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MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 20th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

National Fitness Day - Wednesday 18th September

On Wednesday 18th September we celebrated National Fitness Day. National Fitness Day encouraged our pupils to have fun and enjoy exercising. I would like to thank Miss Black who organised the day and ran the sessions for all classes from Year 1 to Year 6. As you can see from the Pupil Voice responses, the children had fun and showed their understanding of the importance of exercise.

<p>Year 3</p> <p>"I think Fitness is important because it makes you strong"(RM)</p> <p>"It means to be healthy. It is important because it will allow you to have energy".(LR)</p> <p>"Fitness is to be very active"(SA)</p> <p>"Fitness to me is staying fit and healthy. You could take part in exercise and keeps our hearts healthy". (JS)</p> <p>"Fitness makes you healthy and helps you run further"(JW)</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>"I think Fitness is important because it makes us healthy"(ZW)</p> <p>"It will keep us fit, strong and healthy".(LN)</p> <p>"Fitness is to be very active"(SA)</p> <p>"Fitness is good for our heart"(NI)</p> <p>"Fitness stops us from getting a stich when running"(ES)</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p>"Brain will be healthier"</p> <p>"To run fast"</p> <p>"Your muscles can be strong"</p> <p>"Do exercise"</p> <p>"Makes us hot"</p> <p>"Strong"</p> <p>"PE and Sports"</p> <p>"Makes you excited and happy"</p> <p>"Playing outside"</p> <p>"Sports"</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Year 4</p>

"Fitness is important because it keeps you healthy"(AH)	"Fitness is important because it gives us energy and helps you grow your mindset"(MH)	"Fitness means being healthy and happy"(AA)
"Fitness is important for your mental health and relaxation"(AS)	"Fitness is important because it keeps you healthy, active and strong"(FK)	"Fitness is important because it makes your joints strong and makes you healthy"(TA)
"Fitness helps your muscles" (UU)	"It is important because it helps you get stronger and fit, so it makes you healthy"(DL)	"Fitness is about being healthy and exercise and have a good diet"(JZ)
"Fitness is important because it help you stay in shape" (SA)	"We need fitness because we have to stay healthy and active"(HA)	"Fitness is important because it help you stay in shape and take part in different sports activities" (LP)
"Better than spending a whole day on a device" (SR)	"Fitness is good for you and fun it is important because you need to stay healthy and have energy" (AN)	"Fitness means exercising such as jogging and being active allowing you increase muscles and get stronger"(RS)

Forest School

Last Friday (13th September), we celebrated the latest graduation ceremony for our Forest School participants. The graduates were from the summer term cohort of pupils and it was a lovely way to begin the new school year by celebrating their achievements through outdoor learning. Each pupil involved was presented with a certificate by our Forest School leader Rachel.

Rachel has been leading the Marsh Hill Forest School program for the past 2 and ½ years and, during this time, Forest School has had a really positive impact on the very many pupils who have taken part. Through creating learner inspired experiences based on exploration and discovery, and presenting them with challenges to overcome, Forest School builds confidence in children and allows their character to blossom, while developing resilience and empathy.

All our pupils who have taken part have spoken positively about their experiences and have wanted to repeat them.

Sadly, Rachel will no longer be running Forest School for Marsh Hill and so Friday was also a time to thank her for all that she has contributed to our school.

It was also a good opportunity for past participants of Forest School to say goodbye to Rachel.

On a happier note, Mr. Hamblet, who is now a qualified Forest School practitioner, will continue to run the programme for our children so that many more get the opportunity for outdoor learning.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

I'm hosting this Macmillan Coffee Morning for

The School Student Squad on behalf of the school pupils want to support this fantastic charity again this year

The cake sale will be held on **Thursday 26th at 10.30am**

For the **children only**.

In order to make the event successful we are asking for donations

Of pre-packed cakes and biscuits (Nut free please)

Please bring the donations into school next week before the sale.

On Thursday the children can then bring in some pocket money

To buy the cakes as a break time treat.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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STARS of the Week



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

Year 1 – Harper T., Alaya, Umar, Alizay, Nariah

Year 2 – Lacey, Lamar, Amelia, Ziyaan

Year 3 – Cayci, Aiza, Paul, Chelsea

Year 4 – Mia, Harmony, Lyba, Shanzay

Year 5 – Zaima, Louis, Emeke, Maryam

Year 6 – Rayhaan, Younis, Urwa, Azaliya, Dinelle, Vivan

Marvellous Me

Just a reminder to sign up to Marvellous Me, please ask your child's class teacher if you need your login details again. Staff use Marvellous Me to share news, important information and celebrate your child's successes.

Year 6 Secondary School Information

If you have a child in the current Year 6, applications for Secondary School Preference opened on 1st September and close on 31st October, 2024. Find out more information about the application process on the council's website at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

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.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was 6C. Congratulations and very well done to 6C.

The whole school attendance figure was 95.57%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	90.67
Sunshines	96.9
1G	94.33
1H	96.33
2D	96.9
2P	94.0
3C	98.28
3D	96.0
4H	97.0
4M	98.0
5C	94.84
5U	94.29
6C	99.47
6M	95.5
6W	99.0
Whole School	95.57

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 3 Trip to Edgmond Hall
Thursday 26 th	Year 6 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10
Thursday 26 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning Cake Sale 10.30 for pupils
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 1 st	EYFS Phonics Workshop: 9.00 – 10.00 Class 1G Trip: Back-to-Back Houses
Wednesday 2 nd	Class 1H Trip: Back-to-Back Houses
Wednesday 9 th	Y2 Trip: Black Country Living Museum
Thursday 10 th	Year 5 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10
Thursday 24 th	Year 4 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10
NOVEMBER	
13 th	Year 5 Trip: Santorini Greek Restaurant p.m.
Thursday 14 th	Year 4 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00
Thursday 21 st	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00
Friday 22 nd	Conservatoire Music Performance in the school hall for Years 1 – 6: 1.45 – 2.45
DECEMBER	
Monday 9 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Tuesday 10 th	Pantomime Trip for Years 1 – 6: a.m.
Wednesday 11 th	Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Thursday 12 th	Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Tuesday 17 th	Reception Nativity: 9.15 and 2.00
Wednesday 18 th	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Parties p.m.
Friday 20 th	School Closes at 1.00 for the Christmas Holidays

This section will be updated once new dates are known and confirmed.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher