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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

September 29th 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well,

It was wonderful to welcome Christine Spencer into school this week to thank her for her years of volunteering at school. Christine has given up her own time to help and support the children of Marsh Hill over a period spanning four years. It was clear from the reception that she received from children and staff how much she is valued by our whole school community for the work she has done. We are very grateful to her. Christine fully embodies the value of kindness, which is, coincidentally, September's Value of the Month. Unfortunately, Christine has informed school that she is unable to continue in her role and so we wish her all the very best for the future.



Thank you to all the new members of our PTA (The Marsh Hill Heroes). The existing members and myself were delighted to see 11 new recruits turn up to the first meeting of the new academic year last Friday (15.09.23). The Marsh Hill Heroes' energy and commitment to supporting the school is fantastic and something that we are all very grateful for. I know that that they have been busy planning events and will provide details of these soon.

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, we would appreciate it if you applied online using this link: <https://www.marshill.bham.sch.uk/parents/free-school-meals> or speak to one of the administration team who can apply on your behalf. School also receives extra funding (Pupil Premium) for children who are entitled to free school meals which will benefit all children in school.

Secondary School Application Information for Pupils Currently in Year 6

The online application process for entering Year 7 in Secondary School in September 2024, opened on September 1st 2023. The closing date for applications is October 31st 2023 at 11.59 p.m. Applications received after the October 31st 2023 deadline will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 1 March 2024.

Please follow this link to apply:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A massive thank you to all, Parents and Carers alike, for your contributions to our Macmillan Cancer Support cake sale. This Month's value is Kindness - learning about and supporting charities is important as this helps our pupils to understand the importance of contributing to society by demonstrating these values. We would like to thank the Marsh Hill Heroes who helped with the sale and the Student Squad who organised the event. Every contribution was an act of kindness.

We raised a fabulous £264.08, and in the current economic climate it is a real credit to our community that we can contribute in such a way.



The Value of the Month for September is **KINDNESS**

As we approach the end of the month I have been asking the oldest children in our school how they have shown kindness this week. Here are a sample of responses from Year 6:

"I offered to do the recycling in school as my job. This makes life easier for others as they don't have to do recycling themselves." – Adam

"I have shown kindness by holding the door open for teachers, even if they are a long way away, I hold it open until they pass." – Maleal

"I was kind to my football team by scoring a goal and my team won 2 – 0. They were happy." - Ibrahim

"The teacher in Year 4 dropped some papers and I picked them up for her." – Amaya

"I did the dishes for my mom because she deserved it." – Makai

"I said thank you to my mom because she feeds me and irons my clothes." – Amelia

"I helped Cathy sort out some games to see if any pieces were missing and to see if she needed new games for Pastoral Club." – Khadijah

"I help people when they are lonely and no one is playing with them in the playground. I go and play with them." - Faizan

If you have examples of your child/ren at home showing acts of kindness we would love to hear of them.

Focus on the Curriculum – Mathematics

At Marsh Hill, we are MATHEMATICIANS! We want our children to love Maths! We want them to have no limits to what their ambitions are and grow up with secure mathematical understanding which will assist them in whichever career path they take, as well as in their daily lives.

In order to successfully deliver a structured, rich curriculum with a clear progression of skills, we follow the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum for mathematics. At Marsh Hill Primary School, our approach to teaching mathematics is intended to support all of our children in becoming young, confident mathematicians; prepare them for their next stage of mathematical learning at secondary school, and to be able to apply their mathematical knowledge in everyday situations in order to be successful in life beyond school. We intend to do this, on a daily basis, through developing all children's fluency in all areas of the mathematics national curriculum; providing opportunities to reason mathematically; and also develop children's using and applying skills when solving increasingly complex problems involving a range of mathematical knowledge.

Pupils in EYFS work towards being a "Master of Maths" through planned adult led activities and child initiated activities in the continuous provision.

STARS of the Week



Very well done to all our Merit Award Winners for this week. We are all proud of you:

Year 1 – Nyla, Shivan, Amayah, Scarlet
Year 2 – Seher, Ellison, Mahmoud, Chloe
Year 3 – Falak, Muhammad, Shanzay, Mason
Year 4 – Hawa, Aminah, Mobin, Rayann
Year 5 – Viva, Anayah
Year 6 – Dylan, Ibrahim, Mia, Shyloh

Attendance

Whole School attendance for this week was 94.26%. The class with the highest attendance was 5J who achieved 99.33% attendance. Very well done and congratulations to 5J.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned for a child's wellbeing, then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Cathy Lomas through the school office. In the event of Cathy being unavailable – please ask to speak with another DSL in school. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are Mrs. Leavey, Mrs. Clover, Mr. Moheen, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Cusack.

Alternatively, you may ring The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

Tuesday 3 rd	EYFS Phonics Workshop: 9.00 a.m. Parents to attend Year 6 Ancient Maya Workshop
Tuesday 10 th	World Mental Health Awareness Day
Wednesday 11 th	Year 5 Shakespeare workshop
Thursday 12 th	Year 6 Virtual Reality Workshop
Monday 16 th	Whole School Photographs
Wednesday 18 th	Year 2 Trip to the Black Country Living Museum
Monday 23 rd	Harvest Festival Assembly
Tuesday 24 th	Year 5 Workshop: Portals to the Past
Wednesday 25 th	Year 2D Whole Class Assembly – Diwali: 9.15 a.m.
Thursday 26 th	PTA Halloween Discos (times TBC)
Friday 27 th	Year 2C Whole Class Assembly – Diwali: 9.15 a.m.

NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 7 th	Year 1G Trip: Back-to-Back Houses
Wednesday 8 th	Year 1W Trip: Back-to-Back Houses
Thursday 9 th	Bonfire Night themed lunch
Monday 13 th	Year 3 Trip to Edgmond Hall
Tuesday 14 th	Parents' Evening (3.30 – 6.00)
Thursday 16 th	Parents' Evening (3.30 – 6.00)
Tuesday 21 st	Year 3 Virtually Reality Workshop: The Amazon Year 4 Virtual Reality Workshop: Volcanoes
DECEMBER	
Thursday 7 th	PTA Christmas Discos (times TBC)
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Thursday 14 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Friday 15 th	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Tuesday 19 th	Reception Nativity: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. Year 1 – Year 6 Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 20 th	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 22 nd	Last Day of Autumn Term – School closes at 1.00 p.m.

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

Yours sincerely,



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