

Marsh Hill Newsletter

February 3rd 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Value of the month – Courage

Our value of the month for February is courage:

Courage involves making good choices in the face of fear or obstacles. It's another term for bravery. Remember: Bravery doesn't mean fearlessness. It means we do not let fear hold us back from exploring new opportunities, developing our skills, and doing what is right.

Year 1 Workshop – Florence Nightingale

On Monday, 'Florence Nightingale', visited Year 1 for the day. During her time here, the children discovered some of the challenges that Florence faced by recreating the Scutari hospital and by taking on different roles to explore how and why hospital conditions needed to be improved in the Crimea.

The children had the chance to develop their historical skills through access to a wide variety of artefacts and resources to find out what life was like during the Victorian age and how hospitals have changed.

The children loved finding out about Florence Nightingale - 'The Lady with the Lamp' - as their feedback shows:

"I loved the workshop because Florence Nightingale gave us lots of information."

"My favourite part was the dipping pens because it was new and interesting to use."

"Emma really looked like Florence Nightingale!"

"I liked chasing the rats and keeping the hospital clean."

"The straw beds were fun to lie on but really uncomfortable!"

"I liked the workshop because I learnt lots of new information about Florence Nightingale."

"I used the dipping pens. They were hard and really interesting to use because we use pencils today."

"I enjoyed making Soyer's Stew and giving it to the soldiers to help them feel better."

"I loved making the herbal medicine. I used rosemary and sage."



Year 6 Workshop – World War II

On Wednesday this week, Year 6 were immersed into the midst of the Second World War with a highly interactive workshop which began with a play and included, drama and discussion- depicting the life of a typical family living in Britain in 1939.

Ms. Morrison writes: "In History we have been learning about significant events occurring at the time: The Blitz, The Battle of Britain and the evacuation of children from major cities to the countryside. This workshop gave the children an emotional insight into these events and a much-needed social perspective. In art we will use shadowing and highlights to sketch a scene from this era."



At Marsh Hill, we believe that providing children with immersive, hands on experiences such as those taken part in by our Year 1 and Year 6 pupils this week, really enhance the delivery of the curriculum and provide children with opportunities that they may not otherwise have had.

Safer Internet Day

Over the years, Safer Internet Day has become a landmark event in the online safety calendar and is now celebrated in approximately 180 countries and territories worldwide. From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns.

Safer Internet Day this year is on Tuesday 7th February. At Marsh Hill we will be recognising it on the following day (Wednesday 8th February) and I would like to thank Ms. Cureton for organising the day's activities.

Should you have any concerns regarding your child and their online safety at home, then please feel free to contact Cathy Lomas – School's Designated Lead for Safeguarding (DSL). In the event of Cathy being unavailable, then one of the Deputy Designated Lead for Safeguarding will be happy to speak with you: The DDSLs are Mr. Cusack, Mrs. Leavey, Mrs. Clover, Mr. Moheen, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Pritchard.

Year 2 SATs Workshop

If you are the parent of a Year 2 pupil, then we would like you to attend a meeting regarding their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) which will take place in school on Thursday 9th February at 2.30 pm. The SATs will take place in May of this year.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is 93.35%. The class with the highest attendance for this week is 1G with 98.89% attendance. Very well done to 1G.

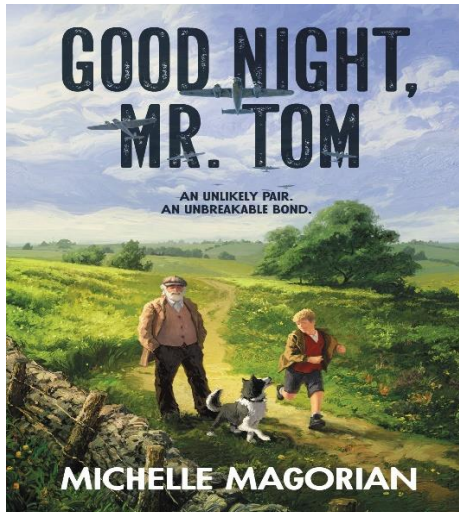
Book Review

This week's book has been chosen by Christine (Year 6). The book fits in nicely with Year 6's History topic on World War II.

Christine has chosen **Goodnight Mr. Tom** by **Michelle Magorian**.

"There is an evacuee called William Beech and as there is a war going on he gets evacuated to the countryside to get away from the bombs. At his home in London, he is badly treated by his mother, because she thinks he is not good enough and was weak. His mother makes him call her maam, but in the village he is evacuated to, he quickly get used to village life and speaks to people casually and doesn't use honorifics when speaking to them.

I like that William is able to fit into village life and that his foster parent, Mr. Tom, treats him well. Mr. Tom kept himself to himself and has not been sociable since his wife died. When Mr. Tom adopts William both are happier." (Christine)



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Cusack'. The signature is written on a piece of white paper with faint horizontal lines.

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher