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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

It has been another busy and eventful week at Marsh Hill; and one where we have seen the creative side of so many of our wonderfully talented children. Last Friday we had the **M Factor**, and on Monday we held our annual EYFS/KS1 **Easter Bonnet Parade** and KS2 **Decorate an Egg Competition**. There is more about these events further on in the newsletter.

As we reach the end of the Spring term, I would like to remind you that today (Thursday 21st March) is the last day of term for all pupils as we have a **Teacher Training Day** tomorrow (Friday 22nd March) and school will be closed to all pupils. We re-open to all pupils on Monday 8th April at 8.40 a.m. (Breakfast Club opens at 8.10 a.m.).

When we do return after Easter, I am delighted that children from Year 1 to Year 6 will get the opportunity to go **horse riding**. At Marsh Hill we actively seek to develop the whole child and we strive to provide them with the opportunities to learn about things that are, for many, outside their daily experience. If you have been able to attend Parents' Evening then you will have received a letter giving you further information about this exciting opportunity and a consent form that will enable your child to take part.

Measles Update

Today, I have been contacted by Humera Sultan, Consultant in Public Health for Birmingham City Council, regarding the increasing number of people with measles in Birmingham. The Public Health Division of Birmingham City Council have requested that school's pass on to parents and carers a letter from them as a reminder of the importance of vaccination. Your child will have come home with the letter today.

Ramadan/ Eid

In readiness for your celebrations, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim families 'Eid Mubarak'. Speaking to our older children who are fasting, I am very proud of their achievements with their focus, commitment and resilience being values that will hold them in good stead for the future.

- Children celebrating Eid are entitled to take one day off from school
- Those children not celebrating Eid are expected to attend school as normal
- Eid parties will take place during the afternoon of Friday 12th April

The M Factor

Last Friday we celebrated the performing arts with The M Factor, a Student Squad production which involved the whole school community.

Over the past month our children have had the opportunity to share their talents with their classes which led to an audition for the final show. The M Factor final consisted of a variety of talent from across the school being shared and celebrated.

The judging panel and audience were entertained by Mason, Azad, Henry, Aliza, Zakaria Ahmed, Hussein, Alizay, Mariam, Gaya, Nariah, Raina, Sedra and Harper F. our dancing spider boys/girls from Rainbows. Year 1 ballet dancing from Ariana and sensational singing from Khadijah in Year 3, Alan in Year 5 and Eva, Sophie & Umamah in Year 6. Faith from Year 4 amazed the audience with her dancing whilst the judges decided the winners.

The judges had the difficult task of choosing winners from each key stage. Eventually, their decision was unanimous.

Congratulations to Wealth, Thomas and Nylah - the robot dancers from Sunshine's, Cayci & Chelsea for their energetic dancing from Year 2; and in Key Stage 2 our winner was pianist Louis from Year 4.

Our sensational Student Squad produced an entertaining and fun show that celebrated the diverse talent of our pupils in our school. Thank you to our wonderful Student Squad presenters Aaliyah, Minnie, Alan and Aleema; our judges Miss Irish and our school governor Mr Douglas (who also entertained us with a stunning and impromptu performance of 'Amazing Grace'). Thank you to the staff team for their support and to our amazing talented children for making The M Factor a big success.

I would also like to reserve an extra special thank you to Mr. Hamblett for organising and overseeing the whole event and ensuring that it ran smoothly.



The M Factor finalists, presenters and judges: Miss Irish and Mr Douglas.

Easter Bonnet and Decorate an Egg Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in this year's EYFS/Ks1 Easter Bonnet and Ks2 Decorate an Egg Competitions. The standard of the entries were very high and it was extremely difficult to choose the winners. Very well done to everyone who took part.



The winners of the Easter Bonnet competition were Gaya, Safa, Layton, Musa, Ivy and Leilla. Thanks to Mr. Moheen and Mrs. Langston-Jones (Chair of Governors) for judging the competition.



The winners of the Decorate an Egg competition were Corey, Mia, Alexandru, Jariyah, Frayah, Junior, Khadijah and Zainab. Thanks to Mrs Leavey and Mrs Clover for judging the competition.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the school's efforts to raise money for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. In total, our school community raised £255 to send to Comic Relief to support the charitable work they carry out both here in the UK and across the globe.

Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our Easter Raffle winners, Shawaiz (Y5) 1st Prize and Ivy (Y3) 2nd Prize. Well done also to the other 18 (runner up) Prize winners.

Thank you to the Marsh Hill Heroes for organising this event. Their help and support has been, as always, invaluable.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is 3C, who achieved 99.17%. Very well done and congratulations to 3C. Whole school attendance was 93.89%.

Safeguarding

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



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

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher