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## MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 29th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well.

### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Last week was National UK Parliament week. We concluded the week with the Annual Election of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. No doubt you will have seen all the posters for their campaigns around school - we really had some very enthusiastic candidates this year. The duly elected Ambassadors are:

Daisy, Abdurrahman, Joshua and Louis and their Deputies will be Urwa, Azaliya, Mohammed and Mobin. Very warm congratulations to all of these children on their achievement. To put this in context, 78 children in Years 4 to 6 applied for these roles.

We would like to thank all of the children across school who chose to take part in this free vote: we had an 81% population participation. This truly was an example of the core British value of democracy in action at school.

I would like to thank Cathy Lomas for organising this event, the representatives from Compass who supported the selection process and Mrs. Leavey for assisting with the ballot.



### Last chance to sign up to Asda/ Parentkind

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who will be making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, up until 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to Marsh Hill. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

### **Ice Skating Rink**

As a school we are committed to providing children with opportunities to experience a wide, rich set of experiences. On Monday we are having an ice rink installed in the Ks2 playground and all children across school will have the opportunity to ice skate. The ice rink will be utilised on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week and all children have been timetabled to have a turn.

### **Birmingham City Council Hardship Community Grant Fund**

Birmingham City Council Hardship Community Grant Fund is being made available to ease the financial burdens faced by vulnerable citizens living in Birmingham.

To be eligible you must:

- be a Birmingham Resident.
- be able to demonstrate that your household is experiencing financial hardship, in particular covering food and energy costs.
- be in receipt of an appropriate benefit
- not have received a £200 grant payment in the last 12 months

If you believe that you fulfil this criteria/ please contact the school office and we will arrange a time for you to come to school for us to process the request for payment.

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 2024 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Once again, we will be doing our bit in our festive knits and raising lots of money for Save the Children. We are requesting a donation of £1 to join in the festive fun!

If children do not have a Christmas jumper, they can wear something Christmas related. We can't wait to see you looking fabulously festive on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December!



### **Christmas Fayre**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a Christmas Fayre in the school hall. The fayre will be open to parents, carers and relatives from 3.30 pm until 4.15 pm. Children will be able to visit the fayre between 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. - this will be organised within year groups. Children may bring money into school to spend at the fayre when they visit during their timeslot. In order to help us prepare for our Christmas fayre, we would be very grateful for donations of the following items:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - preloved books that can be resold

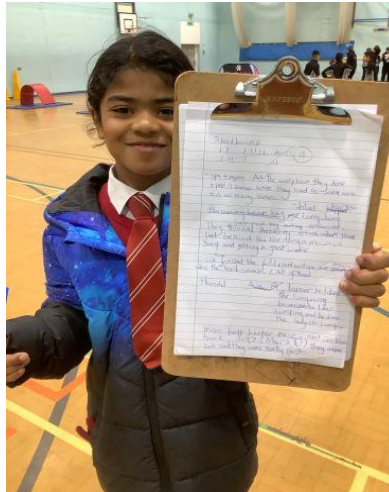
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - food/drink items that can be purchased

## Sports Competition



On Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup> November) after school, eleven children from Key Stage One took part in a field and track event competition at Erdington Academy. During the competition they took part in 'speed bounce' - which is jumping from side to side as many times as you can in an allotted time. Then they did some long jumps - they tried really hard to get good length scores. After this there were a variety of different speed and hurdle races - they were amazing. The competition was really good and everyone tried their best. They were particularly good at the sprinting. They were the runners up this time but they did really well!

Report written by Idrees.



## STARS of the Week



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

Reception – Xavian, Cheryl, Zayn

Year 1 – Antosh, Aliya, Kendall-Rose

Year 2 – Ayaan, Hoorain, Ayaan

Year 3 – Olamikunsi, Amelja, Zakirariyya, Areeba

Year 4 – Kiyara, Khaleal, Mason, Prince

Year 5 – Josh, Ali, Aaila, David

Year 6 – Basira, Maizah, Saya, Anayah, Caseylee, Rayah

### Bring it on Brum!

Bring it on Brum! is once again running FREE holiday clubs in Birmingham throughout the Christmas school holidays for young people aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activity packs and food boxes are also available as part of the Bring it on Brum! enrichment offer.

- Holiday clubs will run from Monday, 23rd December to Friday, 3rd January (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays).
- Bookings will open from Monday, 2nd December at [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk).

To book holiday activities through the Bring it on Brum! website or directly with the holiday club, parents/carers will need a Bring it on Brum! Code. This code will be sent out via text message to all parents whose children are entitled to free school meals on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was 6C with 98.9%. Congratulations and very well done to 6C.

The whole school attendance figure was 91.74%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	84.7
Sunshines	78.37
1G	90.55
1H	86.86
2D	97.78
2P	87.27
3C	86.08
3D	97.43
4H	92.65
4M	97.72
5C	98.85
5U	96.69
<b>6C</b>	<b>98.9</b>
6M	93.68
6W	93.64
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>91.74</b>

### 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.


## Diary Dates

DECEMBER	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime Trip for Years 1 – 6: a.m.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Visit to the Theatre to see 'Finding Santa' Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre in the school hall (after school)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity: 9.15 and 2.00
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties p.m.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	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