



Glen Park Weekly Newsletter

Success for all, through
learning together.....

A big thank you to all those parents and carers who attended the Meet the Teacher evening we held last week. I hope that you found the meeting informative and that you have acquired a better understanding of the routines and expectations in your child/s new class.

Copies of the topic coverage maps are available on our school website alongside dedicated year group pages which will provide further information about your child's year group. These can be found at www.glenpark.plymouth.sch.uk

Mayflower 400 –2020, a historic year commemorating a unique moment for Plymouth

Mayflower 400 will commemorate the 400 year anniversary of the historic journey of the Mayflower with an extensive programme of activities around the city. This will include a public commemoration event on September 16, 2020, the day the passengers left Plymouth on the Mayflower and set sail for America in 1620.

From cultural exhibitions, outdoor installations and live shows to community activities and sports programmes, there will be something for everyone during Mayflower 400 year.

Find out more...Go to www.mayflower400uk.org/plymouth to find out all about it and follow @mayflower400uk on social media.



School Attendance Consultation Survey

Penalty Notices can be used by schools to address unauthorised pupil absence. In order to issue a penalty notice the Local Authority must have a Code of Conduct that has been developed in consultation with Headteachers/Principals, Governing Bodies and the Chief of Police. Plymouth City Council is conducting a statutory consultation in relation to changes to the Code of Conduct. The proposal is to increase the threshold set within the Code of Conduct, from 8 unauthorised sessions (4 days) to 11 unauthorised sessions (5.5 days) and also use the school's attendance policy as a threshold, before a penalty notice can be issued. The Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended) require the Local Authority, to consult with governing bodies, Head Teachers and the Chief Officer of Police to develop the Code of Conduct. In addition to a consultation for changes to the Code of Conduct, Plymouth City Council is seeking views from the public and other stakeholders regarding the following:

- Aligning INSET days to straddle a weekend outside of term dates to provide a potential week's holiday for families when holidays are less expensive.
- Shortening the six-week summer holiday as a way of creating an additional week of holiday at another point in the year, potentially the October and May break. This would then provide a potential two weeks of holiday for families when holidays are less expensive.

If you would like to have a say, please download and complete PART TWO of the survey.

<https://www.glenpark.plymouth.sch.uk/parents/letters-home>

The deadline for response is 4:30pm on 30th September 2019. Survey responses should be emailed to schoolorganisation@plymouth.gov.uk.

This term in our Jigsaw work we will be exploring the theme of 'Being Me in My World'. This week work we will be recognising and celebrating children across the school who:



- Try to make our school community a better place

Learner of the Week Awards

A big well done to all the children who were nominated as learners of the week in their class last Friday, we are very proud of them all.



Year 1 Chaffinches - Zack Dent (For settling so well into Year 1 and overcoming any worries with a big smile!)

Year 1 Sparrows – Leo Hampton (For settling so quickly into the routines of Year 1).

Year 2 Skylarks – Maddison Woodman (For her enthusiasm in text mapping a letter to her teacher, with lots of great expression!)

Year 2 Swallows – Myles Bassett (For making a fantastic start to his time in Year 2).

Year 3 Blackbirds - Amelia Cook (For persevering with her portrait, even when she found it really difficult).

Year 3 Nightingales - Carter Smith (For trying really hard with his portrait work and practising his handwriting at home!)

Year 4 Kingfishers - Thomas Bridge (For being a careful listener, enabling him to be well organised for all of his learning).

Year 4 Woodpeckers - Angus Carmichael (For working independently and not giving up when faced by challenges in his learning).

Year 5 Puffins – Heidi (For a super start to Y5. She has shown a really positive attitude and loves reading for meaning activities).

Year 5 Kittiwakes – Maya Chapple (For being an outstanding role model, always being ready to learn and a great addition to Year 5).

Year 6 Buzzards - Evie Lynch (For having a great first week in year 6 and showing great attitude towards her learning).

Year 6 Barn Owls – Alfie Street (For helping others and being enthusiastic towards his learning).

Let's celebrate the launch of PANTS in Plymouth!

Where: Plymouth Life Centre/ Central Park (inside or outside, depending on the weather)

When: Saturday 28th September, 1-3 pm

Why: We're launching a city-wide Talk PANTS campaign to help keep children safe

Please come along and join us at our free event.

What's on: Guest appearance by Pantosaurus, Beat the Keeper with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust, Basketball with Plymouth Raiders, Craft activities for children and Storytime



Family afternoon Tennis at Plympton Tennis Club.

Tennis for all the family Sunday 22nd September from 2 to 4 p.m. at Plympton Tennis Club courts, (behind the library), in Harewood Park. Racquets and balls supplied. Cost is only £2 per child. Accompanying adult goes free. Free to children who are members. Come along and enjoy this fun activity.

