

W E E K L Y

NEWSLETTER

MAGDALEN
COURT SCHOOL



An exciting
snapshot from our
gymnastics lessons
this week!

SPRING TERM 1 – WEEK 4

Outdoor Ed

Next week, learners will be continuing to expand their knowledge of first aid - learning to recognise symptoms of heart attacks and strokes, as well as epilepsy. Please remind all learners to bring waterproof clothing.

Website and Newsletters

We have now launched the new website, and have had some lovely feedback so far about how it's looking! Moving forward, the weekly newsletters will also be published on the website under the 'News and Events' section.

Bake Sale

Seth, in Beech class, is organising a Bake Sale at lunchtime on 7th February to raise money for a gardening project. Classes on Outdoor Education that day will have early access to the bakes - which will include a variety of sandwiches and cakes, as well as vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options! If anyone would like to bring in cakes to sell, that would be very helpful! Well done Seth - we can't wait to see the results of the gardening project!

Lost Property

This week, a pair of grey crocs have appeared in Willow! Please check to see if these are missing - otherwise they will be rehomed!



Headteacher's Award

This week's Headteacher's Award is awarded to Neve in Larch class, for being an excellent role model.

Stars of the Week!



Oak - Rosie
Larch - Isabel
Beech - Harrison
Holly - Oliver
Elm - Beth
Hazel & Ash - Callan

Highlights from Food Tech

This week our practical lessons in KS3 have been focused on sweet treats; lemon polenta biscuits, hazelnut biscotti and orange, polenta cake. These recipes have been a lot of fun for learners as they practice zesting, squeezing lemons and using a standing mixer to form the dough. Holly class have earned chef of the week by demonstrating such excellent team work when making their biscotti, well done!

Hazel & Ash continued with savoury dishes, a classic homemade meatballs in tomato sauce and stuffed sweet peppers. Next week BTEC learners will be making variations of veggie and meat stuffed sweet peppers. Year 8 will be making a classic lemon, rosemary and chicken stew, finally, Oak class will be making Italian inspired pastry parcels.



Strike Action

We would like to clarify that there are currently no plans for the school to be impacted by the national strike action next week.

Footballs

Please could you ensure that personal footballs are not brought into school from home. We have a wide selection of activities available for lunchtime and sensory breaks, and therefore learners do not need to bring their own personal items.

This week, Holly have been creating magazine articles on a variety of settings, including deserts and the Arctic. We've included some of their fantastic work below!

The Weather in the Arctic - Oliver

Temperatures vary -12 to -6 in the arctic with long cold winters and short cool summers. The north pole is cold because it is far away from the Equator.

The arctic is a mountainous area with a LOT of plant life and small and large land mammals alike.

In the Antarctic you can expect to see up to 150km/h of wind. But with this tremendous wind speed comes extreme temperatures averaging around -76 degrees Fahrenheit. Although it is windy here it is also the driest place on earth.

Do you like the sound of that?

Have you ever wanted to visit the Sahara desert - Mae

If you're looking for an adventure then head this way into the Sahara desert and you shall be able to share great memories. Can you be brave?

The Sahara desert is a place full of great joy and pleasure. If you like exploring then read more to find out. This article will take you through an exciting adventure to help you learn more about deserts since Climate change is impacting our beautiful planet Earth everyday. For this reason we want to capture the last sites before it's all gone. The desert is so rare and an interesting place to discover.

The South Pole - Zac

The south pole might not have as diverse wildlife as the north pole but it is just as spectacular. It is home to many amazing things, such as the penguins that will travel up to a mile to find food at sea.

And the walrus that can weigh anywhere from 1,500 to 2,300 pounds.

Do you know what to do if you see a polar bear?

if a polar bear sees you, you should stand your ground and shout "hey bear!" at it
Try to look as big as possible, by standing on a rock or stump
Only back away when the bear stops approaching.
If the bear gets too close, get your bear spray out.

Safeguarding

This week, we have welcomed our new Safeguarding Officer - Jane Kendall. Jane is really enjoying getting to know the learners, as well as the whole Magdalen Court community. She has also recommended a series of online workshops for families to help develop communication with 11-25 year olds. These sessions are completely free and take place through February and March. More information is available on the following page.

The Way We Talk

Online Family Sessions

New Sessions in February and March

Our friendly and interactive 2 hour online workshop sessions explore how to support 11-25 year olds with their communication needs



To attend our FREE sessions, contact:
08082 810155 / info@youngdevon.org

How can I communicate effectively with my young person?

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thursday 23rd February | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm |
| Saturday 25th February | 10am-12pm |
| Monday 27th February | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm / 5-7pm |
| Thursday 2nd March | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm |
| Monday 6th March | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm / 5-7pm |
| Thursday 9th March | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm |
| Saturday 11th March | 10am-12pm |
| Monday 13th March | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm / 5-7pm |

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How do I look after myself, to better look after my young person?

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| Thursday 9th February | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm |
| Saturday 11th February | 10am-12pm |
| Monday 13th February | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm / 5-7pm |
| Thursday 16th February | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm |
| Monday 20th February | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm / 5-7pm |

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What's going on when my young person disengages or behaves in a way that I find challenging?

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| Monday 20th March | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm / 5-7pm |
| Thursday 23rd March | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm |
| Saturday 25th March | 10am-12pm |
| Monday 27th March | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm / 5-7pm |
| Thursday 30th March | 10am-12pm / 1-3pm |

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