

Marsh Hill Newsletter

November 4th 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you all had an enjoyable half term break.

Diwali

During half term, there were members of our school community who were celebrating Diwali. Diwali is one of the most widely celebrated religious festivals worldwide, it takes place every year between October and November and it commemorates the spiritual victory of light over darkness (Diwali is also known as the 'festival of light'). This year it was celebrated on October 24th.

I hope and trust that our families who celebrate Diwali had a lovely time. On November 16th and 18th, our Year 2 classes will be performing special whole class assemblies to celebrate Diwali. The assemblies start at 9.00 a.m.

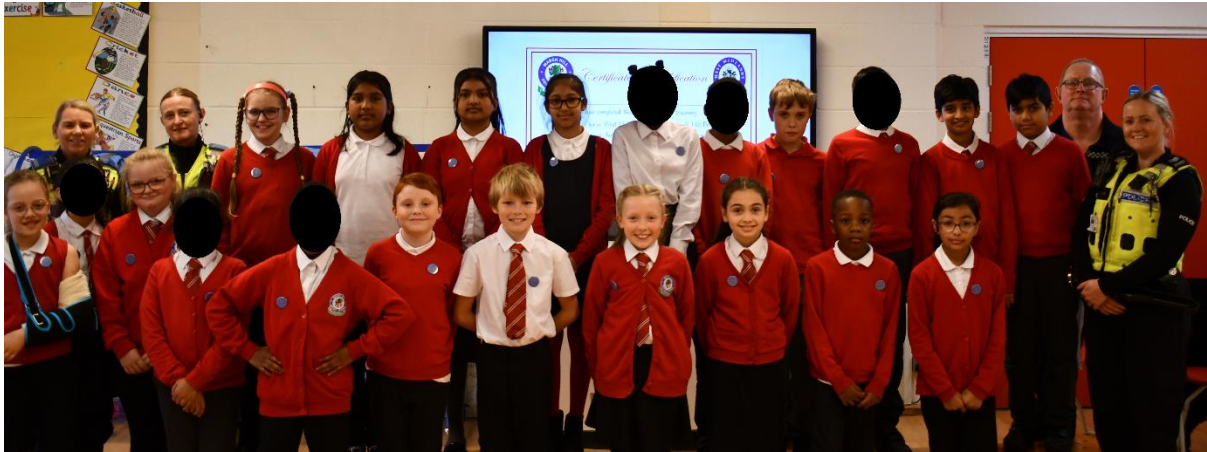
Children in Need

Friday 18th November is Children in Need day. The theme for this year's event is: Together We Can Change Young Lives. To help with this worthwhile cause, we will be having a non-school uniform day and ask for a donation of £1 per child.



Junior PCSOs

We are proud to celebrate the graduation of our Year 5 and Year 6 Junior PCSOs. They will commence their duties this week, supporting pupils within their school community. First project: parking issues close to our school. Special thanks to West Midlands Police for their ongoing support.



Parental feedback for this initiative was very positive as the following testimonies demonstrate:

“Well done Marsh Hill Primary School. More schools within the West Midlands should implement this within their curriculum. On behalf of my child, I would especially like to thank West Midlands Police for doing this.”

“Fantastic opportunity for our kids to meet and understand the responsibility of a real PCSO. My children are always talking about the PCSO course and really motivated by the work PCSO Duncan Long has done with them. Thank you.”

Teacher Training Day

Monday 7th November is a Teacher Training day, therefore school is closed to all pupils on that day. School re-opens for all pupils on Tuesday 8th November.

Parents’ Evening

If you have not yet had the opportunity to book a slot to meet with your child’s class teacher, then please do so at your earliest convenience.

Tuesday 8 th November	Parents’ Evening - 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Wednesday 9 th November	Parents’ Evening - 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm
Thursday 10 th November	Parents’ Evening - 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Librarians

Meet our proud junior librarians who were successfully appointed after completing a strong application form outlining why they should be chosen. Thank you to everyone who applied. Our librarians will be responsible for supporting their peers in the library as well as promoting a love of reading around school.



Poppy Appeal

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 times, up to and including Thursday 10th November. Memorabilia is priced as below:

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

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.

Sarehole Mill

Year 3 had a lovely opportunity before half term to visit Sarehole Mill Museum as part of their topic about 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. They found out lots of information about the different ages and took part in a range of activities. These included: visiting the Moseley woods, drawing sketches from the Stone Age, touching animal skin, making a hut using sticks which required great team work; and touched weapons and tools from the ages.

"They used to boil water in a Moseley bog if they wanted to have a bath."

"My favourite fact of the day was that the Romans invaded in 43D after the ages."

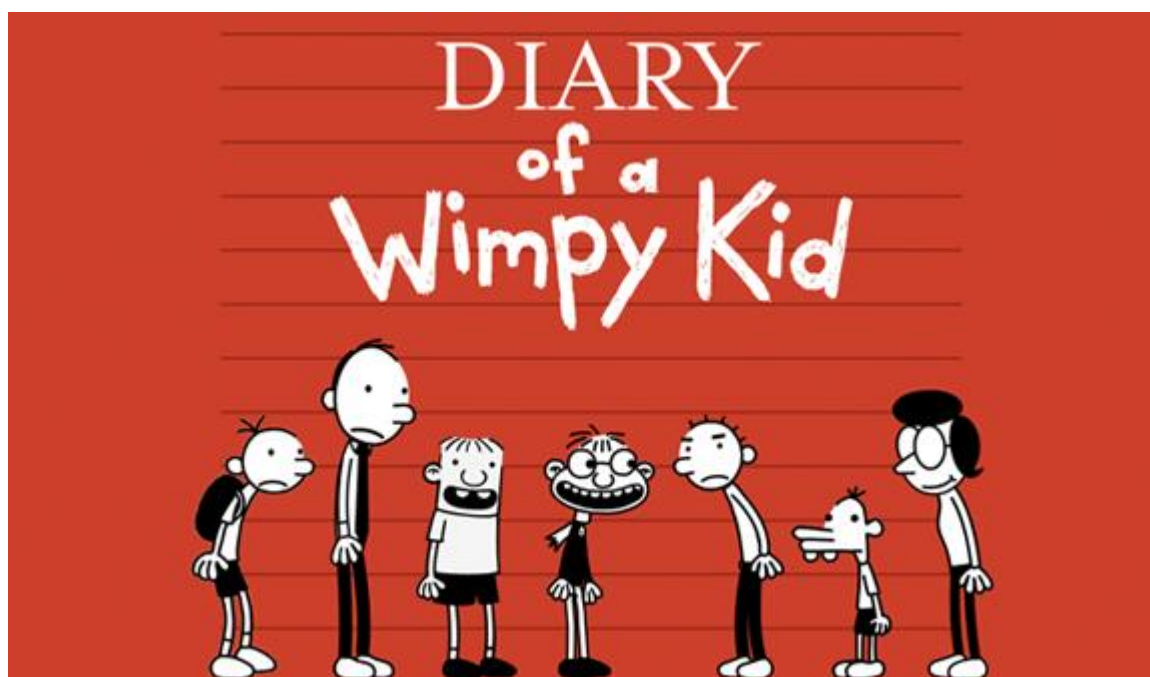
"My favourite part of the day was that we felt animal skin because they used them as clothes in the Stone Age to keep warm."

"I enjoyed going to Moseley woods because we went to a part where the Stone Age used to live."



Book Review

This week's Book Review is by Kyle in Year 6. Kyle's favourite books are the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.



"My favourite books are The Diary of a Wimpy Kid, because they are interesting and it is from the perspective of a diary. One of my favourite episodes is in the book 'The Deep End.' When Greg Heffley was a kid he thought that his mom was an alien. It was really funny. They are funny books and I would definitely recommend them to others."

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Cusack'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a set of horizontal lines.

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher