

Marsh Hill Newsletter

June 9th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well; and that you and your families had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

Safeguarding

I would like to extend a very big thank you to all parents and carers who attended the online safeguarding workshop before half term. The response and turn out was very encouraging with more than 50 Parents and Carers attending the workshop. Amongst the feedback that we received were the following parental comments:

"That was really useful because it was good to see Online Safety from a parent's perspective - rather than just a teacher perspective - it has given me food for thought! Thank you again - it was really interesting"

"I liked the workshop and it really helped, I'm going to start blocking some apps now - thank you!"

If you would like any further support with helping to keep your child safe online, then please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or Cathy Lomas (DSL).

Nuts in school

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. As such, for the safety of all, I do have to respectfully remind all parents and carers that we cannot have nut products brought into school in any form, either in lunch boxes or as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check but know also that you recognise the importance of it. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

British Values

Fundamental British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating diversity of the UK. These values are Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty.

Respect and Tolerance

Below are a list of some of the examples that we embed into everyday life at Marsh Hill:

- We have created an ethos of inclusion and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued.
- Children learn about the differences between themselves and others and among families, faiths. Communities, cultures and traditions. We share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences.
- Staff encourage and explain the importance of tolerant behaviours, such as sharing and respecting other's opinions.
- We promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes. For example, sharing stories that reflect and value the diversity of children's experiences and providing resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping.

Children on the Key stage 2 Playground at the end of the school day

I would like to thank the vast and overwhelming majority of Parents and Carers who keep their younger children by them, while awaiting for their siblings at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, there are a small number of Parents who allow their children to run about, ride on scooters and bikes; and play on the equipment totally unsupervised. This is not only a health and safety risk to the children themselves but also to other children and adults waiting patiently in the playground.

Spotlight on the Curriculum – Computing

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is 95.33%. The class with the highest attendance was 4B with 99.33%. Very well done 4B.

Cricket Success

Congratulations to our Cricket team who won a competition held last week.

They will now go on to represent the local primary school cluster at the Birmingham Level 3 finals. Here they will come up against other cluster winners from across the city.

Here's hoping they achieve more success on the day!

Well done to Simrah, Lola, Laylah-Mai, Joash, Aydin, Dontae, Reign, Shaker and Tobia

We are very proud of you.

Book Review

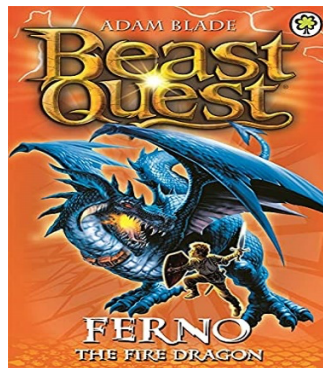
This week's book review comes from Adriel in Year 5 who has chosen *Beast Quest: Ferno – The Fire Dragon* by Adam Blade. When the due was finished Ferno picked up the king and flew away with him.

"This is the first book in the Beast Quest series. There's a King on a mountain and he finds another mountain but out turned out to be a dragon. The king and the dragon had a duel. When the duel was finished, Ferno picked up the king and flew away with him.



In another part of the story, Tom the hero was in a village with his uncle, when Ferno came to attack the village.

I am halfway through the book. I am looking forward to finishing it because I am really enjoying it. I want to read all the books in the series because I find them interesting." (Adriel)



Dates for your Diary	
Monday 12 th June	Phonic Screening Check for Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 th June	EYFS Eye Tests
Monday 19 th June – Friday 23 rd June	Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip
Tuesday 20 th June	New Reception Intake for September: 9.00 a.m. (for those children who will be joining Rainbows)
Wednesday 21 st June	New Reception Intake for September: 9.00 a.m. (for those children who will be joining Sunshines)

Monday 26 th June	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	Year 2 Sleepover at Storywood
w/c Monday 3 rd July and w/c Monday 10 th July	New EYFS Intake Home Visits
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day Transition Day (Year 6 attending their Secondary School)
Thursday 6 th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 6 Results Day
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 6 Trip to Drayton Manor
Thursday 13 th July	End of Year Reports Sent Home Year 6 Prom: 5.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
Monday 17 th July	EYFS Graduation: Parents Welcome to Attend (9.00 a.m.)
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly: Parents Welcome to Attend (9.15 and 2.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 19 th July	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic: 1.30 p.m.
Friday 21 st July	School Breaks Up for the Summer Holidays at 1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 6 th September	School Re-opens for the Autumn Term to Pupils

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher