

E A S T E R

NEWSLETTER



END OF TERM!

Well done everyone

We have had a brilliant start to 2025. Our Spring term has seen new teachers, new classes and new friends. We've had lots of careers trips and events, including our own Careers Fair, football tournaments, the school Boccia tournament and plenty more excitement of various kinds - so here is a newsletter to remember and celebrate together.

Headteacher's Award



This week the Headteacher's Award goes to **Jack M** for engaging with SALT sessions and being a role model

Dates for the diary

Back to school: Monday 28th April
Coffee morning: Elm Class 15th May
Summer Fair: Friday 27th June

E N D O F T E R M

NOTICES

Outdoor Ed next term

All parents/carers should receive a Dojo message with details of Outdoor Ed plans for next term. These include canoeing and kayaking, mountain biking, beach visits and more (see plan for details of which age groups are attending various activities)!



These can also be found on our website here:

<https://www.magdalencourt.org/page/?title=Outdoor+Education&pid=62>

School aged vaccinations
Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ Flu - reception - year 11
- ✓ MMR - catch up
- ✓ HPV - year 8 - year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - year 9 - year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) - year 9 - year 11

Did you miss us?
We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Delivered by Kernow Health CIC

Flu
MMR
HPV
Meningitis ACWY
DTP

For more information, scan the QR code, or call us to speak with a member of our team

Call us on **01392 342678**
kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

MEL'S MEMO!

A reminder to all Year 8 parents to register their child for the HPV vaccinations - details were sent at the beginning of March. This is also a catch-up session for Year 9-11 students who haven't had the vaccination yet.

Please can all parents/carers inform the office before 8:15 if their child is absent due to sickness. This can be done via email or leaving a voicemail. Please note that office staff don't have access to Class Dojo - this is for communicating with teachers only.

O U T D O O R E D

HIGHLIGHTS

We've been busy on Outdoor Ed - from bouldering to caving and climbing. A particular highlight has been enjoying our new mountain bikes and trikes, we've had a brilliant time up at Haldon putting them to good use!

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Spring term has seen plenty of Sports action both in PE lessons and at special events.



We've continued to improve our football skills with help from Exeter City Community Trust, and have taken teams to external tournaments where our teams showed great sportsmanship.

Last Friday we took a year7/8 team to play 2 matches, which are part of a mini tournament that sees the teams play 2 matches a term, adding up to a league across the whole year!

The children won their first game 1-0 and lost their second 1-0, despite how well they played. Player of the tournament was Tommy L, for a brilliant performance in defence in his first match for the school!

This term we held our first annual Boccia tournament, with classes forming teams and competing in a knock-out tournament each week

We held our final today between Holly and 'HMH', a team formed from members of Holly, Hazel and Maple. We also had guest appearances from some substitute players from Olive class, thanks to them for stepping in last minute!

HMH won the tournament, finishing the final with a score of 2-1 after a very close game. Well done to everyone and especially for their great sporting behaviour!



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This year we introduced sports achievement awards at the end of each term, to recognise learners who have worked hard in PE, shown good skills and made progress, and tried hard to show good sporting behaviour. Here are this term's award winners!

Larch - Aleksandra Szczadrak

Birch - Jack Marillier

Oak - William Rogers

Ash - Louis Lee & Emmerson Lee-Furminger

Aspen - Marcus Chapman

Elm - Noah Odgers & Ethan Romeril-Jones

Juniper - Ashley Radmore

Lime - Isaac Holme

Holly - Beth Billing & Junior Howard

Maple - Kai Ward

Olive - Dainton Stevens & Cameron Price

Hazel - Neve Kelland

Beech - Phoebe Kennedy & Charlotte Bryant



C L A S S

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LARCH

Larch class have been learning about light in science and have used their creative talents to make new sunshades, lamps and periscopes. They combined their understanding of reflective materials to create a periscope to see around corners. Our class tested different materials and methods to make eye protection from the sun and used different materials to make mini lava lamps.



OAK

Jackson fashioned himself a lovely moss moustache - very creative!

LIME

This term, learners have shown increased focus and aptitude towards their learning, with the aim of achieving positive GCSE grades. The elevation of apprehensiveness and stress induced by the examinations has been met with opportunities to engage with alternative activities such as travel training, design technology, sporting and community events.

Good luck to all those partaking in exams next term.



BEECH

This term we have worked on Non-Chronological reports on Tsunamis; researching key facts and planning carefully how to present them clearly and using formal, technical language. Here is a brilliant example!

Tsunami

A tsunami is a type of tidal wave caused by the sudden movement of water. They reach the speed of 800KMPH. A tsunami is normally the size of a house. A tsunami hight can be up to 98ft or thirty metres.

Tsunami
Soo-nab-mi
津波

A Tsunami in a landside

A tsunami can be caused by both landsides. Both on land and under the sea. Though tsunamis can also be caused by a submarine landside.

FUN FACT:

A Tsunami is a Japanese word 津波 meaning harbour wave

Tsunami Earthquake

A tsunami in Japan was so dangerous 19,759 deaths happened in Fukushima (Japan). The tsunami caused a leak in the power-plant. Today Fukushima is not a safe place to live.

Made by Hokusai

The Great Wave off Kanagawa



GLOSSARY

Earthquake meaning: A sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great destruction.

Landside meaning: A collapse of a mass of earth or rock from a mountain or cliff.

T H E R A P Y

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We've had a great term as a therapy team, sharing information with parents and staff to support our young people in their growth physically and emotionally. We've added some resources to the school website Therapy page - check them out at: <https://www.magdalencourt.org/page/?title=Therapies&pid=12>



Every Thursday we open the Therapy Room for 'Singing Lunch'. We are learning some simple chords on some school ukuleles as well as enjoying a really good sing along to some favourite tunes. This term we have been enjoying Three Little Birds by Bob Marley, Shotgun by George Ezra. Stick Season by Noah Kahan and just recently started Blank Space by Taylor Swift.

The children really enjoy coming and their singing confidence is growing and growing! We are looking to start another group on Tuesdays for children who attend Outdoor Ed on a Thursday.



FOOD TECH

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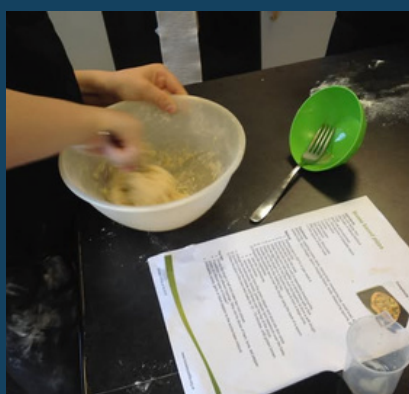
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Well, what a busy and productive week it has been in Food Tech. This spring term has gone so quickly and there has been some truly wonderful food being produced by all year groups, well done!

Larch class made a delicious zesty salmon pilaf, learners practiced knife skills whilst preparing vegetables which were gently fried with aromatic spices before adding bulgur wheat and hot water. The salmon and lemon zest was added right at the end of the cooking time to produce a beautifully steamed piece of fish. Learners in Birch class completed a fantastic cheesy garlic bread, demonstrating their breadmaking skills they had learned during the course of the term. Oak class made pizza calzone with chorizo, tender stem broccoli and a home made sauce. Ash class produced some wonderful bread based Margherita pizza from scratch, with a home made sauce. Elm and Aspen prepared a scone based pizza a great way to prepare a quick meal with zero proving time, learners also summarised their learning from this terms focus which was the scone method. Olive class spent some time updating their coursework presentations and some practiced their assessment recipes. Hazel class prepared a classic Bombay potato recipe celebrating warm, comforting spices and a good quick of ginger and chilli. Learners in Holly and Lime also made Bombay potatoes and some individuals completed their final practical assessments, really well done. It has been wonderful to see the continued effort and progress KS4&5 learners have made with their Level 2 - BTEC Home Cooking Skills.

Next term, Larch class will be preparing dinner recipes practicing knife skills and managing the cooker hobs. Birch class will be preparing pasta dishes. Oak and Ash class will prepare savoury delights; kofta, curries and stir fry. Aspen, Elm and Beech class will prepare recipes from around the world; chilli con carnie, fajita etc. Learners in Juniper and Alley House will select their Level 1 Home Cooking Skills assessment recipe and begin to write shopping lists, recipe cards and practice their chosen recipes. Olive class will also complete their Level 1 assessment coursework and final practical assessments. Level 2 learners in Hazel, Maple, Lime and Holly will be making BBQ style recipes; burgers, spare ribs, coleslaws and kebabs. Our KS4/5 leavers will be finishing off their Level 2 course work and final practical assessments.



Getting

to

know

you!

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I am delighted to introduce myself as the new class teacher for Juniper Class. My name is Adam Newland, and I am excited to join this fantastic school community and get to know both you and your children.

I am really looking forward to joining Magdalen Court School after Easter and working with the team, young people, and their families.



A little bit about me:

My favourite dinosaur is a triceratops – I think their frill around the horns looks like a bonnet!

My favourite TV show is grand designs – but I often skip the middle part and watch the end where they show you the house!

My favourite food has got to be Xiaolongbao – soup dumplings!

My favourite dog breed is a cockapoo! I have a 15-month-old cockapoo called Otis.

My favourite colour is Yellow, sunflower yellow! I love sunflowers and think that yellow is a happy colour!

My favourite movie is Cool Runnings! I have fond memories of watching this when I was younger, and it always makes me smile.

I put the cereal in the bowl first – I love cereal!

I loved Disney films as a kid – I still do! I love the Pixar branch!

My dream holiday spot would be India! The colours, the food, culture, and history!

I think my favourite state in America would be Hawaii, the surf dream!

I want to work with staff and children who work as a team to ensure that each child gets the education and school experience they deserve – When I came to visit Magdalen Court, I felt this! I am excited to join you on your journey.

My top interests include weight training, surfing, and hiking! I like to keep moving, I am not very good at sitting still.

My favourite SpongeBob character has got to be Patrick – all he wants to do is help and keep people happy.



Our Values
Stars of the Week

Respect
&
Resilience

Health
&
Happiness

Kindness
&
Independence

The value this term has been **happiness**, and we've seen some great examples of this quality in school this week.

Larch

Lukas for bringing joy and happiness to Larch class

Olive

Dainton for settling in well and maintaining a positive attitude

Elm

Billy for being in the right place at the right time

Maple

Seth for his positive approach to lessons and a great sense of humour

Lime

Lidia for being a positive member of Lime class

Hazel

Oscar McA for being consistently engaged this week and fostering more positive interactions with those around him

Beech

Maisie Boxhall for her infectious smile and positivity

Holly

Beth for being an inspirational Boccia captain

Ash

Holly to wish her happiness on her birthday today!

Birch

Louie for filling the class with smiles and laughter

Oak

William for having fun with the simple things on Outdoor Ed

Aspen

Callum for having a positive attitude and a constant smile!