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MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 14th 2025

The Value of the month for February is COURAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

TT Rockstars Challenge

Very warm congratulations to all our children for taking part in the TT Rockstars Challenge that took place – which was open to all schools across the country - on Friday 7th February. 3623 schools took part in the competition (including both primary and secondary schools). I am delighted to inform you that of all those schools, Marsh Hill came a very impressive 36th nationwide. We also came 8th in the whole of the West Midlands (out of 204 schools).


It was also fantastic to see so many of our children getting into the spirit of the competition by dressing up as rock stars for the day.

33	Redlands Community Primary School, Sileby Leicestershire	166,535
34	Lomeshaye Junior School Lancashire	165,991
35	Elm Park Primary School, Hornchurch Essex	165,949
36	Marsh Hill Primary School West Midlands	164,059

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERBOARD

Ranked by school total score




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 Certificates

Top 50 results out of 204 schools

School Total Score

	Parkgate Primary School, Coventry West Midlands	377,221
	Stanton Bridge Primary School West Midlands	228,193
	Holbrook Primary School, Coventry West Midlands	191,753
4	Pinfold Street Primary School, Wednesbury West Midlands	182,528
5	Town Junior School West Midlands	178,798
6	Palfrey Junior School, Walsall West Midlands	170,224
7	Marsh Hill Primary School West Midlands	164,059
8	Hill West Primary School West Midlands	155,580



The Marsh Hill Marketplace Event

On Monday 10th February, we were able to support 116 of our families through our Marsh Hill Marketplace event, by providing free groceries and access to external support agencies who provide help in the areas of mental health, domestic abuse, advice around debt and difficulties with paying utility bills. There was also an opportunity to acquire pre-loved uniform items and a free breakfast for those who attended.

I know from the feedback we received that this event was welcomed and appreciated in our school community and I would like to thank Cathy Lomas, our Pastoral Manager, for

organising the event and the members of the Marsh Hill Heroes who supported her on the day to make a real and positive difference for our families.

Focus on Safeguarding - Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday of this week, school took part in Safer Internet Day. This year's event was based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' The day began with a whole school assembly delivered by Ms. Cureton where children were reminded of the SMART Online Safety Rules. Throughout the day, children took part in various activities to deepen their understanding of scams and how to spot them. Here are a selection of some of the comments from the children about what they learnt.

EYFS

Tell an adult if something pops up. So they will know what to do.

Don't click on something. If it is scary tell a grown up!

We should tell our mommy or daddy if there is a problem

When I play games and someone messages me I ignore them

Year 1

Block any messages that you do not know they could be a scammer.

If you are not sure don't open or click.

If someone asks you to share your account – tell your trusted adult.

Don't keep the chat open on Roblox it can mean strangers can talk to us.

Year 2

Do not click on anything suspicious.

S for Stay safe by never giving out personal information or passwords.

M for Meeting someone who you have only been in touch with online should never be carried out.

A for Accepting files or messages from people you don't know can lead to problems.

R for Reliable: be aware that someone online might lie about who they are and information on the Internet may not be true.

T for Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone makes you feel uncomfortable or worried whilst you are online

Year 3

To make a good password, you need 3 random words, one punctuation mark, one number and some capital letters.

Phishing is a type of scam that is used to steal your personal details.

I have learnt that a phishing scam is when people use bait to trick people. For example, in Roblox people could message and say that they can give you something but when you pay it, they won't actually give it to you.

If there are lots of typing errors it is likely to be a scam.

If there is a link and it doesn't belong to a proper website you should not click on it.

Protect your password from scammers.

Year 4

You should not accept any messages that 'are too good to be true' as these are scams.

Phishing scams are when people try and take information about your account, this may be your card details, password, email address etc.

If there are spelling mistakes or grammar mistakes, that means there is a high chance that you are going to get scammed.

Make sure you 'think then click.'

I know that if something strange pops up I should tell a trusted adult.

We should delete any messages that we think are scams – avoid and report.

I can remember the 'scam' acronym, I will also make sure that I do not use the same password for everything!

Year 5

Do not feel pressured to answer or click. Ask a trusted adult.

There are many scams today and new ones keep getting started. If you are not sure, do not hesitate: go and ask a trusted adult

There are many scams in the world of the internet: whether you are online or offline you are vulnerable at all times.

Year 6

We have learnt that a significant detail in a scamming message are spelling mistakes, high urgency and unrecognisable website and email addresses!

Think then click and anything you're not sure about speak to a trusted adult.

If it looks too good to be true, then it's not true.

Don't agree to anything. Just shut the link down straight away.

Signs of scam – who is the message from? Is the information in the message true? How would we check?

Phishing – when you might be tricked into sharing personal information

Later in the day we welcomed parents and carers to an online safety workshop in school. We are grateful to those who attended this event as here at Marsh Hill we recognise the importance of all of working and joining together to make the internet a safer and better place for all our children and young people.

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 5C with 95.95%. Congratulations and very well done to 5C!

The whole school attendance figure was 92.97%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	90.7
Sunshines	87.08
1G	87.06
1H	92.85
2D	93.7
2P	92.9
3C	94.71
3D	93.88
4H	92.95
4M	94.39

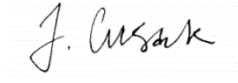
5C	95.95
5U	94.03
6C	93.5
6M	92.98
6W	95.36
Whole School	92.97

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY	
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 children and families a happy and peaceful half term break.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background with faint horizontal lines. The signature reads "J. Cusack" in a cursive style.

Mr. J. Cusack

Head Teacher