

Marsh Hill Newsletter

April 21st 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Welcome back at the start of the Summer Term. I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break, and I would like to extend a very big thank you to everyone who supported our events in the lead up to Easter.

Eid

We trust families observing Ramadan are looking forward to their Eid celebrations. Speaking to the children around school I can sense their excitement for the upcoming Eid celebrations and the completion of the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is an important time of year for our Muslim community, as it reaffirms the principles of generosity, sacrifice and charity which are values that we hold dear within our school and society at large.

I know that Eid is a very special celebration and on behalf of everyone at Marsh Hill, I'd like to wish all of our children, parents and families a very happy Eid.

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Eid Parties

We will be having Eid Parties on Monday afternoon. Children may come to school in party clothes and bring in pre-packaged **NUT FREE** food. Drinks will be provided by school.

Appreciation

During the month of April, we are looking at the value of appreciation. We will be asking the children to think carefully about what it means to be appreciative. At home, we hope you will continue the discussions to build on these thoughts.

Forest School

Today, parents and carers celebrated our latest group of Forest School graduates. I am grateful to Rachel (Forest School Lead) and our own Mr. Hamblett for all the valuable work they do with our children. Thank you also to Mr. Pritchard who ensures that the children get to and from Forest School safely each week.

The children who attend (and have previously attended) gain so much from the experience, as you will see from the feedback we have had from our latest cohort:

Here are the quotes from the Forest School participants:

"I feel calm here"

"It is helping me learn new things and I can do more now"

"I enjoyed being with new people and making new friends"

"It was exciting and fun to go to Forest School"

"I have learned to appreciate nature more and how we all need to protect our world"

"I like digging and using tools to make things"

"It was interesting to learn about the different plants and trees in the woods"

"I liked being creative on the woods and making fun things"

"Looking into the tall trees to see the fairies"

"Making friends and working together"

"Sharing ideas and exploring new places"

"The forest changes and that's interesting"

"Rachel was fun, and she had lots of fun things for us to do"

"The wood is quiet and calm"







As a school, we are also appreciative of the positive feedback that we have received from parents:

“Thank you so much. Ivy had the best time and she hasn’t stopped talking about it. What a great experience for Marsh Hill children.”

“Harry really enjoyed Forest School and didn’t want to leave. His brother has now started this term and he has been giving him tips.”

“Chloe had the absolute best time.”

Author of the Month

The children have chosen **Julia Donaldson** as the author of the month for April. Julia Donaldson has written over 120 books and plays for children and teenagers, including some of the UK's best-selling picture books. Julia was the Children's Laureate from 2011-13. Her best known book is **The Gruffalo**, and this week Reception have been telling me all about The Gruffalo.

" It has a mouse in it and the mouse said Gruffalo pie."

"The Gruffalo wanted to eat the mouse."

"The mouse is tricking all the animals by saying he's going to look for a Gruffalo."

"The fox wanted to eat the mouse, and the fox was hiding in his underground house."

"My favourite bit is when the fox peeps out of his underground house and when the Gruffalo runs away from the mouse."

"The Gruffalo has got purple prickles all over his back and he's got a big wart on the end of his nose."

Thank you to Amayah, Mateusz, Ayaan, Erin, Amelia, Cataleya, Nyla, Myles and Edward for their comments.

Summer Term	
Friday 21 st April	Forest School Celebration Assembly (invite only)
Monday 24 th April	Class Eid parties (p.m.)
Wednesday 26 th April (9am)	4B Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 28 th April (9am)	4H Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Monday 1 st May	School closed – May Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 th May (3.30pm)	Year 2 Sleepover Meeting
Thursday 4 th May	Year 3 Active English Workshop
Friday 5 th May	King's Coronation Celebration
Monday 8 th May	School closed (King's Coronation Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 5 trip to Steelhouse Lane
Friday 19 th May	Year 2 trip to Blakesley Hall
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 4 trip to Aston Hall
Friday 26 th May	Term ends
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday
Friday 30 th June – Saturday 1 st July	Year 2 Sleepover in the woods
Friday 21 st July	Term ends – children return in September

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher