



Marsh Hill Weekly Newsletter

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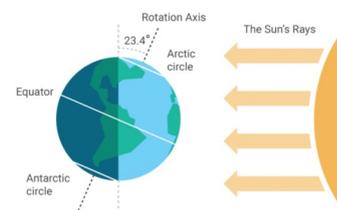
Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

This week has been full of activities! The rain held for reception and Key Stage 1 sports morning (but sadly not for Year 5 and 6), we welcomed prospective reception parents and finally today after a fabulous assembly the children partied away the afternoon to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr.

Summer Solstice—Longest day of the year

Today, June 21st, will be the **longest day** of 2019 for anyone living north of the equator. I was chatting to some pupils in Year 4 about the longest day of the year. They asked some pertinent questions which I have outlined below as facts. Summer solstice is the longest day of the year and in the UK it falls on June 21st. We get the most hours of daylight on this day—around 17 hours, because the earth tilts its axis to its maximum towards the sun on this day. Sadly after today the days are about to get shorter now because the sun is rising later and setting earlier.

Value for **JUNE** is
HOPE



Year 4 Eid Assembly



Well done to the children in Year 4 for a fabulous and informative assembly about Eid and how it is celebrated by many of our pupils. Thank you to all the parents, friends and relatives who came along to share the children's enthusiasm and talents and thank you to the staff for the work they put into the assembly.



Well done to everyone who took part in our EYFS/KS1 sports morning. The pupils participated with determination and displayed good sporting qualities in their events. Many thanks to all the parents who attended and here at Marsh Hill we understand the importance of competitive sport and the values that our pupils display. We will let you know the winning teams once all the sporting events have been completed.

Please can children wear a T-shirt in their house colours which are — Wilson -**Yellow**, Dahl—**Red**, Rowling—**Green**, Lewis—**Blue**. The children will also need their shorts and pumps or trainers. They are welcome to wear jogging bottoms if the weather is chilly.

Year 3 and 4's sports day will be on **Thursday 27th June** at 9.30am. Children will also compete in their respective house colours. Please also make sure that your child brings their water bottle. We look forward to seeing parents at this event and hopefully some sunshine too! The car park gates will be locked for safety reasons, therefore please respect the local residents when parking.

School Website

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new school website which is in the early stages of construction but once fully up and running will be a valuable resource for up to date news and events taking place in school. Within the next few weeks, we will also be releasing a new school app as well, which will contain up-to-date links and information.

Ribbons of Poppies

As part of the National Ribbon of Poppies Campaign to raise community awareness, especially that of the younger generation, regarding the impact of conflicts on previous generations, we took a group of pupils to represent Marsh Hill on a trip to the National War Memorial Arboretum. The children had the opportunity to visit many of the memorials and were surprised to see how many different roles support the armed forces in their role to protect the nation. They saw memorials dedicated to the Veterinary Service, Dental Corps, Engineers, Logistics and even Children themselves. It was an opportunity to reflect upon the gift of life itself and the magnitude of this gift given by people unknown to us to ensure peace and protection from conflict. We had a great time and during the

next week we will be planting our own poppy memorial ready for Remembrance Day in November!



BIG SCHOOL TRIP

The whole school trip is fast approaching, we hope you are all looking forward to it. Coach allocations can be viewed on Library and Years 6 windows.

We will be leaving school normal time and expect to return at the normal time. Parents are to be on the KS2 playground for 8.30am at their allocated coach point. Children are to go to class as normal for registration. We had a fantastic time last year with both parents and pupils enjoying a full day of activities. We have ordered fine weather for the day, so we look forward to another fun day out.

Please note if your child is not attending the trip they are expected to attend school as normal.

BRITISH VALUES What is 'Tolerance of those with different Faiths and Beliefs?'

Our core value of Respect ensures tolerance of those who have different faiths and beliefs. Marsh Hill Primary School enhances pupils understanding of different faiths and beliefs through religious education studies; P.S.H.E. work; participation in celebrations such as Diwali, Chinese New Year and Eid.

We actively promote diversity through our celebrations of different faiths and cultures. Religious Education lessons and PSHE lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Members of different faiths and religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school.

Throughout school life the children are encouraged to discuss differences between people such as their faith, ethnicity, disability, gender or sexuality. They also discuss differences in family life such as looked after children or young carers. Our weekly assemblies and class discussions about prejudices and prejudice-based bullying, are followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE, SMSC and our monthly value.



**NO VAPING
NO SMOKING**

Please remember there is no smoking/vaping anywhere on site. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

eSafety

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you have put a picture of yourself online, most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.

Lost Property

Please reclaim your child's lost property by **Wednesday 17th July** - we are overwhelmed with it!

We do not have the space in school to store it any longer so please collect it as soon as possible. Thank you!



Out Of School Achievement



Congratulations to Jakub in Sunshines for achieving a new belt in Taikwondo, keep up the good work!



Finally, enjoy the longest day of the year and have a wonderful weekend.

*Kind Regards
Mrs. Marlene Douglas
Head Teacher*

Attendance 95.3%

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| Rainbows 89.31% | Sunshines – 98.21% |
| 1C 94.00% | 1D 92.41% |
| 2A 96.67% | 2W 95.00% |
| 3A 96.55% | 3T 96.90% |
| 4M 96.00% | 4S 96.00% |
| 5C 99.00% | 5M 94.14% |
| 6C 95.67% | 6J 95.52% |

Punctuality

Well done also to **Sunshines** who were the most punctual class this week.

Attendance

As you will no doubt be aware we follow the Birmingham City Council guidelines for Leave in Term Time. This means that requests for family holidays will not be authorised. Leave in Term Time will only be granted for exceptional circumstances and family holidays do not fit this criteria.

Unauthorised absences can also lead to the issue of a Penalty Notice and/or a large fine. We have a duty to safeguard pupils and if a child is absent without a reason, we are obliged to try and make contact with parents/carers and if necessary, contact the police to carry out a Safe and Well Check.