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MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 31st 2025

The Value for the month of January is DETERMINATION

Try Again by William Hickson

'Tis a lesson you should heed

Try again;

If at first you don't succeed,

Try again.

Then your courage should appear;

For if you will persevere,

You will conquer, never fear,

Try again.

Once or twice though you should fail,

If you would at last prevail,

Try again.

If we strive, 'tis no disgrace

Though we did not win the race

What should you do in that case?

Try again.

If you find your task is hard.

Try again;

Time will bring you your reward,

Try again;

All that other folk can do,

Why with patience should not you?

Only keep this rule in view,

Try again.

The value of the month for February will be COURAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Number Day

As part of our commitment to making maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly TT Rockstars competition involving schools across the UK.

The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Friday 7th February 2025 to 19:30 GMT Friday 7th February 2025. It's all done online via www.play.ttrockstars.com.

On Friday 7th February, your child may come to school dressed as their TT Rockstar avatar or as a Rock Star (musician) of their choice - including hairstyles!

The Marsh Hill Marketplace Event

On Monday 10th February, we will be holding a Marsh Hill Marketplace in the school hall (doors open at 9.00 a.m. and will close at 11.00 a.m.). When we previously held this event in 2023 it was a great success and much appreciated by our families.

We will have available free grocery shopping items for every family at Marsh Hill (please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for the choice of products that will be available). Please make sure you bring a bag to take your items home.

Also on the day, there will be a 'uniform swap' where you can pick up free preloved school uniform items; and access signposting to external agencies for support with mental health and domestic abuse, as well as advice for those struggling with debts or paying utility bills.

Breakfast and refreshments will be available free of charge.

Year 6 Writing Workshop

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 6 writing workshop on Thursday (30.01.25). I hope that you found the session useful and that it will help you to understand the expectations of what your children should be including in their written work; and help you support them in achieving these objectives at home. This was reflected in the feedback we received, as one parent noted:

“Very informative. This workshop gives us parents an idea on how to help our child at home.
Thank you.”

The Primary Dance Festival

Good luck to all our dancers who will be representing the school by taking part in a Primary Dance Festival at North Birmingham Academy next Thursday (06.02.25). I would like to very much thank Mrs. Savage for so brilliantly choreographing the performance.

STARS of the Week



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

Reception – Zidane, Arron-Deen, Alicia, Ayaan

Year 1 – Rumaisa, Maisie-Rae, Aminah, Raina,

Year 2 – Mikhail, Haadi, Jalia, Armaanah

Year 3 – Chloe, Jaxon, Jeremy, Haris

Year 4 – Abdullah, Aaliyah, Leila, Jannah

Year 5 – Abdallah, Aishah, Bilal, Aaila

Year 6 – Anne-Marie, Isaiah, Anayah, Amelia, Caseylee

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; or the Police on 999, if the child is in immediate danger.

Attendance

The classes with the highest attendance this week was 6M.
Congratulations and very well done to 6M.

The whole school attendance figure was 93.28%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	92.33
Sunshines	84.33

1G	93.67
1H	95.52
2D	87.67
2P	94.14
3C	94.0
3D	93.0
4H	95.67
4M	95.0
5C	96.33
5U	92.33
6C	95.5
6M	97.14
6W	95.26
Whole School	93.28

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY	
Monday 3 rd	UDB: Mental Health Awareness Assembly
Tuesday 4 th	Florence Nightingale workshop in school for Year 1 pupils
Wednesday 5 th	Chinese New Year Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 3C Year 6 Trip to RAF Cosford
Thursday 6 th	Year 5 writing workshop
Friday 7 th	Chinese New Year Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 3D NSPCC Number Day PCSO in delivering Online Safety Workshops for children across school
Monday 10 th	Marsh Hill marketplace event; 9.00 a.m. in the school hall
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day – Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers in the minor hall at 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Writing workshop for parents and carers
Friday 14 th	Marsh Hill's Got Talent

	School breaks up for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 24 th	Swimming Pool onsite (for seven weeks)
MARCH	
Monday 3 rd – Wednesday 5 th	Years 5 and 6 residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 6 th	Year 1 Writing workshop for parents and carers
Friday 14 th	Year 6 water safety workshop p.m.
Tuesday 18 th	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 20 th	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 21 st	House Competition TT Rock Stars
Wednesday 26 th	EYFS Writing workshop for parents and carers Mother’s Day Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 1G
Thursday 27 th	Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea in the school hall: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.
Friday 28 th	Mother’s Day Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 1H: 9.00 a.m.
APRIL	
Wednesday 9 th	Easter Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 5C: 9.00 a.m. EYFS/Ks1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 11 th	Easter Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 5U: 9.00 a.m. Ks2 Decorate an Easter Egg showcase School breaks up for the Easter Holiday: 3.15 p.m.

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

I wish all our families a good weekend.



Mr. J. Cusack

Head Teacher



COST OF LIVING CRISIS WE HAVE CRACKED IT!



MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 9AM - 11AM

FREE GROCERY SHOPPING FOR EVERY
FAMILY AT MARSH HILL PRIMARY! (Bring a bag!)

FREE CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE EARLY HELP LOCALITY TEAM

FREE BREAKFAST AND REFRESHMENTS
FREE PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM



SIGNPOSTING TO EXTERNAL AGENCIES FOR SUPPORT FOR
MENTAL HEALTH, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND OTHER ISSUES
AFFECTING THE LOCALITY



SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING
WITH DEBTS OR PAYING THEIR UTILITY BILLS

HAVE WE MENTIONED IT'S ALL **FREE** IF YOU
ARE A PARENT AT MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



AND WE DO MEAN **FREE** TO ALL FAMILIES AT MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

There will be a choice of products to choose from these include:

Tea / Coffee

Squash / Fruit juices

Sugar

A variety of breakfast cereals

Tinned vegetables - including sweetcorn, tomatoes, peas and carrots

Baked Beans

Spaghetti Hoops

Pasta and Pasta sauces

Rice and Curry sauces

Noodles and stir fry sauces

Biscuits

Crisps

Washing up liquid

Toilet paper

Bubblebaths & Soaps



A BIG THANKYOU TO THE **MARSH HILL HEROES**
FOR SUPPORTING THE EVENT BY ASSISTING
WITH THE UNIFORM SWAP SHOP,
BREAKFAST AND REFRESHMENTS!

It's a **FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED** basis -
the doors will open at
9am!
And close at **11am**

Simply collect your
vouchers from the Main
Hall upon entry and then
enter the Marsh Hill
Market Place - exchange
your vouchers for products.
1 Voucher = 1 Product