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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

January 26th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you will now have read the report school has received following our recent Ofsted Inspection. If not, it is available to read on the website.

The start of the refurbishment of our ks2 playground has begun and the children are delighted with the new equipment that we have put in place. This equipment is for the use of our children in Years 3 to 6 to access and make use of at break time and lunchtime. Please do not encourage your children – especially younger children - to use it at the beginning or end of the school day.

We were delighted by the marvellous turn out of parents and carers to the Year 1 Phonics workshop on Thursday (25/01/24). The parents of forty children attended and the feedback was very positive, with all parents stating that they now feel more confident in supporting their child with Phonics. A number of parents also stated that they enjoyed the opportunity of working alongside their child at the workshop; and found the workshop useful in developing their own understanding of Phonics and how it can be used at home to help their child's reading development.

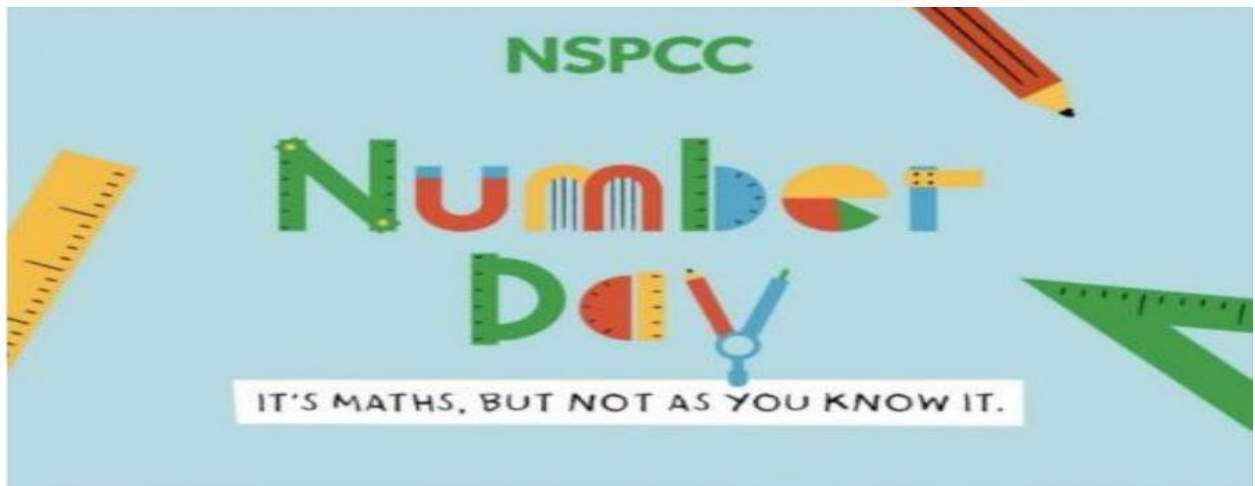
Data Checking Forms

If you have not yet returned a data checking form to school then please do so as soon as possible. It is very important that school have access to the most up to date emergency contact details for your child. If you have misplaced or did not receive a data checking form then please speak with a member of the office staff to get a copy.

Number Day

Just a reminder that next Friday (2nd February) we will be holding a special 'Number Day' in school. Children will be taking part in fun, maths related activities and there will be a special assembly at the end of the day where each year group will showcase their talents to the rest of the school about what they have learnt and enjoyed on the day.

This will be non-uniform day and we encourage children to come as anything number related. We are asking for a small donation (£1 per family) and all proceeds will go to the NSPCC.



On Wednesday, Year 4 had a workshop and a VR experience based on ancient Egypt.

Year 4 travelled to ancient Egypt after being transported through time to the year 3000BC. They met an ancient Egyptian man who told them all about the wonders of this ancient civilisation.

They learnt all about what the ancient Egyptians ate, who they worshipped and the importance of the river Nile. The children were given the opportunity to play traditional ancient Egyptian games, handle a variety of artefacts and one child was even mummified!

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their interactive Egyptian experience today and are looking forward to finding out more this half term!



Year 4 also used the virtual reality headsets to help them find out more about ancient Egypt. We explored scenes and panoramas taken inside real pyramids and temples. We were then set a secret mission - we had to walk around a temple finding clues and items that taught us more about traditions and beliefs. We spotted some food placed at the feet of a statue - this taught us that the Egyptian people offered food as a gift for the gods.

Anayah - I thought it was amazing, we got to hold artefacts from ancient Egypt

Kasen - It was so good because we saw things from the past

Josh - I didn't know the Egyptians had weapons like arrows and swords it was interesting learning new things

Tilly- I really enjoyed the workshop as I learnt lots of new things for example they had over 2000 Gods

Skyelar - We got to see what life would have been like back then, it made it seem real

Ali- it was fun to learn and explore the Egyptian temples and villages

Abdurahman - We saw Gods in the temples and the River Nile it was so good!

Amelia - We got to walk around and find things it was so much fun

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week was 1G with 98%. Well done 1G.

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.

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

Storytime

Please click on to the QR code for this week's stories to share at home. These stories come with a suggested age range, but of course, can be enjoyed by all.

3 – 5 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/2WDHwJ5</p>	<p>Everybody has a body! <i>Jon Burgerman</i></p> <p>Storytime & draw-along Read by Jon Burgerman</p>
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5 – 7 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/2A8dWUs</p>	<p>Elmer <i>David McKee</i></p> <p>Storytime Read by David McKee</p>
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7 – 9 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3cdGQRf</p>	<p>Gangsta Granny <i>David Walliams & Tony Ross</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract) Read by David Walliams</p>
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9 – 11 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/2LboFzI</p>	<p>The Girl of Ink and Stars <i>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract) Read by Kiran Millwood Hargrave</p>
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Thursday 11 th	Forest School Assembly: 9.00 a.m
Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th	IEP Reviews
Wednesday 24 th	Year 4 Egyptian Workshop
Thursday 25 th	Year 1 Phonics Workshop for parents and carers: 9.00 a.m. Year 6 SATs meeting for parents: 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.
Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 Hobgoblin Theatre Workshop
FEBRUARY	
Friday 2 nd	Maths Number Day
Monday 5 th	Year 1 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th	Year 3 Chinese New Year Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 3C)
Thursday 8 th	Year 4 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9:15am
Friday 9 th	Year 3 Chinese New Year Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 3M) Year 6 Trip to RAF Cosford
Tuesday 20 th	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Workshop for parents and carers 9:15am
Thursday 22 nd	Year 3 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Monday 26 th	Years 5 & 6 Residential at Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 29 th	Year 1 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
MARCH	
Tuesday 5 th	Mother's Day Tea: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (there will be a restricted number of tickets available for this event)
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1W)
Thursday 14 th	Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Friday 15 th	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1G) Marsh Hill's Got Talent Competition
Monday 18 th	Key stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade Key stage 2 Decorate and Egg Competition
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 21 st	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 22 nd	School Closes for the Easter Break

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher