

# Marsh Hill Newsletter

October 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Catherine Keast from the Birmingham Education Partnership along with History Subject Leaders from a range of Primary Schools, to witness the provision in History that Marsh Hill offers our children. I would like to thank Ms. Hodge for her proactive and inspired leadership in this area; and also Catherine for her kind words:

*A great day full of seeing history in action at the wonderful @marshill. Your staff and pupils have done you proud. Thank you for having me and I look forward to visiting again soon! @BEPvoice*



### Attendance

Last week, the Department for Education released attendance regards for this academic year so far. I am very pleased to inform you that Marsh Hill compares very favourably with the national picture.

	Marsh Hill	National
Whole School Attendance	96.4%	93.9%
Authorised Absence	2.75%	4.1%
Unauthorised Absence	0.84%	1.9%
Total Absence	3.59%	6.1%

Thank you to all parents who ensure that their children get into school on time, every school day. Additional congratulations should go to 1W, 3M, 6C and 6M, for their 100% attendance this term.

### Year 7 Places for September 2023

Parents of pupils in Year 6 must apply to their preferred choice of secondary school by **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. If you apply after this date it will be considered a late application which makes the chances of getting your preferred school less likely. This is because late applications will not be processed until after the offer of places on **March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**.

### Halloween Disco

I would like to thank all the children and parents who supported our Halloween Discos last week by buying tickets and coming along for a fabulous evening of fun, games and dancing. I extend particular thanks to our marvelous PTA, The Marsh Hill Heroes who organised and ran the whole event. Their commitment and support for the whole of our school community over the past two years has been an inspiration, and these types of events would simply not be able to go ahead without their enthusiasm and dedication. I am also grateful to those staff who helped supervise the EYFS/ks1 and ks2 discos.

Finally, many congratulations to Alayna, Phoebe, Mason, Harley, Shawaiz, Dylan and Freyah for winning the best costume prizes in their respective year groups.



### Poppy Appeal

After half term, Poppies will be on sale for a minimum donation of 30p each and will be sold with other memorabilia in the main hall at break time. Memorabilia is priced as below:

- Poppies - 30p
- Wristbands - £1
- Zip tags - 50p
- Snap bands - £1.50
- Reflective Poppies - 50p

All of the above will be on sale in school from the first day back after the half term break (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October) up to and including Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion to help them continue the vital work that they do in support of the Armed Forces communities across the UK, Allied Forces and the Commonwealth.

I would like to thank Mr. Brewer for organising the selling of poppies and associated memorabilia at Marsh Hill.

### **School Games Mark – Gold Award**

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark in recognition of our achievements in competitions and also the wealth and breadth of opportunities that we provide for pupils to compete in, with regard to competitive sport.

I would like to thank all the children who volunteer for these events and, especially, Ms. Coppock who is the driving force behind our involvement in after school events and who works tirelessly to ensure that we take part in so many sporting activities.



### **Author of the Month**

Continuing to promote a love of reading in school, we will be exploring an Author of the Month.

Each month all children will have the opportunity to vote for their author of the month during their library visit.

To start us off, author of the month for October is one of the bestselling children's authors today, David Walliams who released his new book, Space Boy in September. Spaceboy is an epic and hilarious journey through space in the 1960's. Its full of cinematic adventure, mystery, action, laughs and surprises- and a



secret that could change the course of history... Why not borrow it from our school library or another of his hugely popular books?

I would like to thank Ms. Deans for setting up this wonderful initiative

### Book Review

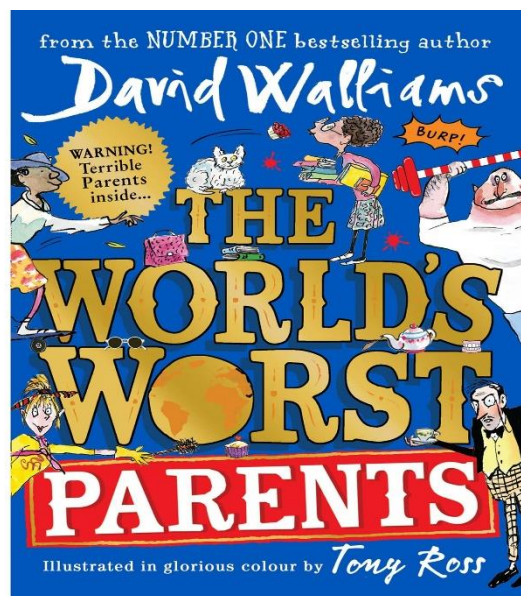
This week's Book Review sticks with the David Walliams theme, due to Melody from Year 6 choosing one of David's books to write about The World's Worst Parents.

*"This book is very intriguing and let's you dive into a wonderful world of reading. 'The World's Worst Parents' is about a variety of weird and horrid parents. They may be big, small, tiny or tall but they are definitely not perfect (they have some flaws too)! These parents are...well different!*

*Some of them are overprotective, some don't care and some are just embarrassing. However, we may as well embrace the chance to read about different parents and their parenting methods. What a delightful way to have the opportunity to read about ten completely opposite parents and their sticky situations.*

*These situations are fun to read about, because the parents are moody, grumpy, bossy, snobby, rich, weird, and dumb! This will be quite a rollercoaster.*

**Rating: 5 stars.**



## Dates For Your Diary

### November

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bonfire Lunch - ordering for the Bonfire Lunch will close on Thursday 27th October.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day – School is closed to all pupils
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening - 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening - 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening - 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	2C Whole Class Assembly – 9.00 am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day – children may wear odd socks to school in exchange for a food donation that will be passed on to a local foodbank
18 <sup>th</sup>	2S Whole Class Assembly – 9.00 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Assessment Week (21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> )

### December

7 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Nativity 9.00 am and 1.45 pm  Pantomime Trip (Years 1 – 6)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day  Marsh Hill Heroes Christmas Discos: EYFS/Ks1 3.45 pm – 5.00 pm Ks2 – 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ks1 Carol Concert 9.00 am and 2.00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ks2 Carol Concert 9.00 am and 2.00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties
16 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 1.00pm for the Christmas holidays.

I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful half term break.

Yours sincerely,



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