



North Molton Primary School

*'Love learning, learn well'*

Friday 7th February 2025

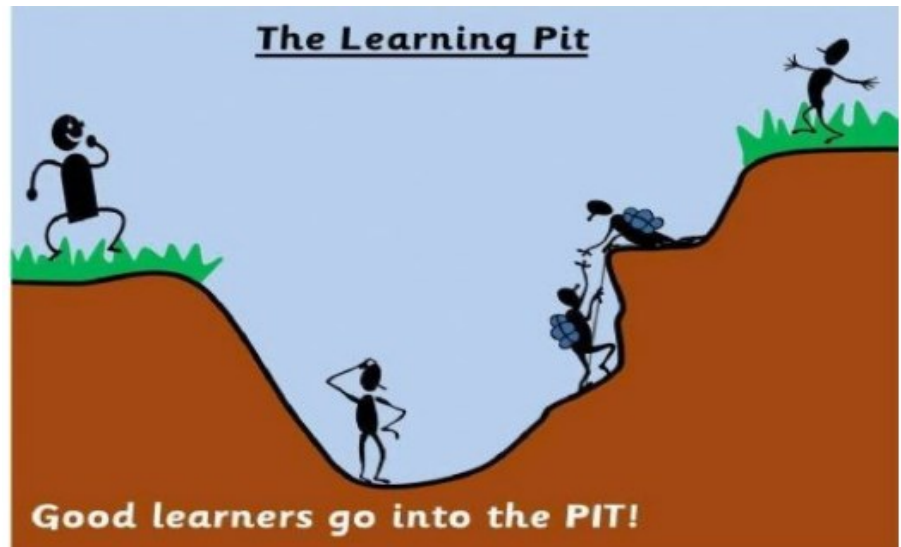


## Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

This week we deepened our **"learning about learning"** by delving into **The Learning Pit**.

The children know that to grow their brains smarter they must get their neurons firing and connecting. They know that their neurons fire most rapidly when we do difficult, challenging things.



This week we unpicked this key learning image, the learning pit.

To learn new, difficult things we must go into the learning pit. This will probably make us feel a bit nervous, anxious or excited and those emotions are really normal. We must not let those emotions stop us trying and going into the pit. When we are in the learning pit, we are stuck and grabbling with the new learning. We know we must not give up as our neurons will stop firing and then no connection can be made.

Please support your child by asking them when they have been in the learning pit this week and most importantly, what they did when they were in the pit.

We will continue to develop these learning strategies in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend and good luck if you are playing rugby against Bideford RFC!

Mr Pennington  
(Acting Headteacher)



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## School News

### Parents Evening - W/C Monday 10th February

We would like to remind you that next week teachers will be holding parents evening appointments for Robins, Kestrels and Owls, Falcons and Sparrowhawk class. If you still have not booked an appointment with your child's class teacher you can do this by using the MCAS app and selecting the 'parent evening' tab.

## School Clubs

Below is a summary of clubs for next week. All clubs must be booked in advance.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SCIENCE AFTERSCHOOL CLUB NEXT WEEK DUE TO PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS.**

| Day                     | Morning                 | Afterschool  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Monday 10th February    | Breakfast Club from 8am |  |
| Tuesday 11th February   | Breakfast Club from 8am | Maths Club with Mrs Hawkins<br>3.15pm - 4.15pm<br><b>YEAR 6 ONLY</b>           |
| Wednesday 12th February | Breakfast Club from 8am | Gymnastics Club with Mrs Shaw<br>3.15pm - 4.15pm<br>Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 |
| Thursday 13th February  | Breakfast Club from 8am | Netball/Basketball with Mr Joslin<br>3.15pm - 4.15pm<br>Year 3 - 6             |
| Friday 14th February    | Breakfast Club from 8am |  |



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**\*\*TONIGHT\*\* PTA Events \*\*TONIGHT\*\***

**NORTH MOLTON PTA**

PRESENTS



**RACE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2025 : DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
FOOD SERVED FROM 6:30PM : RACES START AT 7PM  
AT NORTH MOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FREE ENTRY**

**ARTISAN PIZZA AND BAR**

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## **Dates for the Diary**

### **2025**



| Date               | Event                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7 February         | PTA Race Night Event                |
| W/C 10 February    | Parents Evening Meetings            |
| 17 - 21 February   | February Half Term Break            |
| 24 February        | Non Pupil Day                       |
| 25 - 27 February   | Scholastic Book Fair                |
| 5 - 7 March        | Yr 5/6 Residential Trip to London   |
| 5 March            | World Book Day                      |
| 31 March - 2 April | Whole School Art Exhibition         |
| 7 - 21 April       | Easter Holidays                     |
| 22 April           | First Day of Summer Term            |
| 1 - 2 May          | Falcons Residential to Pinkery Pond |
| 5 May              | Bank Holiday                        |
| 26 - 30 May        | May Half Term Holiday               |
| 26 June            | Sports Day                          |
| 2 - 3 July         | Year 6 Transition Days to SMCC      |
| 4 July             | Reserve Sports Day                  |
| 7 - 8 July         | Reception Parents Evenings          |
| 14 July            | Non Pupil Day                       |
| 15 July            | Year 6 Leavers Trip TBC             |
| 18 July            | Whole School Music Celebration      |
| 23 July            | Year 6 Leavers Assembly             |
| 23 July            | Last Day of Academic Year           |
| 24 July            | Start of Summer Holidays            |



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## *News from the Village and Local Community*

### **Little Nippers Baby and Toddler Group:**

Becky Rottenbury is running a Baby and Toddler group in the Methodist Hall on a Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am during term time. This is a free group with tea and coffee alongside activities and toys for the little ones. The poster is on our website in the newsletter section

### **Friday Club:**

The next Friday club session will be, Friday 14th February, 6-8pm. Meeting at South Molton Town hall at 6pm and collection from the Methodist Church at the top of Duke Street at 8pm.

The first part of the evening will be spent at the Town Hall where we will be shown around the Assembly rooms and adjoining rooms by the Town Clerk and one of the Councillors who will explain what the various rooms are used for, including where the present Town Council meet, formerly the Town's Court room!

From there, we will make our way to the Methodist Church Hall for refreshments and, time allowing games/activities.

For any queries regarding Friday club, please contact Rosemarie Courtney (07944 243866).

**N.B.** We have a fb group, 'North Molton Friday Club'. It would be helpful if parents/grandparents of Years 3-6 children, interested in Friday Club, could join for communication purposes.

**Phonebox Library:** The village has converted the disused telephone box into a community library. It's a lovely library for the children to visit, take a book and recycle the ones they are finished with.

The village phone box library has a lovely selection of **children's books** as well.

### **The Saunders Good Samaritans Trust:**

If anyone is struggling and needs any help please contact this local charity that is available to support residents in our local community. For more information please contact Rose Courtney (740382) who lives in the village.