



PLYMOUTH COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION

No school is an island and Plymouth College Prep School plays a very active and valuable role in the local, and wider, community. This support is provided in a variety of ways.

FACILITIES

The school has a number of excellent facilities that are available for others to hire. These include:

- 1. Theatre**
hired out for dance/ballet lessons
hired out for concerts
used in the summer holidays by a Theatre Group
Scott Medical & Healthcare College
- 2. Sports Hall**
available for hire throughout the week
currently used by Plymouth University Fencing Club
Scott Medical & Healthcare College
- 3. School Field**
available for use by local football teams
Scott Medical & Healthcare College
- 4. Chapel**
available for concerts and other performances
available for weddings and Christenings (with special permission)
used by a local choir
used for Millfields Estate summer fair
- 5. Classrooms**
a range of rooms are available for language schools during the school holidays
- 6. Conference Room**
used for Millfields' Trust meetings
used by the Royal Naval Hospital Society
- 7. School**
Used by Royal Navy Hospital Society
Used By Millfields Trust

CHARITY

The children are encouraged to think about a wide range of issues and support a number of charities. To date, these include:

NSPCC, WWF, RNLI, NCH, Barnardo's, CLIC, St Luke's Hospice, Children in Need

The School acts as the host venue for the Plymouth WI providing facilities and catering, and the Plymouth Philharmonic Choir. The school is regularly used for meetings of The Millfields Trust. The school also provides a Christmas tree for the Theatre Royal.

A wide range of smaller charities are supported as suggested by pupils. e.g. cake stalls organised by the children for Woodside Animal Shelter, and recently local charities supporting youngsters who have become paralysed.

ARTS

The School has been the host venue for the Plymouth Festival and pupils regularly take part in this and the Saltash Festival. A nationally based theatre group uses the theatre and music rooms in the Summer holidays. The Theatre and Conference Room have been hired to outside musicians for concerts. The Plymouth Philharmonic Choir uses the Chapel for some rehearsals.

Our pupils take part in a wide variety of Arts clubs in the local area including Plymkids, Theatre Royal Drama Club, local children's choirs and local dance groups.

SPONSORSHIP OF A LOCAL PUPIL

We are keen to sponsor a local child from the community on a full scholarship. This is awarded to a child who joins our Kindergarten on the nursery vouchers scheme and qualifies by being a pupil who lives locally, could not otherwise afford to come to the school but will benefit hugely from the opportunities on offer. It is fully means tested and we have four pupil on the scheme at present.

Links with Local Nursery Schools

We invite local nurseries to attend activity days at our sports hall and have offered our chapel to these schools for their Carol Services and other key events.

COMMUNITY LINKS

Apart from the availability of facilities to the community, we are also involved in a number of community events:

- Pupils have attended restoration sessions at Ford Park cemetery
- The choir visits local rest homes at Christmas to sing Carols and at Easter to entertain residents
- Proceeds from Harvest Festival are distributed to local charities
- Representatives from the Armed Forces are invited to attend our Remembrance Service
- Pupils at the school help raise money for facilities at the school in the Gambia which is supported by the senior school
- Many of our pupils are involved with local sports groups, cubs/brownies and theatre groups
- The school maintains links with a primary school in France with children writing pen letters

VISITS

The pupils take part in a wide range of visits to the local area. These include: Exeter Museum; Plymouth Museum; Theatre Royal; Paignton Zoo; Morwellham Quay;

Cotehele House; Mount Edgumbe; Pennywell Farm; Wembury Beach; Plymouth Aquarium; Plymouth Hoe.

Every year our eldest pupils visit the council chambers as part of their PHSE work on community.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

We encourage a wide range of outside speakers to visit the school. These have included specialist speakers and parents who come to talk to the pupils about their work. Visits have been made by – Police, Fire Service, Royal Air Force, Navy and the RNLI.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS

The School offers work experience placements through Trident for students from other schools. Our own senior students can also do their Duke of Edinburgh service element here assisting with reading support on Friday afternoons. We currently have two overseas gap year students who assist with games lessons.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

At our Celebration Assembly at the end of every week we celebrate all that the children have achieved and this always involves local groups such as sports teams/Cubs/Brownies.

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