

Marsh Hill Newsletter

March 3rd 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Homework Expectations

Following parent consultation, from Friday 10th March, we will be moving towards online homework for core subjects (English and Maths) as well as a half termly topic/science project. Your child will be bringing home login details next week to allow you to access the programmes at home from Friday 10th March.

EYFS

- Weekly home reading book matching their phonic ability and working towards their reading reward
- Library book to encourage reading for pleasure
- Weekly maths and phonics activities set on Mini Mash (www.purplemash.com)
- Half termly topic project

Key Stage 1

- Weekly home reading book that matches their reading ability and works towards their reading reward
- Library book to encourage reading for pleasure
- Bug Club to practise their reading and comprehension skills (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)
- Spag.com to develop and practise their spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge (spag.com)
- Mathletics.com to develop and practise their mathematical knowledge. (mathletics.com)
- Times Tables Rock Stars to practise their multiplication knowledge (Year 2 only) (ttrockstars.com)
- Half termly topic/science project

Key Stage 2

- Weekly home reading book that matches their reading ability and works towards their reading reward.
- Library book to encourage reading for pleasure.
- Fiction Express to practise their reading and comprehension skills (en.fictionexpress.com)

- Spag.com to develop and practise their spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge (spag.com)
- Mathletics.com to develop and practise their mathematical knowledge (mathletics.com)
- Times Tables Rock Stars to practise their multiplication and division knowledge (trockstars.com)
- Half termly topic/science project

Weekly Attendance

The whole school attendance for this week is 93.69%. The class with the highest attendance this week is 3M with 99.26%. Very well done to 3M.

Value of the month for March is THOUGHTFULNESS

Being kind and thoughtful means making ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then taking action to help them. It means taking the time to stop thinking about ourselves, to put the spotlight on somebody else's needs and to think "What can I do to make that person's life a little better or easier?"

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening in spring term will take place on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March, between 3.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. Your child will bring home a letter today, enabling you to book appointments online.

World Book Day

Well done to all the children and staff who dressed up for World Book Day. Everyone looked wonderful in their costumes.





I am very grateful to Ms. Deans and Mrs Clover for organising a whole week of reading events. Throughout the week, we have had parents and carers visit classes in all year groups. From the feedback that we have received, this initiative has been very popular and much appreciated; as the following views from Year 1 parents demonstrate:

"I absolutely loved this and I think the children did too. We do lots of reading at home, but coming into school makes it that little bit more exciting."

"Phoebe and I really enjoyed our story time together in class. Thank you."

"It was lovely coming in and reading with Zara, we both really enjoyed it."

"Very good. Poppy enjoyed it and I think it is a very good idea."

"Really enjoyed sitting and reading with Mikayla! Loved seeing how things are done at school, this will help at home."

On Tuesday, we held our 'Big Book Swap' event. The book swap proved to be a great way to share a love of reading and discover exciting new books. The children were given the opportunity to choose a book that enthuses them and that will hopefully build in them a

lifelong love of reading. I hope the 'Big Book Swap' becomes a regular event in the school calendar.

Congratulations

We were very proud of Rory, Leighton and Junior who won several medals between them at a Thai Boxing competition last week. The boys told me:

"We have put a lot of hard work into our skills, so that we can get better at Thai Boxing."



Congratulations also, to Isabelle who has received three medals for gymnastics. She is currently a Level 3 gymnast and is working towards Level 4.



Book Review

This week's book review is by Vinushri from Year 4, who has chosen **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** by J.K. Rowling

"Voldemort is trying to kill Harry using 'Mad Eye' Moody. The interesting part is who put Harry's name in the Goblet of Fire. I loved the book. My favourite part was the three tasks, and the worst part was when Voldemort killed Cedric Diggory. Harry Potter is the main

character but my favourite character is Hermione Granger. I would recommend this book to someone because I love the book and it is interesting.” (Vinushri)

Dates For Your Diary

March	
1 st	Potential day of Industrial Action (Parents and Carers will be updated regarding if and how industrial action may/will affect school)
2 nd	World Book Day
6 th	Photographers in school for class groups/teams
8 th	PCSO Duncan Long in: Meet and Greet in Years 1 and 2
9 th	Year 5 and Year 6 Forensic Science Workshop
13 th	Head Teacher informal coffee morning with Parents/Carers
14 th	Year 2 Continent Explorers Workshop
15 th	1G Mother’s Day Assembly EYFS Writing Workshop for Parents
16 th	Potential day of Industrial Action (Parents and Carers will be updated regarding if and how industrial action may/will affect school)
17 th	1W Mother’s Day Assembly
20 th	Book Fair in school all week Supporting Families event in the main hall – 9.00 a.m.
21 st	Parents’ Evening: 3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
22 nd	Parents’ Evening: 3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
27 th	Deadline for Easter Bonnets (EYFS and KS1) and Decorate An Egg entries (KS2) to be brought into school
29 th	Year 5 Easter Assembly EYFS trip to the Think Tank
31 st	Easter Bonnet Parade Assembly (EYFS and KS1) 9.00 a.m. Decorate An Egg Assembly (KS2) 10.00 a.m.

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

Yours sincerely,



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