

# Atlantic Academy Primary

## Newsletter



## Developing Character, Confidence and Commitment

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Dear Parents,



Welcome Back! We certainly kicked off the week in style as we saw the return to local school trips when Year 5 and 6 went sailing. A thank you to the Andrew Simpson Centre who accommodated us and supported us in ensuring the trip met all our current Health and Safety guidelines. Everyone had a wonderful time, even if it was a little chilly!

### Outside space Developments

This week, we had the pleasure of meeting with representatives from both the Atlantic PTA and a local charity, Island Community Action, to discuss plans around the creation of a new outdoor space for students.

The area will be made up of different spaces reflecting Portland's unique landscape - from sea to stone - and will offer a fun and immersive space for students to develop their knowledge, passion and respect for the environment.

The plans include a wildlife area and growing space, three large beach huts and a small stone amphitheater. This will give students the chance to put on exhibitions and performances, as well as getting outside - growing veg, bug hunting and soaking up the sights and sounds of nature - as part of their school day and through enrichment activities. There will also be opportunities for the space to be used by the wider community.

We have been lucky enough to have received seed funding from Tesco and Goulds garden centre, plus an offer of practical support from the Community Service workers. We will be seeking additional help to complete the work, including sponsorship from local businesses. The plans look amazing and I'm very excited to have this project taking place at Atlantic.

We have a busy week next week which will be rounded off with our Key Stage one May Fair. It's disappointing that we are unable to have parents to enjoy the performances but we will be sure to share pictures and videos on our social media channels.

Have a wonderful weekend - enjoy the sunshine, it looks set to be a glorious one.

*Miss Heppell*

### Heroes of the Week

To enjoy our virtual Heroes assembly, [please click here](#)

Congratulations to all our heroes this week

### Calendar of Events

#### April

30th April - Year R-2 May Fair and Maypole dancing

#### June

8th June - World Oceans Day

24th June - Reports home

24th June - Virtual Parents Evening

#### July

6th July - Transition Day

8th July - Sports Day

WB 12th July Open days

15th July - Dance Day

17th July - Summer Fair

21 July - Year 5 and 6 Summer Performance

Please note, all dates are provisional and are subject to change depending on local restrictions,



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