registered charity number **1108467** to select our school as your chosen charity.

What is the donated money used for? To advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: (1) developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school; (2) engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

James Medland Music

Hi, my name is James Medland, I have over 20 years experience as a drummer and musician, and have taught many children to play the drums and guitar for their own enjoyment. I am looking forward to bringing my experience to Tavistock Primary school, where I shall be offering one-to-one 20 minute lessons to children in all years. Each lesson will cost £7 and must be paid half termly in advance. I hope to start after the February half term, on Tuesday the 1st of March, starting at 1pm, and running til 4:30pm. Children will need their own drum sticks but will play on the school drum kit, I shall also be offering guitar lessons on a similar basis, one-to-one, for a 20 minute lesson, teaching basic skills to enable children to play for their own enjoyment. They can learn on their own instrument or use my acoustic or electric guitars for lessons.

Please contact me on j.medland32@gmail.com for more information or to book lessons for your child.



Fancy a free swim?

Half term is just around the corner and Meadowlands Leisure Centre has a great program of activities to help unwind and work on physical and mental wellbeing. They are very kindly offering our children and their parents a FREE pass (gym or lane swim).

To take advantage of this offer, simply scan the QR code (left) and fill out the quick online form.

Kents Cavern

Our young scientists in Year 3 went to visit Kents Cavern this week. They saw prehistoric cave systems with interesting natural rock formations and learnt all about how ancient humans lived, sheltered from extreme weather, made fires, shaped tools and hunted prehistoric Ice Age Animals.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

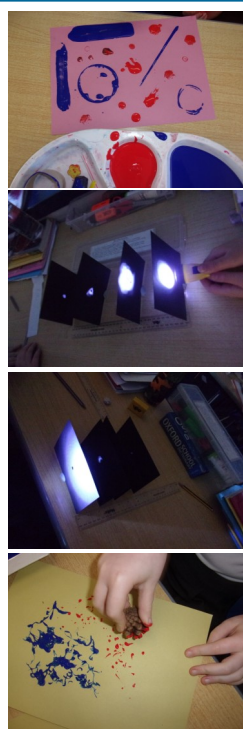
With Covid 19 cases on the rise nationally, please remember it is Government advice to continue to undertake a lateral flow test regularly. Please inform the school if you receive any positive test results. If you have not yet had your vaccine or booster jab, please consider booking in for it.

Let's all do our bit to get through this!

Year 6 Science

In science we have been proving that light travels in straight lines. In our next lesson we will prove that white light is actually made up of colours.

This was our first lesson in a sequence of learning based around printing. We experimented with the marks that different everyday objects could make. We are going to progress onto mono printing, using the work of Elizabeth Catlett as inspiration.



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-Only children whose parents want to be able to contact them because they walk home alone, should be bringing a phone into school.

-They must be handed into the office AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL and they should be switched off.

-They should be collected from the office AFTER they have been released by their class teacher at the end of the day.



You will need:

- Vegetable Oil
- Food colouring
- Baking soda
- Vinegar

1. In a 1L bottle/cup add 3 tablespoons of baking soda.
2. Fill 2/3 of the bottle/cup with oil.
3. In a smaller container add some vinegar and 3 drops of food colouring.
4. Add the solution of vinegar and food colouring to the bigger container, slowly and watch what happens!
5. For even better results, use a phone torch underneath the bottle to light it up and achieve the famous lava lamp glow.



Current Covid Guidance

- Get vaccinated and get your booster dose
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer
- Get tested and self-isolate if required

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

You should conduct a Lateral Flow or PCR test if you have any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should self-isolate straight away if:

- You've tested positive for Covid 19

Please do not send your child to school if they are testing positive for Covid-19. Please also contact the school to report any positive cases.

Given it a try? Send us a photo to share on our Social Media pages!