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MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 7th, 2025

The Value of the month for March is THOUGHTFULNESS

Being kind and thoughtful means making ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then taking action to help them. It means taking the time to stop thinking about ourselves, to put the spotlight on somebody else's needs and to think, "What can I do to make that person's life a little better or easier?"

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

World Book Day 2025

Yesterday (Thursday 6th March) we celebrated World Book Day 2025. Marsh Hill fully backs the World Book Day charity in its mission to encourage all children to read for pleasure. It was lovely to see so many children coming to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Thank you to Ms. Deans for organising so many exciting activities around the magic of reading throughout the day.

As part of our celebration of reading, children were given a £1 book token that they can use either at the book fair - which will be in school during the week beginning 17th March 2025 (the week of Parents' Evening) or in participating stores (stated on the World Book Day Website).

Marsh Hill Children Shine at Multi-Sports Tournament

A group of enthusiastic children from various year groups across school participated in a vibrant multi-sports tournament held at the Nechells Wellbeing Centre on Monday. The event was a resounding success, with all the young athletes thoroughly enjoying themselves and showcasing exemplary behaviour and skills.

The tournament featured a range of sports, allowing the children to demonstrate their skills and teamwork. From curling to table cricket, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and great camaraderie. The children were a credit to themselves, their parents and our school,

displaying not only their athletic abilities but also their positive attitudes and support for one another.

Each participant was awarded a certificate and a medal, recognising their efforts and achievements. The smiles on their faces as they received their awards were a testament to the joy and pride they felt. This event created lasting memories for all involved, marking a significant moment in their school journey.

Thank you to Mr. Moheen for arranging this event and to Cathy Lomas for supporting him and the children on the day.

Healthy Eating and Nut Free Food Items

Marsh Hill Primary School promotes healthy eating. Please do not send children into school with sweets.

In addition, I have, on a number of occasions, asked parents and carers not to send children into school with foods or confectionery containing nuts. The reasons for this are medically related. We have children in school who have nut allergies. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Some Asian food, including satay

Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist that we are a nut free school. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself, Mrs. Leavey, Mrs. Clover, Mr. Moheen, Mrs. Holmes or Cathy Lomas.

The Girls Biggest Football Day

Today (Friday 7th March) we took part in the The Girls Biggest Football day, an FA (Football Association) initiative. Last year we were recognised for participating by the FA and were awarded a trophy. Thank you to Ms. Black for organising this wonderful opportunity for the girls in our school.



Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March.

Friday 21st March will be a non-uniform day to celebrate the 40th Birthday of Red Nose Day. We will be holding a competition where children can design and bring into school a birthday card. There will be a prize for the best card for both key stages. We will also have party games at lunchtime. We will be asking for donations to be paid into an online donations page. The link for the donations page will be on next week's newsletter.

STARS of the Week



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

Year 3 – Ryan, Cairo

Year 4 – Sophie, Chamis, Bella, Subhan, Izzah

Year 5 – Skyelar-Rose, Kyle, Harley

Year 6 – Younis, Imaan, Hussan, Amelia, Hasnain

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week was 5C.

The whole school attendance figure was 93.06%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	90.9
Sunshines	87.22
1G	88.39
1H	92.03
2D	93.54
2P	93.03
3C	94.65
3D	94.19
4H	92.95
4M	94.63
5C	96.19
5U	94.0
6C	93.55
6M	92.64
6W	95.43
Whole School	93.06

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.

Diary Dates

MARCH	
Thursday 13 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