



## An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents

You will have heard that a test paper intended for use with y2 children this year has had to be withdrawn following its publication in error on the DfE website. This is perhaps an indication of the haste with which the government has tried to bring in a new assessment regime alongside the more technical requirements of their new national curriculum. It definitely underlines the transitional state of all the tests this year: the assessment process itself is as much under examination as the children! It is only the SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) test that has had to be cancelled, but whilst other subjects will be going ahead I can only assure parents at Marlborough that we will manage the time as calmly as usual: we don't have to apply strict 'test conditions' and the children generally are hardly aware that they are taking them.

It is of course, a little different for ks2 children as tests are timed and follow stricter rules. This year for them too the tests reflect the new curriculum: although this has only been in place for 18 months, the tests are supposed to reflect the children's four years of junior learning. Even the grading system has changed as we no longer use levels to indicate achievement. Our message for the children is that this is an opportunity for them to show off what they can do and they've been preparing very positively... so, take the SATs very seriously, but don't worry!

Some parents have mentioned the 'letthekidsbekids' campaign and the possibility of taking action next week. From a well-considered email (sent by a parent who does not have children at Marlborough) I believe there is a town event expressing many concerns we share. If you are intending on joining this, please inform the school in writing: I have been advised that as headteacher I would be unable to authorise any such absence.



### Champion

Congratulations and a huge well done to **Zak** for winning last week's Cornwall School Games county **Aquathlon** final!

### Fab Fridays

This term's sessions are mainly focussed on outdoor learning and so they could involve getting muddy! Therefore please wear outdoor clothing and bring your wellies every Friday.

**This Friday is y1's a Cake Bake in class 2 at 14:00.**

Last Week				Total		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fox	29	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	Swiftsure	11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pelham	27	5	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chichester	10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swiftsure	24	4	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fox	9
4 <sup>th</sup>	Chichester	23	3	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pelham	8
5 <sup>th</sup>	Freeling	20	2	5 <sup>th</sup>	Freeling	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	Walsingham	15	1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Walsingham	2



### News From The Kitchen

This term we have seen the happy return of our salad bar, though coming back in a slightly different form. Because the soup option has been so popular, we will be keeping this one day a week (Mondays to start off with), as before served with Stones Bakery's bread and raw veggie sticks. The rest of the week will then see a cold 'option three' main dish choice, served buffet style in the hall with a range of different salads, depending on what suits the main part and what's available to us that day. The main parts will be things like quiches, sandwiches, wraps, scotch eggs and pasta salads and will vary each week, we'll probably try out quite a few to see what works well and settle into a rhythm.

In order to ensure our pupils have a healthy plateful, we will insist that if they have chosen option three that they have the main part of the meal, there will be more flexibility and choice when it comes to what they would like to put with it out of the range of salads. We think it's a good idea to mix it up throughout the week with all the different options to make the most of the range of different foods on offer here.

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