



Marsh Hill Newsletter

November 19th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week (15th – 19th November) is Anti-Bullying Week in schools across England and Wales. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year's theme is One Kind Word.

“One kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word. It starts this Anti-Bullying Week.”

Bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Pupils and parents should be assured that at Marsh Hill we take bullying seriously. The school fosters high expectations and we will challenge any behaviour that falls below this.

This afternoon, we held our annual election of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Their role is to help educate their peers on bullying, lead on anti-bullying campaigns, promote a culture which celebrates and tolerates difference and help keep their peers safe both online and offline. Those pupils who are successful will be announced in assembly on Monday 22nd November. I would like to thank Cathy Lomas for organising this process and for supporting the elected pupils over the course of this academic year.

From City of Empire to City of Diversity: A Visual Journey

In January, an exciting exhibition will be visiting our school where children will be given the opportunity to explore archived photographs that were taken by Ernest Dyche in the 1950s. These photographs show people who migrated to our city after the commonwealth from various places around the world. This has inspired us to want to find out more about our school community's history and heritage. We would really love to hear experiences and stories about migration from the families of children at Marsh Hill. Your child will bring home a letter next week with more information about this exciting project. I would like to thank Ms. Hodge for overseeing this project for Marsh Hill.

If you would like to find out more about this project then please click on the link below:

<https://www.sampad.org.uk/projects/2020-2022-from-city-of-empire-to-city-of-diversity-a-visual-journey/>

Nasal Flu Spray

This week you will have received a letter regarding the Nasal Flu Spray which will offer your child protection against winter flu. The School Nurse Team will be in school on **Monday 13th December** to give children the spray which is put up each nostril and is quick and painless.

Flu can be a very unpleasant in children causing fever, stuffy nose, dry cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints and extreme tiredness. Having the nasal flu spray also help to reduce the risk to others in your family who may be at greater risk from flu, such as grandparents or those with long term health conditions.

Please complete the Flu Consent Form brought home and return it to school by **Wednesday 24th November**. If you have misplaced your form or if your child was absent when they were given out, then please contact the school office for another one.

Assessment Week

Next week is Assessment week in school. The pupils will be tested in reading and maths. The outcomes from testing will be used to support the children through their next steps in learning.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 2021.

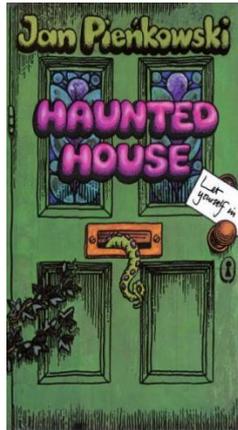
On Friday 10th December, it is Christmas Jumper Day 2021. Once again, we will be doing our bit in our festive knits and raising lots of money for Save the Children. If you do not have a Christmas jumper, you can wear something Christmas related. We are requesting a donation of £1 to join in the festive fun!

I would like to thank Mr. Hamblett for organising and overseeing this event.



Mr. Hamblett, who is a Teaching Assistant in Year 1, also provides us with this week's Reading Inspiration.

When I was a child, I didn't enjoy reading because I wasn't very good at it. My parents brought me 'Haunted House' by Jan Pienkowski and I loved it. I liked the illustrations and pulling the pop-up tabs to reveal various surprises and talking about what I could see on each page. The book also made me want to read what was happening in the haunted house and that ignited my passion for reading which continues today. Reading opened my imagination and made me curious about the world. Thanks Mum, Dad & Jan.



I wish you a happy, safe and peaceful weekend,

Mr. J Cusack

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Cusack'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Head Teacher