

Marsh Hill Newsletter

October 2nd , 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well.

Black History Month

This year at Marsh Hill the focus for Black History Month will be based around equal opportunities; and there will also be a focus on influential Black Britons. For example, Year 1 will learn about Marcus Rashford who is not only an outstanding young footballer but is also an advocate and ambassador for disadvantaged children across the country.

While Year 3 will learn about the children's author Malorie Blackman who was the first black person to become Children's Laureate. Malorie Blackman was appointed to this position in 2013 for "outstanding achievement" in her writing.

Birmingham's own Benjamin Zephaniah will be studied by Year 4. He is not only a world famous award winning poet, but he also has sixteen honorary doctorates and a wing of the Ealing Hospital in London is named after him. Benjamin has done a lot of charity work related to both human rights and animal rights.

At the end of this month we will collate work from children across school to form a virtual presentation that will be available for parents and carers to view on our school website from Friday 6th November.

Reading Workshops Online

The online Reading Workshop materials for Year 5 and Year 6 have now been uploaded on to our school website. These are an excellent resource and they come with examples of questions that parents and carers can use to support children's understanding of texts. There will be similar workshops on our website for the other year groups over the coming weeks. I would like to thank Ms. Deans for developing and preparing these workshops. Should you have any queries regarding other strategies for supporting children at home with reading, then please contact their class teacher who will be only too glad to offer you their assistance.

Medical Data Checking Sheets

Thank you to all parents and carers who have returned the Medical Data Checking Forms that were sent out last Friday (September 25th) to Years 2, 5 and 6; and on Monday (September 28th) to Years 3 and 4. It is important that we receive all completed Medical Data Checking Forms so that our records can be updated and accurate. Please return them even in the event that there has been no change to your child's circumstances or medical needs. If you require another copy of the Medical Data Checking Form, then please contact the school office.

Pupil Council

The new Pupil Council members have been elected and presented with their badges of office this week. The Pupil Council is important because it allows the children of Marsh Hill to have a voice in helping our school community to be a better place. Any and all children in school are entitled to run for Pupil Council and the decision in each class is taken by a secret ballot. All children who wished to be considered for a position on the Pupil Council had to express their reasons for wanting to do this role and give examples of why they would be a good candidate for the position. Very well done to all the children who have been worthily elected for this year and a big thank you to Cathy Lomas and Mr. Hamilton who will facilitate this year's council meetings.



School Photographs

School photographs will take place in the main hall on Monday 19th October. Due to the current restrictions surrounding entry to school, there will, unfortunately, not be an opportunity to have whole family photographs this year. Siblings who attend Marsh Hill will, however, still have the opportunity to have their photographs taken together.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

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