

# **Marsh Hill Newsletter**

## **March 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St. Patrick's Day 🍀, I hope this newsletter finds you well.

### **Headteacher's Informal Coffee Morning**

A very big thank you to those parents who turned up to meet with me and members of my Senior Leadership Team on Monday (13<sup>th</sup> March). Although the turnout was small, I was grateful for the feedback and suggestions made by the parents in attendance. In order to get as broad a perspective of parent views as possible, I will be holding another informal coffee event at Parents' Evening on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in the minor hall between 4.30 and 5.30 pm. On both Parents' Evenings, there will be a 'comments box' available in the school entrance where you can also share with me your views on the school.

### **Parents' Evening**

If you have not yet made an appointment with your child's class teacher to meet with them at Parents' Evening, then please do so. Parents' Evening is an important event in the school calendar and gives parents and carers a clear picture of the progress that children are making. Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March between 3.30 and 6.00 p.m.

### **Marsh Hill Market Place**

On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March between 9.00 and 11.00 a.m., we will be holding a very special event. The Marsh Hill Market Place is aimed at supporting all our families. There will be opportunities to get free pre-owned uniform, free groceries and advice. Please be advised that it would be beneficial for parents to bring their own shopping bags, because although some spares are available there is a limited number of them and you may find it difficult to take your goodies home without one.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be in school between Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. It will be open after school every day and during Parents' Evening.

## PCSO Duncan

PCSO Duncan Long was in school this week to carry out a 'Meet and Greet' session with our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. Later on in the week, Duncan also did a workshop with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on the dangers of knife crime. We very much appreciate the time that Duncan spends in school with us, as we see this as a valuable aspect of our commitment to safeguarding our children.



## EYFS Writing Workshop

I would like to thank all parents and carers of our Reception classes who attended this week's writing workshop. It was very busy and productive and there was a lovely atmosphere in class. I know that all the children and all the parents who attended enjoyed the morning:

Inarah – *"I was writing and making things for mummy! I loved it! I was doing it in her favourite colours, purple and pink. "*

Ayaan R – *"I made a flower for her. It was amazing!"*

Zidan – *"I had fun with mummy!"*

Haadi – *"I wrote with her. I liked it because I liked writing with her about cooking. "*

Tyreiss – *"I made a card for her. "*

Aminah's mum – *"It was a pleasure to be invited and work with my child. Enjoyed every single bit of it. "*

Ziyaan's mum – *"It was very useful for me because it made me understand reading and writing with my child at home. "*

## Science Day

Yesterday (16<sup>th</sup> March), we held a Science Day in school. The children carried out a range of scientific experiments and investigations. In addition, they also learned about stereotyping and diversity. Children discovered that scientists come from a variety of backgrounds, and fulfil a variety of different functions and a range of job roles. The children had a wonderful time and, who knows, one day some of them may choose to go on and be the scientists of the future.

*"All of Year 5 really enjoyed the activities and were completely inspired by the British female scientist we researched. They all worked fabulously as a team to help each other throughout the day, I'm proud of them! Khadijah said 'this was the best day ever!'"* – Ms. Baxter

Year 4 really enjoyed being scientists. We mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to create a chemical reaction. Carbon dioxide was produced, and we made 'fizzy colours!' We then 'smashed stereotypes' in science! We researched a diverse range of scientists including

Hayat Sindi and Stephanie Kwolek. We used chrome books to find out about their amazing achievements! – Ms. Hodge

Idrees: *"I really enjoyed researching information about scientists and making a poster with my group."*

Jordy: *"I loved science day, I liked carrying out our experiment and watching the chemicals react."*

Maizah: *"I liked making 'oboes' out of straws it was so much fun ."*

Mila: *"Science day was so much fun, I wish we could do it again."*

CJ: *"I liked watching the colours explode it was cool."*

For Science Day, Year 1 learnt about habitats. We learnt that a habitat is where animals, plants and living organisms live. Did you know that humans are organisms? We then went to find habitats in Marsh Hill's field!

We also learnt about Jane Goodall who is the world's leading expert on Chimpanzees. She observed and lived with them for 60 years! Year 1 loved Science Day and we can't wait to use our knowledge from today in future science lessons.

*"My habitat is my home."*

*"Jane Goodall is really cool because she watched chimpanzees make tools with leaves."*

*"Chimpanzees are apes, not monkeys."*

*"I wish we could learn about science every day!"*

Year 1 loved today! – Miss Wright

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Mirza for all her hard work in organising Science Day.

### **Year 1 – Mothers' Day Assembly**

"On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, excitement filled the air as the children in Year 1 shared their love for the special ladies in their life during the Mother's Day Assemblies. The children happily sang songs and read a personal message they had written. At the end, our budding artists proudly shared their paintings of their Mothers and Grandma's." - Miss Grant

## Mothers' Day Tea

Yesterday we held - for the very first time - a Mother's Day Tea in the afternoon in the school hall. It was a hugely successful event with a tremendous turn out. Events such as this would not be possible without the commitment of the Marsh Hill Heroes, who once again have gone above and beyond with their efforts to support the whole of our school community. The Marsh Hill Heroes are always looking for new members, and they are aware that not everyone can be involved all the time or in all of the events that they organise, but they always tell me that however much time you can give, whether that be a little or a lot, is helpful and of benefit to our children. If you can give some time, then please speak with the school office and they will point you in the right direction.



### **Pantomime Trip**

We have been working really hard to re-arrange an alternative pantomime trip to replace the one that was cancelled back in December. Unfortunately, despite Miss Deans best efforts we have been unable to secure a replacement trip. Therefore over the next few weeks we will be processing refunds to those parent who booked their children on the trip.

### **Raffle Tickets**

We still have four winners who have not yet claimed their prizes from the Mothers' Day Tea raffle. If you are in possession of one of the following tickets then please come to the school office to receive your prize:

BLUE TICKET 653  
BLUE TICKET 675  
BLUE TICKET 933  
WHITE TICKET 969

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Dates for your diary now includes dates for the summer term. School still has one remaining INSET day to take and you will be notified of this, and any other additions to the school diary, as they are arranged. We will, of course, give you prior notice to enable you to make the appropriate arrangements.

<b>March</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair in school all week  Supporting Families event in the main hall – a.m.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening: 3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' Evening: 3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for Easter Bonnets (EYFS and Ks1) and Decorate An Egg entries (Ks2) to be brought into school
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Easter Assembly  EYFS trip to the Think Tank



Summer Term	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Forest School Celebration Assembly (invite only)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Eid parties
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April (9am)	4B Class Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April (9am)	4H Class Assembly
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed – May Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	King's Coronation Celebration
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May (3.30pm)	Year 2 Sleepover Meeting
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Active English Workshop
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed (King's Coronation Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 trip to Steelhouse Lane
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 trip to Blakesley Hall
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 trip to Aston Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Term ends
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term Holiday
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 2 Sleepover in the woods
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Term ends – children return in September

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

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher