



Marsh Hill Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term the children have settled into their new classes and groups really well. Our reception children are becoming more confident and independent as each day goes by. We have been pleased with the behaviour and progress children are making towards their end of year objectives. Next half term will be busy judging by the diary dates and we look forward to seeing you in school for assemblies and scheduled meetings.

Our Value for October is: **Freedom**



Celebrating Black History Month—Carnivals



This week we have had assemblies where we have showcased our fabulous work for Black History Month. Children have shared why we have carnivals and where in the world they take place. Some children proudly showed their fantastic face masks, musical instruments and did some samba dancing. Year 5 tested our knowledge with a quiz and Year 6 shared their factual reports giving us lots of background information about the Notting Hill carnival. Thank you for all the parents, carers and friends who came and supported us during the two assemblies. Your support was much appreciated.

We ended Black History Month with not only two fabulous assemblies but also a sumptuous Caribbean lunch by our talented catering staff.



Secondary School Applications

Final Reminder: You have until 31st October 2019 to apply for your child's Secondary school place. Information about the application process is available on the council's website at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

School Dinner Menus

Amended school dinner menus are now available to view on the parent notice board.



Tip of the Week

Keep your privacy settings as high as possible

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is essential to your child's academic success. We aim for an overall attendance rate of at least 97%, attendance levels below 90% give us serious cause for concern. I would be grateful for your support in ensuring that your son or daughter only misses school where it is absolutely unavoidable.

This Week's Attendance is 95.8%

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| Rainbows 95.67% | Sunshines – 94.00% |
| 1C 95.67% | 1G 96.55% |
| 2A 91.38% | 2C 98.00% |
| 3A 91.67% | 3W 95.67% |
| 4H 98.33% | 4M 100.00% |
| 5J 98.00% | 5M 93.00% |
| 6C 96.90% | 6P 97.00% |

Punctuality

Well done also to **2C** who were the most punctual class this week.

Sports Report

On Tuesday, the Hockey team were taken to the finals at Kingsbury school. The team played well in their first two games drawing both of them. They then went on to play their next two games which they won 5-0 and 6-0 respectively. They then played two more games with 3-2 and 4-0 wins. Marsh Hill won their group so they moved onto the semi finals. They played The Abbey B team and after a great game they won 2-1. They got through to the finals and played The Abbey A team who they drew with in the first round, it was a real intense game. The game ended 2-2 and then went to a golden goal, after a great assist from Rishi, Litem-Roy scored the winning goal. Marsh Hill Hockey team have now qualified for the winter games where they will represent Kingsbury Partnership. Well done all. We are all so proud of you!.



Poppy Appeal

Poppies will still be on sale after half term for a minimum donation of 30 pence each and will be sold with other merchandise in the hall every break time by the Pupil Council and Mr Brewer.



Pumpkin Party



The children who attended the Pumpkin Party had a great time and some of the costumes were absolutely fabulous! Thank you to everyone who attended and simply made the disco such a success. The winners of the best fancy dress outfits were:
Tilly and Carter in Reception
Taliah and Junior in Key Stage 1
Zoya and Abdou in Key Stage 2



Forthcoming Events

Diwali

What is it and why is it celebrated? Diwali is one of the most significant festivals in Indian culture and will be celebrated next month by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The festival, which coincides with the Hindu New Year, celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. During Diwali, gifts are exchanged, homes are decorated and oil lamps are lit. Fireworks are also a big part of the festival.

Diwali Assembly

Year 2 will be performing their Diwali class assemblies on **13th and 15th November**. Parents are advised to attend at 9am.

Diwali Celebrations at Marsh Hill

All classes will have a Diwali party on the afternoon of **Friday 15th November**. Children will be having their lunch as normal and it will be a **non-school uniform day** for this celebration for all children.

We are requesting donations of pre-packed nut free food so that children can enjoy party food, fun and games with their friends—drinks will be provided.

PTA NEWS

Friends of Marsh Hill Christmas Hampers.

After the success of the Spring Fayre hampers, we have decided to have Christmas hampers this year and would be grateful for the following donations.

Week beginning 4.11.19 - food and/or drink items

Week beginning 11.11.19 - sweets/chocolate items

Week beginning 18.11.19 - Christmas items

We will also be having a name the Teddy raffle, the winner keeps the teddy!

More information will be sent out closer to the time.

Thank you for your support.

Reception Open Day

Reminder: Reception open day for the new intake will take place on **Wednesday 6th November** from **4.45pm-5.45pm**.

Reminder: School will finish on Friday 25th October at 3.15pm for the Half Term break. Children return to school on Monday 4th November.

Finally...

Enjoy the half term break and don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Sunday!

Kind regards,

Marlene Douglas

Head Teacher

