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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

May 24th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

It has been a busy and eventful half term at Marsh Hill. As you know, this term we have provided the children from Year 1 to Year 6 with the opportunity to go **horse riding**. This has been a great success and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to take part. I have been very pleased to receive so much positive feedback from children and parents.

This week, as part of our school's **reading rewards scheme**, 120 children from reception to Year 6 have enjoyed watching classic stories brought to life on the big screen at the Marsh Hill cinema (with popcorn included), as a result of achieving their 'Reading Silver Award'. This means these children have consistently read at home at least three times a week for 20 weeks, and had their diary signed by an adult. Thank you for your dedication to reading, both to the pupils and your parents.

Remember there will be another opportunity for those who have not yet achieved their silver award to do so next term - as well as rewards for gold award winners! So keeeeeeeeeep Reading!!!!!!!

On Tuesday, **Year 3 visited Statfold Country Park** in Tamworth. The children took part in an interactive classroom session where they found out how steam locomotives have changed over time. Olivia, who led the session, was very impressed with the children's historical knowledge and said that she had never taught a school where the children were so enthusiastic and knowledgeable about steam locomotives. We also went on a museum tour and found out the names of different parts of a steam locomotive such as the funnel, cab and footplate. To end our visit, we went for a ride on a steam train. The children were very excited and commented on how slow and bumpy it was compared to trains now.

Year 6 visited The Birmingham Canal this week. In spite of the rain, they had a fantastic time learning about the History of the canal network and the people – known and unknown- who helped to build them. The children enjoyed: a private boat ride to from Brindley Place to past Hockley Port to Icknield port; a workshop where they learned about the structural building of the Birmingham Canals and a guided walk along the canal. Year 6 are now ready to explore this topic further in their history lessons after the half-term break.

School Closure for the General Election

As you will be aware, a General Election is taking place on Thursday, July 4th . We have been contacted by the Elections Office who have informed us that Marsh Hill will be used as a polling station on the day, and therefore the school will be closed to pupils.

As a result, changes to the scheduled events for July 4th will be put in place:

- Year 5/6 Sports Day will now take place on the morning of Monday 1st July
- End of Year Reports will now go out on Wednesday 3rd July

I apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause, but I am sure that you appreciate the reasons as to why.

Message for Parents/Carers of Children Currently in Year 5

Please be advised that registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham (entry to Year 7 in September 2025).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 28th June 2024.
The test will take place on 14th September 2024.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

STARS of the Week



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

Reception – Nyla, Ava

Year 1 – Tyreiss, Liyana, Aminah, Jalia

Year 2 – Mikayla, Haris, Eddie, Mahmood, Wiktor

Year 3 – Sophie, Arnas, Ivy, Jayden

Year 4 – Idale, Kasen, Aaila, Harry

Year 5 – CJ, Maysam, Isaiah, AbdulAziz

Year 6 – Oliver

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week was 93.47%. The classes with the highest attendance were 3M and 4M with 96.9%. Very well done to 3M and 4M.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child's wellbeing over the half term holiday, then please ring The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888 or contact the Police.

Dates For Your Diary

JUNE	
w/c Monday 10 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 18 th	EYFS Induction meeting for Parents and Carers of children starting school in September (Rainbows): 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 19 th	EYFS Induction meeting for Parents and Carers of children starting school in September (Sunshines): 9.00 a.m.
Monday 24 th	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 28 th	Year 2 Sleepover
JULY	
w/c Monday 1 st	EYFS Home Visits for children starting school in September (all week) Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day: 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 2 nd	Ks1 Sports Day 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 9.15 a.m. End of Year Reports to parents and carers
Thursday 4 th	General Election – School to be used as a Polling Station, so will be closed to all pupils and staff
Friday 5 th	Whole School Big Top Circus Event (all day)
w/c Monday 8 th	EYFS Home Visits for children starting school in September (all week)
Monday 15 th	EYFS Graduation Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Parents' Evening (3.30 p.m.– 6.00 p.m.)
Wednesday 17 th	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic
Friday 19 th	Last day for children – school closes at 1.00 p.m.

This section will be updated if/when new dates are added; or if there is any change of date to any events.

I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful half term break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher