

# **Marsh Hill Newsletter**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

## **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all parents who met with their child's class teacher last week. I hope and trust that you found the experience helpful. If you were unable to attend one of the three opportunities to attend last week's consultations, then please contact your child's class teacher to book a meeting with them. Parents' evenings are a chance to discuss how your children are doing in class and in school generally with their teachers. They can help decide how best to work together to support your children's achievement.

## **Year 4 - Virtual Reality Experience**

This week Year 4 enjoyed a Virtual Reality Experience. They were lucky enough to visit the Amazon rainforest!

Ms. Hodge writes: "We started by flying over the Amazon river then arrived safely in the rainforest. We explored life in each layer, coming up close and personal with a variety of animals including jaguars, monkeys and sloths! We then saw the impact that deforestation is having upon our beautiful rainforests, it was very alarming to see!"

The children really learn, appreciate and benefit from experiences such as this.

'I couldn't believe how big the rainforest looked from above!'

'I loved seeing the different layers of the Amazon'

'I was a bit scared of some of the animals'

'It was such a fun day!'

'It was such a nice experience to see the reality of the rainforest'



### **Diwali Assembly**

Congratulations to all of our wonderful Year 2 pupils for their special Diwali assemblies this week. I would like to also thank parents for the very good turn out and the lovely comments we received.

“It was brilliant. Outstanding.”

“Thank you very much for the celebration it was very special.”

“Absolutely amazing Year 2. Well done to all children and staff.”

“It was fabulous, really enjoyed it.”

“Amazing assembly.”

“The children were brilliant. The performance was well put together.”

“What a beautiful assembly that was. It’s so lovely to see all of the wonderful work the children are doing in school. Thank you teachers for your hard work too.”

### **Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week**

Thank you to all children and staff who turned up to school yesterday wearing odd socks. Odd socks day is an initiative of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Wearing odd socks is about raising awareness and making a statement about embracing differences, being kind to each other and an acknowledgement that children can be proud of their uniqueness and differences.

Thank you to Cathy and the Pastoral Team for organizing this event. Cathy writes: As a school we have a strong culture of respecting each other's differences - part of this culture is our focus on outstanding behaviour and the promotion of our Anti-Bullying Strategy. On Thursday this week we participated in the National Anti-bullying Alliance 'Odd Socks Day' - a simple but effective way of acknowledging that we are all different and it is this diversity that makes our community so rich. It is vital that we as a community understand the definition of bullying to support our children with their relationships and social skills.

At Marsh Hill Primary School we promote the National Anti-Bullying Alliance definition: Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.

Thank you all for your participation in this event - it was great to see so many different 'socks'!

### **Data Checking Sheets for Years 1 – 6**

Beginning next week (w/c 21.11.22), the administration staff will be sending out our annual Data checking sheets for Years 1 - 6. Please check them, make any amendments, sign them and return them to your child's class teacher, even if there are no changes. It is imperative that your emergency contact details are up to date and that school has at least two emergency contact numbers per child.

### **Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have returned permission slips for their child to have the nasal spray flu vaccine. These will take place in school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Assessment Week**

Next week in school, we will be carrying out assessment tests to help us monitor the children's progress in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling; and in maths. This will help teachers in assessing, and planning for, each child's next steps in learning.

### **Year 1 Eye Tests**

Year 1 eye tests will take place in school on Friday 25th November. Your child will have brought home a letter regarding this. Please be aware that you only need to send in the reply slip to school if you do not want your child to have the eye test.

### **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Workshop**

On Monday (14.11.22), children in Year 4 brought home a letter regarding workshops that we are running in school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9.00 am and 2.45 pm (parents and carers only need to attend one). These workshops will provide important information about the statutory test that your child will sit in June 2023; and also ideas that you can use to support and prepare your child with at home. Please complete the reply slip that was included in the letter and return it to your child's class teacher indicating which of the two workshops you will be attending. If you did not receive or have mislaid the original letter then please ask for another copy at the school office.

### **EYFS Phonics Workshop**

We will be holding a Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9am, for all parents and carers of pupils in our Reception classes. Thank you to all parents and carers who have replied to say that they will be attending.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas Lunch We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Friday 9th December. If you would like your child to have this lunch then please book and pay for this online via the School Money app. The price for this lunch is £2.40. There is no charge to children entitled to free school meals or those in Reception and KS1 eligible for Universal Free School Meals. Please see the menu below:

Roast Turkey

Roast Lamb Quorn

Roast Potatoes

Creamed Potatoes

Stuffing Balls

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Cracknell,

Mince Pies,

Ice Cream,

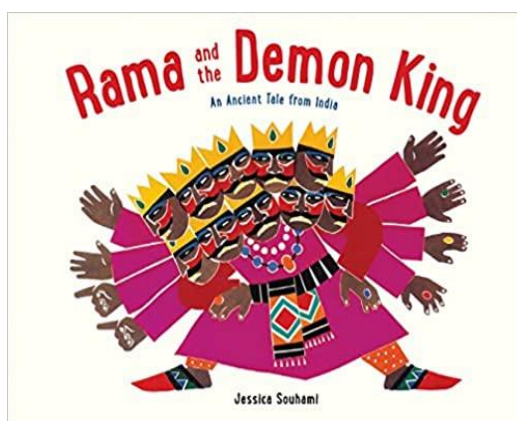
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

Fish Fingers are also an option on this day

### Book Review

This week's Book Review is by Ivy and Malik from Year 2. They have chosen Rama and the Demon King by Jessica Souhami as their favourite book.

**Ivy:** *"It's about a Prince called Rama and the Demon King. The Demon King has got ten heads and his name is Ravana. Ravana was dazzled by Sita's beauty. Sita is Rama's wife. I liked this story because it is interesting. My favourite bit is where they all build a bridge to go over the treacherous seas."*



**Malik:** *"Ravana lived on an Island called Lanka. He had a magic chariot and he flew to India. The story is a little bit sad because the King, who is Rama's dad, died. In the end Rama and Sita are happy. I like this story because good defeated bad."*

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher

