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MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 14th, 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.

At Marsh Hill we are committed to fostering an inclusive and respectful environment for all our students. We recognise and deeply respect the cultural and religious values that are important to our community, including the wearing of hijabs. To ensure that our school uniform policy is consistent and maintains a sense of unity, we kindly request that hijabs worn by students be black, white or red and shoulder-length. This guideline helps us uphold the school's uniform standards while honouring the diverse backgrounds of our students. Additionally, we ask that hijabs not be too long for safety reasons. Hijabs that are shoulder-length help prevent any potential accidents or entanglements during school activities, ensuring the safety and comfort of all students.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



Healthy Eating and Nut Free Food Items

In last week's newsletter, I asked parents and carers to please not send their children to school with foods or confectionery containing nuts, and explained the reasons for this were to safeguard and protect all our children and particularly those within our school community who suffer from nut allergies. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. Unfortunately, children are still bringing in foods that contain nuts. As a result, yesterday your child will have brought home a letter outlining school's stance on this issue moving forward.

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. If you wish to donate to Red Nose Day, please use the link below:
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18070>
Please do not send any money into school with your child.

Year 6 Penny Wars

As part of the mathematics curriculum at Marsh Hill Primary School, Year 6 are getting ready for an exhilarating competition that will put their maths skills to the test in the most thrilling and creative way possible - it's time for the Penny Wars!

Each team (class) will have their own jar to fill with as many pennies (including 2p coins) as possible, but watch out - because silver coins have the power to subtract from your total! It will take savvy budgeting, smart finance allocation, estimation and maybe a few sneaky espionage missions to sabotage the other teams to come out on top.

Who will conquer the copper mountain and clinch the title of Penny War champion? The showdown is about to begin!

Penny Wars will begin on Monday, 17th March, 2025.

Penny Wars Rules:

To play Penny Wars, each team starts with a large empty jar. The goal is to have the most points when the game ends. Pennies (including 2p coins) are worth positive points, while silver coins (5p, 10p, 25p) are worth negative points.

Pennies placed in your own team's jar count as +1 point each. Silver coins placed in another team's jar count as negative points for them: 5p = - 5 points, 10p = -10 points etc

The game ends on Friday, 28th March 2025 and all the coins are counted up to determine the team's total points.

Pennies in your jar boost your score, while silver coins in your jar reduce your score. The team with the highest score at the end wins the game. Teams can sabotage each other by dropping silver coins into each other's jars. The strategic element is deciding where to place your coins - pennies in your own jar to boost your score or silver coins in other jars to lower theirs.

The game creates an exciting and competitive atmosphere as the jars fill up and teams battle to gain the lead before time runs out.

Thank you to Ms. Morrison for this innovative and fun approach to developing maths skills.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has got sickness or diarrhoea, then they will need to be off school for 48 hours from the last time they have been sick/had diarrhoea. Please let the school office know that your child will not be attending school by 9:15am on the day of absence.

Medication in School

Please ensure that you follow the correct procedures regarding medication in school:

- School can only administer prescribed medication.
- Parents/Carers must fill in the appropriate forms – these are available from the school office
- The delivery and collection of medication is the responsibility of parents/carers. Medicines should be handed in and collected from the main school office.
- Medication – including inhalers and EpiPens – must be in date and of sufficient quantity.

Writing Workshops

Thank you to the parents and carers who turned up for our recent writing workshops for Year 4 (17 parents and carers attended) and Year 1 (34 parents and carers attended). It is always wonderful to see a good turn out to these events and I know from the feedback we receive that you find them informative and helpful when supporting your children's learning at home. On Tuesday 25th March there will be a writing workshop for the parents and carers of children in our Reception classes.

STARS of the Week



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

Reception – Amaanah, Nayvi, Tayeba, Kayden

Year 1 – Harper T., Alaya, Reeyah, Alizay

Year 2 – Erin, Ibrahim, Tyreiss, Amira

Year 3 – Kaisan, Maymunah,

Year 4 – Zahra, Ayaan, Tasmia, Eesa

Year 5 – Muhammed T., Aarohi, Ahmod, Alan

Year 6 – Harry, Leighton, Safiyah, Jordy, Aleema, Cian

Attendance

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

The whole school attendance figure was 93.04%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	90.91
Sunshines	87.3
1G	88.59
1H	92.05
2D	93.71
2P	92.95
3C	94.69
3D	94.18
4H	92.9
4M	94.54
5C	96.07
5U	93.97
6C	93.52
6M	92.46
6W	95.39
Whole School	93.04

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	
Tuesday 18 th	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 20 th	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 25 th	EYFS Writing workshop for parents and carers
Wednesday 26 th	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