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## **MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 2025**

### **The Value of the month for February is COURAGE**

*Courage involves making good choices in the face of fear or obstacles, It's another term for bravery. Remember: Bravery doesn't mean fearlessness. It means we do not let fear hold us back from exploring new opportunities, developing our skills, and doing what is right.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

### **The Marsh Hill Marketplace Event**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 free grocery shopping items available for every family at Marsh Hill. Please make sure you bring a bag to take your items home with you.

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.

### **The Primary Dance Festival**

Well done to all fifteen Year 5 dancers who took part in the dance competition against other schools yesterday at NBA. This was the very first time the children have danced on a stage and in front of an audience. They have worked so hard in a short space of time to create a 3-minute routine and they performed it fantastically. We are all very proud of them.

Thank you also to Mrs. Savage for choreographing the routine and Miss Black and Cathy Lomas for supporting the children at the event. Extra-curricular activities that provide such

valuable opportunities for our children are not possible without the commitment of staff and their willingness to give up their own free time.

### **Chinese New Year Assembly – Year 3**

Very well done to our two Year 3 classes (3C and 3D) for the wonderful Chinese New Year assemblies that they produced this week. All parents and carers who attended were delighted and impressed by the performances. Together we discovered that 2025 is The Year of the Snake. Individuals born under the Snake sign in the Chinese zodiac are often associated with characteristics like wisdom, charm, and strong intuition. They usually think things through thoroughly, prefer to keep things private, and are really good at understanding and caring about others.

A nice activity that you might like to do with your child/children, is to discover which animal's year they were born in and read and discuss the story together.

### **Know Yourself Assembly**

UDB (Urban Devotion Birmingham), one of the outside agencies that the school works with, led Monday's whole school assembly. The theme of the assembly was 'Know Yourself.' Emma from UDB encouraged the children to think about: What makes them nervous? What makes them feel relaxed? What they enjoy learning about? What they are good at? What makes them laugh?

UDB also do outreach work and provide support in the wider community. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' Evening in spring term will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, between 3.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. You will receive a letter enabling you to book appointments online during the first week back after half term.

### **Year 5 Writing Workshop for Parents and Carers**

Thank you to the 22 parents and carers who took the opportunity to attend this week's writing workshop. School and home working together in partnership is an important component in supporting the development of our children and we always appreciate it when you are able to attend. Writing Workshops are taking place across the spring term for all year groups. You will receive a letter two weeks in advance of your child's year group workshop, inviting you to attend.

### **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 class with the highest attendance this week was 4M.  
Congratulations and very well done to 4M.

The whole school attendance figure was 92.46%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	82.67
Sunshines	90.67
1G	94.33
1H	95.17
2D	93.0
2P	94.67
3C	91.0
3D	91.0
4H	82.76
<b>4M</b>	<b>99.67</b>
5C	97.67
5U	93.0
6C	98.0
6M	97.62
6W	86.84
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.46</b>

### Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing board. If you have any queries about the process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Ms. Dunkley through the school office.


### Diary Dates

FEBRUARY	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Marsh Hill marketplace event; 9.00 a.m. in the school hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day – Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers in the minor hall at 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Writing workshop for parents and carers

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Marsh Hill's Got Talent 2025  School breaks up for half term
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Pool onsite (for seven weeks)
<b>MARCH</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 and 6 residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Writing workshop for parents and carers
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 water safety workshop p.m.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	House Competition TT Rock Stars
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Writing workshop for parents and carers  Mother's Day Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 1G
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in the school hall: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 1H: 9.00 a.m.
<b>APRIL</b>	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 5C: 9.00 a.m.  EYFS/Ks1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	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

# TUESDAY

Wyrley Birch Kids Fun Club  
All ages  
3:30-4:30pm  
@ The Lakeside Centre

# MONDAY

The Underground Junior  
School Years 3-6  
3:15-4:30pm  
@ The Underground

# WEDNESDAY

Perry Common Family Cafe  
All ages; 3:15 - 4:15pm  
@ Hope House, 148 Witton  
Lodge Rd

# THURSDAY

Pype Hayes Children  
& Families, All ages  
3:30-4:30pm @ St  
Mary's Church, Pype  
Hayes

Short Heath MYV  
All ages  
4:00-5:00pm  
@ Erdington Oaks Play  
Park

# FRIDAY

Erdington Hall Kids Club  
School Years 3-6  
3:30-4:30pm  
@ St Chad's Church Centre



The best way to stay up to date is  
by scanning here and following