

Marsh Hill Newsletter

June 30th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Eid

It has been wonderful hearing from the children about their Eid celebrations this week. I hope that all our families who were celebrating had a marvellous time with their friends and relations.

Marsh Hill Values

As well as the British values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, and Individual Liberty; here at school we also adopt a value of the month (we follow 22 values in total over a two-year cycle):

Responsibility	Hope
Determination	Unity
Love	Co-operation
Kindness	Friendship
Caring	Humility
Tolerance	Respect
Happiness	Freedom
Forgiveness	Thoughtfulness
Appreciation	Courage
Honesty	Peace
Understanding	Generosity

The value of the month for July is Happiness. Happiness is a feeling of pleasure and positivity. When someone feels good, proud, excited, relieved or satisfied about something, that person is said to be "happy". Feeling happy may help people to relax and to smile. Happiness is usually thought of as the opposite of sadness. However, happiness is not about feeling great all the time. It's not always about new toys or sweet treats. It's more about choosing positive and healthy things that make you feel good. This can look like lots of things – feeling safe to relax, enjoying something you are good at, talking to nice friends, looking after your body, and being kind to yourself.

At home you could support the work we will be doing in school by discussing with your child what makes them happy. This is a way of getting to know how they define happiness and what helps them feel this way. If you are looking for some conversation starters you could try:

- What brings a smile to your face?

- When do you feel calm?
- When do you feel good about yourself?
- How would you like others to describe you?
- What do you feel you are good at?

Spotlight on the Curriculum – Spanish

At Marsh Hill our aim is to offer a coherently planned sequence of lessons, ensuring progressive coverage of the skills required by the national curriculum. The intent in Lower KS2 is that children acquire basic skills and understanding in Spanish with a strong emphasis placed on developing their Speaking and Listening ability. These will be further developed in Upper KS2 alongside Reading and Writing skills, gradually progressing to more complex language concepts and greater learner autonomy. Through our Spanish scheme, we aim to inspire pupils to develop a love of languages and to expand their horizons to other countries, cultures and people. We intend to help children grow into curious, confident and reflective language learners and to provide them with a foundation that will equip them for further language studies.

Lessons are sequenced so that prior learning is considered and opportunities for revision of language and grammatical concepts are built in. We want to ensure that Spanish is loved across school and encourage our children to embark on further language studies.

Spanish Long Term Plan

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3	Meet and Greet	My Body	Time to Eat	The People Around Me	All About School	Tell Me When
Year 4	My Town	Let's Go!	Shopping	The Wider World	My Routine	Free Time
Year 5	My Town	Let's Go!	Shopping	The Wider World	My Routine	Free Time
Year 6	About Me	The Way We Look	Eating Out Christmas Silent Night in Spanish	My World	In the Classroom	Our Past

Book Review

This week's review comes from Dinelle in Year 4 who has chosen a poem to write about: **'Chocolate Cake'** by **Michael Rosen**.

'My favourite poem is 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. I like this poem because it is about Michael Rosen liking chocolate cake as his favourite food and always taking it to school to sneak in and eat. My favourite part was when he got caught by his mum eating chocolate cake. The reason I like this poem is because chocolate cake is one of my favourite foods too, and I really like how humorous it is when he acts out what is happening. One of my favourite things about Michael Rosen is that he doesn't just tell the poems, he acts out the poems and makes them super funny and interesting to listen to. He is one of my favourite poets and the best thing is we get to watch him perform his poems, that's much better than just reading them. (Dinelle)

Dates for you Diary

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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
Monday 3 rd July	Recorder Club Concert in the School Hall: 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 3 Sports Day Year 3 Ukulele Concert 2.15 p.m. in the School Hall
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 Secondary School Transition Day
Thursday 13 th July	End of Year Reports Sent Home Year 6 Prom: 5.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
Friday 14 th July	Marsh Hill's Got Talent Non-School Uniform Day
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	Year 6 Trip to Drayton Manor 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