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# Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

# Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I would like to thank all those parents and carers who attended the Carol Concerts and EYFS Nativity play; or who have supported the school by attending other events that we have held in school since September. It is always good to see you and to hear your feedback.

This week we saw the amount of progress that our Reception children – many of whom are still only four years old – have made in the short time that they have been with us. It has been wonderful and truly rewarding to witness. They had all learned their lines and sang the songs beautifully. We are all very proud of them.



Many of our children joined in with the festive celebrations when they went to the Sutton Town Hall to watch the pantomime 'Jack & the Beanstalk'.

As a school we greatly believe in providing our children with enrichment opportunities and I thank you for your support .

Speaking to the children and the staff it sounds like they had an amazing afternoon with the hall serenaded with the loudest calls ever of 'He's behind you!'

# Thank you to the PTA

A big thank you to Ms. Clayton, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Poller for bringing the children selection boxes to their Christmas parties yesterday, and to the wider PPA for funding this treat for them.

### **INSET Day**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January will be a teacher training day and school will be closed to all pupils. We re-open for all pupils at 8.40 a.m. on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

# **Autumn Sports Report from Mrs. Coppock**

This term we have created our School Sports Organising Crew. These children will be responsible, alongside Miss Black, for ensuring that our playtimes and lunchtimes give everybody ample opportunities to participate in fun, meaningful physical activity. Later on in the year, the crew are hoping to organise some inter house competitions.

Our School Sport Ambassadors are: Emmanuel, Aaliyah, Daisy, Ryan, Jordy, Rory, Makai, Sophie, Oliver and Khadijah



# **Sports Reporters**

Khadijah and Oliver are our school sports reporters. They have attended 3 out of the 4 competitions that Marsh Hill teams have attended this term.

Here are their reports:

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November our budding Year 2 athletes went to St Edmond Campion to participate in a Sportshall athletics competition, alongside 4 other schools.

We had our Egypt flag with us as this is the country that we are representing in this Olympic cycle.

Our athletes participated in a total of 11 different field and track events. Our favourite was the obstacle relay, a fun filled race where tunnels and hurdles had to be overcome.

Our young team, who were all participating in their first competition, made everyone at Marsh Hill very proud. They competed with great desire and sportsmanship.

Well done to Ryan, Eva, Callum, Nella, Ellis,

Aylinn, Selena, Zara and Seher



On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November a Glow Festival for girls was held at Erdington Academy.

This was a fun filled event where everything was done in the dark! The girls wore illuminous vests and all the equipment was also illuminous.

The activities that the girls took part in were, an emotions game, a confidence building activity and then a great game of glow in the dark dodgeball!

The girls had a fantastic evening and everyone said they would love to do it all over again.

Well done to Umamah, Aleena, Phoebe, Safiya, Anne-Marie, Haleema, Tahrim, Sameeha, Wajiha and Seerat.



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2 Dodgeball Teams, made up of Year 3 and 4 children, competed at The Greenwood Academy.

Each team competed in separate groups against 3 other teams.

Our A team played 3 very competitive matches and unfortunately didn't quite manage to rech the knockout stages.

Our B team went through to the grand final where they won convincingly to bring home the gold medals.

This was the biggest competition in the cluster for over 2 years and congratulations to the children for representing Marsh Hill so brilliantly!

Well done to Riaz, Aaliyah, Bella-Rose, Raul, Idale, Malik, Khaleal, Jermaine, Arman, Amelia, Minnle and AbdulRahman



On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December it was the turn of the Year 3 and 4 athletes to compete in the Sportshall Athletics.

There were some wonderful individual performances, particularly in the field events. The children then came together as a team to run some exciting track relays.

We have some very speedy children at Marsh Hill!

Well done to, Skyelar-Rose, Renea, Elijah, Cory, Idale, Zaima, Kiyara, Tilayah, Joshua, Elilta, Emmanuel and Harry



We are already booked onto a number of competitions in the Spring term and we are very much looking forward to them all.

We can't praise our children enough, they represent school with such a mature and sensible attitude and it is a real pleasure to take them each time.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for their continued support in allowing the children to take part. – Ms. Coppock

## Safeguarding

If you are concerned for a child's wellbeing during the Christmas holidays please contact The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888.

And finally...staff and governors wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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