



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

May 13<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

## Year 6 SATs

I would like to congratulate all our wonderful Year 6 pupils who have taken their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) this week. SATs are formal tests that take place every May for Year 6 pupils. Children are assessed in the following areas: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling; Reading and Maths. The completed test papers have now been sent away to be externally marked. Parents and children will receive their results in July.

I have been asking our Year 6 pupils how they had been feeling prior to taking their SATs:

‘Nervous, excited and scared.’

‘Before the SATs everyone’s heart was beating fast’

‘The week before I was nervous but it was just a normal test.’

‘I thought they were going to be hard but they weren’t’

I also asked the pupils how they felt about the tests themselves...

‘Intense.’

‘Our teacher made us calm’

‘I thought it was going to be really bad but it wasn’t as bad as I expected.’

‘I felt calm but it was a challenge.’

...and how they felt afterwards:

‘Relief.’

‘Happy.’

‘I can’t believe I’ve done it.’

‘I still feel a bit nervous because we have to wait for our results.’

‘I want to do it again.’

### Year 2 SATs next week

Key stage 1 SATs are taken every May by children in Year 2. These tests assess children's ability in maths and are carried out informally; this means that they are not timed and take place in a normal classroom situation. Children in Year 2 at Marsh Hill will commence their SATs during the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

### Year 4 Assemblies



Very well done to 4H and 4T for performing their brilliant assemblies all about the importance of Ramadan and Eid this week. I was pleased with the number of parents who came to school to watch the assemblies and I know that all enjoyed it, as a sample of the feedback we received shows.

'It was fantastic, well done all'

'Well done Year 4. Very informative and fun to watch.'

'I really enjoyed the play and it was fun to see the children enjoy themselves.'

'Year 4 did a wonderful job with their Eid play. All the children worked so hard.'

'Well done to all the children and staff involved, for working so hard and celebrating other cultures.'

'Thanks teachers and kids.'

'Thank you for the opportunity to watch the children in this amazing performance. It was lovely.'



## Grammar Test for Current Year 5

School Admissions have contacted school this week to inform me that registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2023.

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

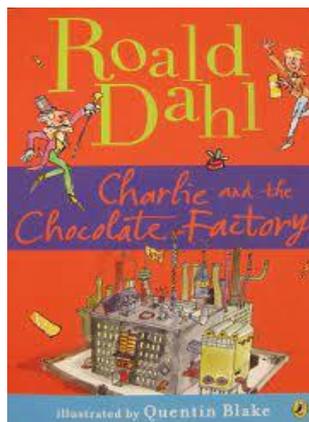
<http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/onlineapp.php>

The deadline to register is 4pm, Thursday 30 June 2022. No late registrations will be accepted. The test will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## Dates for your Diary

School will be closed to pupils on the following dates for school in-service training days: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## Reading Inspiration



This week's recommendation comes from Mrs. Leavey who is our Deputy Head Teacher.

***As a child, I thoroughly enjoyed reading books written by Roald Dahl.***

***It has been difficult to choose my favourite for this reading inspiration, but after much consideration, it has to be Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.***

***I was in awe of the magical chocolate factory and as a self-confessed chocoholic, it would have been a dream come true to visit the Wonker factory. Cadbury World do amazing chocolate pots though!***

***What I loved about the book, apart from all the chocolate, was the way Charlie Bucket showed self-belief, resilience, and perseverance to try to win the Golden Ticket. It is a strong message to us all, to believe in ourselves and persevere for the things we want to achieve and have in life.***

***I think this message is most pertinent to our Year 6 pupils this week who have shown great resilience and self-belief upon completing their SATs exams.***

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I wish you a happy, safe and peaceful weekend,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Cusack". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher