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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

March 8th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday of this week we were delighted to give a warm welcome to all our moms who attended our annual Mother's Day tea. We were thrilled to see so many of you attend and have such a lovely time:



'What a lovely way to celebrate with our children'

'Thank you to the school for organising this'

'It's such a great idea to have this in school'

'The children were so excited to about me coming into school and having tea'

'Such a friendly staff, thank you so much'

'We are enjoying ourselves so much, thank you to the school'

'This is wonderful'

I would like to thank Cathy for organising this event and all the teachers and teaching assistants who volunteered their time to ensure that it ran smoothly.

Parents' Evening Reminder

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March between 3.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointments will be available to book online up to and including Sunday 10th March.

Ramadan

As a school, we would like to wish 'Ramadan Mubarak' to all our Muslim families observing Ramadan. I hope that you have a special and prosperous holy month. Pupils will receive a letter outlining arrangements and expectations for fasting in school.

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

On Friday 15th March we will be having a non-uniform day to raise funds for Comic Relief. We are asking for a donation of £1. Instead of sending £1 in with your child, we have set up a just giving page for donations. Please follow this link for the just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-marsh-hill-primary-school>

World Book Day

This year's theme is 'Reading Your Way!' so what better way to kick start the celebrations than by giving our children the choice on how we choose to celebrate; last week the children voted to come dressed in their pyjamas to mark the occasion.

Throughout the day there were many opportunities to read and be read to including a story read by a different teacher! We have had many discussions around our right to choose what we read and what we enjoy, variety is the spice of life!

We celebrated the much loved stories and illustrations by the famous children's author Anthony Browne, who was voted our author of the month at the end of February. We did this through a range of fun-filled activities such as art, drama, debates, P.E sessions and writing!



All children will have come home with a £1 book token which they can use to buy one of the listed books or towards the cost of another book of their choice from a book retailer, or why not save it to use at our upcoming book fair during the week beginning 18th March?

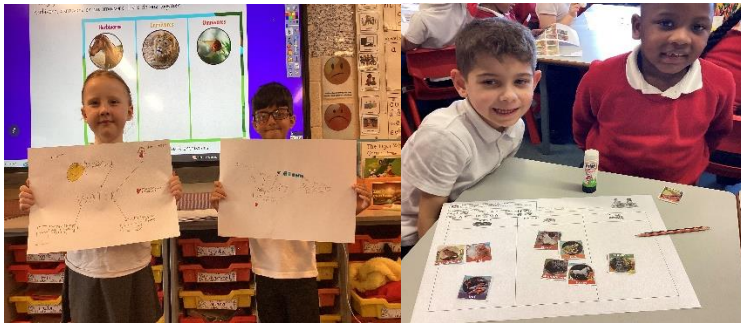
Science Day

Whole School Assembly

To launch Science Day, we started off with a very informative assembly. A Severn Trent representative visited our school to inform us about how water is recycled and the ways in which we use water. Our fantastic volunteers from Year 4 shared how water is recycled at Severn Trent and is then distributed through pipes underground to our houses. We were shown the different items we should bin or flush. Items such as wet wipes, toys, phones and nappies should never be flushed as they block the pipes that carry the sewage. 'Be a binner not a blocker' is our motto!

Year 1

Year 1 have loved Science Day! In the morning, we created a poster showing ways in which water is important. We then discussed how we use water in our everyday lives and completed a few activities on Purple Mash. In the afternoon, Year 1 completed a science lesson of our current topic 'Animals including Humans.' We learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, and sorted animals into these three groups. Year 1 have learnt so much about water on Science Day, and will definitely remember how to not block a toilet!



Year 2

After our assembly, we started the day by learning the Water Song from Severn Trent. We also talked about, and watched, a short clip on plastics in the seas, rivers and oceans and talked about what could happen.

We were lucky to be able to use the VR headsets to look at pictures from under the sea and paper and bottle recycling.



Throughout the day we created posters, read a newspaper report about wet wipes blocking sewers, wrote letters explaining about plastics in the environment and learnt what can and can't be recycled.





What have we learnt on Science Day? What do we know now that we didn't know this morning?

I learnt that I need to recycle not throw things in the toilet - Aliza

I learnt that plastic is harmful to fish - Chloe.

I learnt that animals can die because of plastic, they might get it stuck on their head. - Rayan

We only put three things in the toilet; toilet paper, pee and poo - Selena

We learnt that things can block sewage pipes and cause a flood in someone else's house - Cayci

That sometimes the plastic that the fish can get into our tummies when we eat fish fingers - Lilah.

We saw the ocean, the animals and a recycling centre on the VR headsets. - Airah

Plastic can remain whole for 500 years - Amelja.

Don't throw plastic bags in the ocean because it makes animals stuck - Mehar.

I didn't know how plastic bottles were recycled - Jaxon.

We could use metal and smooth wood to make toys - Anderson.

Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing time today! We have learned about the importance of hydration. Did you know children should drink 6-8 glasses of water a day? It improves concentration and keeps you healthy. In the afternoon, we learned about how shadows and reflections are created. We were able to explore different images to notice and observe shadows and reflections using VR headsets. We also explored ways to save water. We were able to create some fantastic posters to show this.



Year 4

Year 4 took part in a workshop provided by Severn Trent water. The focus was saving water. We worked in teams and were given a fictional family. We measured out the water that each family used and decided who were water wasters or water savers.



Tilly - The workshop was so much fun, I liked being able to work as part of a team and getting to measure the water.

Abdurrahman - It was really informative and it linked to measuring maths.

Skylear - It was interesting deciding who was a water waster and water saver.

Haadi - I learnt you can turn waste into electricity!

Amelia - to save water we can use rain water for things like washing the car and watering our grass.

Mother's Day Raffle

Congratulations to all our Mother's Day Raffle winners

Zarrah (6C) Mansoor (6M) Eva (6M) Cairo (2S) Abu-Kaur (2D) Seher (2D)
Alayna (1W) Amaanah (1W) Zidan (1G) Ariana (1G) Aliza (Rainbows) Gaya (Rainbows)
William (1G)

Muhammad P (3C) - won the main prize

STARS of the Week



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

Reception – Amnan, Kendall, Rumaisa, Albert

Year 1 – Ava, Matthew, Erin, Abu-Bakr

Year 2 – Phoebe, Maymunah, Anderson

Year 3 – Mia, Bella-Rose, Leila, Temi

Year 5 – Mila, Adeire

Year 6 – Phoebe, Abdulmalik, Calan

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is 6M, who achieved 95.1%. Very well done and congratulations to 6M. Whole school attendance was 95.1%.

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.

MARCH	
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)
Monday 18 th	Marsh Hill's Got Talent Competition Key stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade Key stage 2 Decorate and Egg Competition

	The Book Fair arrives in school
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	Teacher Training Day – School will be closed to all pupils. School re-opens to pupils on Monday 8 th April, 2024

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

Yours sincerely,



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