



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

June 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

The second half of the summer term is always a time where we pause for reflection and recognise that a period of impending change is heading towards us. At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to our current and wonderful Year 6 pupils; at the same time we will be introduced to those children who will be joining us as they begin their formal education for the first time on entry to our Reception classes.

Before all of that, however, we have a full and busy six weeks ahead of us.

## Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrated, in great style, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The day started with a special assembly. Ava Sturridge-Packer, a member of the school's Governing Board, told us all about her visit to Buckingham Palace where she received an MBE from the Queen for her services to education. Mrs. Sturridge-Packer also showed us a video recording of the ceremony.

There was an alfresco lunch held in the style of a street party and this was followed by 'street' games from down the years of the Queen's reign.



In the afternoon, Year 6 recreated the Coronation in front of the whole school (who cheered and waved their flags throughout).

We ended our special and momentous Jubilee celebrations with the whole school singing the National Anthem. The children also signed the words using British Sign Language (BSL). This has been taught to all the children (and staff) in school from Reception to Year 6, by one of our fabulous parents, Faye Bryant-Myers.



## Registration for Grammar Schools in September 2023

If your child is currently in Year 5 and you would like them to sit the entrance exam for grammar school entry to Year 7 in September 2023, then please register online using the link below. .

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

The closing date for registering is 4.00 pm on Thursday 30th June 2022. The test itself will take place on Saturday 17th September 2022.

### Junior PCSOs

I am proud to announce Marsh Hill pupils will be taking part in the Junior PCSO scheme for the first time since before the Coronavirus pandemic.

This fabulous leadership initiative is a scheme developed by West Midlands Police and Neighbourhood Teams. The aim of the scheme is to empower schools to tackle and educate in the issues of parking, bullying and litter around their school sites. It is also to raise awareness of pupils, parents and drivers of the dangers that exist and to work together to ensure safer environments for us all.

I would like to thank PCSO Duncan Long for helping us and enlisting us on to this fabulous programme.

Well done to all the Year 5 pupils who applied for and were successful in being chosen to become Junior PCSOs. They are all great ambassadors for our school and we are all very proud of them. I was very impressed hearing them recite the Junior PCSO oath in front of PCSO Long and three other visiting officers earlier this week.

***I promise to serve West Midlands Police and Marsh Hill Primary School as a Junior PCSO with Integrity and Honour.***

***I will try my best at all times to be honest and trustworthy and help everyone that I meet.***



## **UDB Family Workshop**

Urban Devotion Birmingham (UDB) have been working with school throughout this academic year. UDB support pupils, parents and families in a variety of areas and ways: for example, this year they have delivered play therapy, group mentoring and counselling sessions in school.

This week they were in school to run a Family Space Workshop; where parents and carers help their children build self-esteem and confidence.

All the parents who attended said how much they had got out of the time spent in school with their children. This was summed up by one parent who said: "I really enjoyed the workshop and the children also enjoyed it. Thank you." The children themselves said that: "I enjoyed spending time with my brother"; "I liked drawing and making pictures."; "My favourite thing today was decorating a mug"; "I liked the snacks"; "My favourite thing was the play dough."

We look forward to working with Mel, Ruth, Emma and the Team again next year.

## **Holidays in Term Time**

I am receiving an increasing amount of requests from parents wanting to take their children out of school for holidays in term time. Please be aware that, unless there are exceptional circumstances, such requests will be denied in line with Department for Education guidelines. Should you choose to take your child/ren on holiday during term time without the school's permission you can be fined.

## **Year 3 Fathers' Day Assemblies**

Next week, Year 3 will perform special whole class assemblies on the theme of Fathers' Day. 3A will perform their assembly for the parents of pupils in Mrs. Aujla's class on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June and 3W will perform their assembly for the parents of pupils in Ms. Williamson's class on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. The assembly will be at 9.00 a.m. on both days.

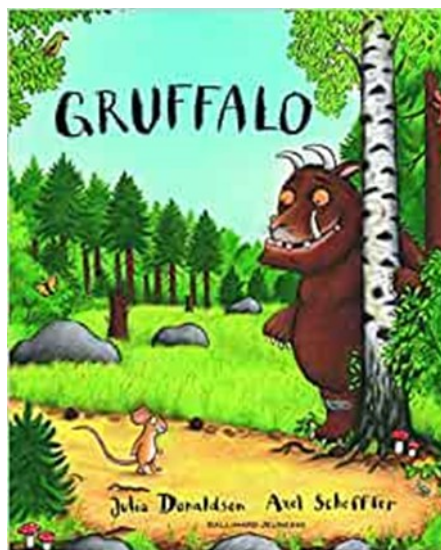
## Reading Inspirations

This week's recommendation comes from Mr. Moheen who is Assistant Head Teacher and SENDCo at Marsh Hill

***My favourite reading book of recent times is called 'The Gruffalo'. First published in 1999, The Gruffalo continues to be a popular read aloud book at home for me and my children. The author, Julia Donaldson, has written an amazing story with such strong rhythm and rhyme that it just begs to be read aloud. I have read it aloud so many times as a bedtime story that I now know it by heart!***

***Imagine the mouse's surprise when the monster of his imagination appears right before him in the woods and says, "You'll taste good on a slice of bread!" The clever mouse comes up with a strategy to convince the Gruffalo that he is "the scariest creature in this deep dark wood." How the mouse fools the Gruffalo after fooling the fox, the owl and the snake makes a very satisfying story.***

***So children, next time you see me I'd love to discuss your favourite part of the Gruffalo.***



I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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