



# Marsh Hill Weekly Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers,



We began the week by talking about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we buy poppies. A two-minute silence was held to remember the people who have died in wars.

## We ended the week with Diwali Celebrations

To celebrate this Hindu festival, we have been privileged to watch two amazing assemblies today and Wednesday from Year 2. We were entertained by their singing, acting and dancing. It was brilliant!

Well done to all the children and the staff who helped to organise this wonderful performance!

This afternoon all children relaxed with a party organised by their class teachers.

Many, many thanks for the kind donations of party food.



Akshara in 4H and Aaorhi in Rainbows who performed in front of Andrew John Street- Mayor, West Midlands Combined Authority leading a group of 6 children, the dance is called Bharatnatyam, one of the oldest and religious dance forms believed to be performed by Lord Shiva himself on Diwali celebration for Hindu Temple, Lozells Birmingham.



## Our Value for November is: **Courage**



- Courage is being brave
- Courage is facing your fears
- Courage is keeping going no matter what

## 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 97.1%**

Rainbows 95.67%      Sunshines – 96.33%

1C	94.67%	1G	96.79%
2A	98.97%	2C	97.00%
3A	99.00%	<b>3W</b>	<b>99.33%</b>
4H	95.67%	4M	96.79%
5J	96.67%	5M	98.67%
6C	98.33%	6P	96.33%

## Punctuality

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

## Children in Need

Today was a non uniform day to raise money for BBC Children in Need. We had an assembly to find out what Children in Need is all about.

The School's Pupil Council helped to sell merchandise all week.

**Thank you** to everyone who participated either by dressing up, buying memorabilia or contributing to this worthy charity. Together we aim to raise as much money as we can for such a worthy cause.



## Parent Consultation 26th, 27th & 28th November.

This week we sent home a letter regarding our parent consultations. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress so far with the class teacher. Appointment times will be available to book online. You would have received a text message/e-mail with a link that will take you to our booking system. Please follow the simple steps on the letter to book your slot.

Appointment are allocated on a first come first serve basis.



## Tip of the Week

Always make sure the URL on a website starts with https before you buy anything or transfer personal details.

This means it's secure. If it's not, hackers could steal or track your details.

## After School Clubs

Next week is the last week of clubs.

## Advanced Notice

School will be closed on  
**Thursday 12th December**  
to be used as a polling station for the General Election.

## Junior PCSO's

Our newly appointed Junior PCSO's received their first training workshop this week with Duncan and Carolyn the PCSO's allocated to our school. We got to know our Junior PCSO's as they were asked to name one thing they enjoyed doing. Their answers included sleeping, eating and dancing! This introduction workshop explained what their duties and responsibilities will be to the school and the community. It was also explained what to expect from the future workshops. They were given homework to learn before next week's workshop which is to learn Our Pledge and the phonetic alphabet. The phonetic alphabet is a standardised set of code words in order to refer to the letters in the English alphabet, which is used primarily when communicated over radios. Please say Hotel Echo Lima Limo Oscar to our Junior PCSO's.



## Democracy

Democracy is embedded at Marsh Hill. As part of this process, the children in Key Stage 2 have been busy nominating either themselves or others to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for the school. This process reflects our British electoral system and demonstrates democracy in action.

It is our responsibility to prepare the children at Marsh Hill Primary School for their future and an important part of their future is how they as adults will make collective decisions. To introduce the British Value of democracy in a meaningful and effective way each year we hold an election for Anti-bullying Ambassadors. This year candidates had to go through the traditional democratic process by applying for the position. Subsequently being interviewed and selected by members of the Leadership Team and then introducing their own campaign to the other pupils. Each of the eight candidates gave a short speech to the whole school on Monday requesting them to support their campaign in the election. The election took place on Monday afternoon, ballot boxes were filled with votes and the returning officer had the pleasure of verifying the votes.

It is our pleasure to be able to announce that the four successful candidates are; **Gracie, Silman, Dea and Anas**. The other four candidates; **Genevieve, Zahid, Euan** and **Gaelle** will act as their deputies.

The vote this year was very tight so it is clear that all the candidates did a great job with their campaigns - we congratulate them all and are looking forward to the work they will deliver this year supporting their peers!



**VOTE  
FOR ME**

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor with the ability to analyse data on school standards. If you would like to apply or would like to nominate yourself, please see the school office for a form and return it by **Monday 25th November**.

It is expected that as a new governor you will be required to attend induction training and will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

## Lost Property

Lost Property is still kept in the foyer area by the front entrance of the school.

Please feel free to look for any missing items at the start or end of the day.

## PTA NEWS

### Friends of Marsh Hill Christmas Hampers.

Many thanks for your kind donations of sweets and or chocolate items this week. We would be grateful for any Christmas related items from **Monday 18th November**.

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

Thank you for your support.



## Forthcoming Events

### Christmas Dinner

We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 11th December. If your child would like this lunch, then please pay via School Money no later than **Thursday 21st November**. The price for this lunch is £2.30. There is no charge to children entitled to free school meals and those children in Reception and KS1 eligible for Universal Free School Meals. Please see our Christmas menu below:

Roast Turkey,

Roast Lamb,

Quorn Roast,

Cheese Flan

Roast Potatoes

Creamed Potatoes

Stuffing Balls

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Cracknell, Mince Pies, Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt



*Finally...*

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

*Marlene Douglas*

Head Teacher