



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

## Cricket Champions

Huge congratulations to our Year 5 children who attended a Kwik Cricket competition on Wednesday evening.

After learning their skills during their PE lessons this term, we are very proud to announce that Marsh Hill came away from the competition with both bronze and silver medals.

Ten of these children will now be invited to represent our School Sports Partnership at the School Games Finals, where they will compete against the winners from 11 other Sports Partnerships across Birmingham.

This is an amazing achievement! Well done to all who took part.



## Spoz the Poet

Yesterday we were privileged to have Spoz the Poet in school to work with the children to produce our very own, bespoke school song. The feedback from children and staff has been overwhelmingly positive and they all agree that they had a brilliant day. I asked Year 6 pupils for feedback and they told me the following:

“I liked how the lyrics were really good and Spoz made it really fun and enjoyable.”

“I liked how we were being creative to create our own lyrics.”

“I felt like it was really fun because we never got the chance to do that sort of thing before.”

“I like how we got to include our own ideas.”

The school song, which has had input from all pupils from Years 1 to 6, was then performed during an end of the day assembly. I have asked Spoz to provide us with a recorded copy and hope to have this to share with you via the school website in a few weeks time.

### **Forest Schools**

This year Marsh Hill has taken part in the Forest School initiative. Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.

The benefits of attending Forest School include:

- Achieving personal and social development.
- Learning about the natural environment.
- Learning problem-solving skills.
- Building positive relationships.
- Improving communication skills.
- Encouraging emotional wellbeing.
- Improving the capacity of learning.

This week our first Forest School students celebrated their achievements with their parents/carers and our Forest School leaders Rachel Symons and Mr. Hamblet. All the children have found their own learning journeys whilst participating in outdoor learning activities ranging from making forest art to learning survival skills and working collaboratively. Students have told us: “I have had so much fun at Forest School and learned so much about nature”. “It’s exciting and so quiet in the woods, I felt calm and happy”. Each student has grown in confidence, independence and have an appreciation of nature. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Rachel and the parents/carers who joined us to celebrate the Forest School students’ achievements.

Parents and Carers too, were supportive and spoke positively of this initiative.

“I loved seeing how Forest School has helped my child in everyday life. He really enjoyed it.”

“My son has really enjoyed himself and has had the best experience, so thank you.”

“You’re doing an amazing job. Well done!”

“My daughter always spoke about how much she enjoyed Forest School and all the activities she did with Rachel.”

“We really appreciate Forest School as we don’t have a garden and any time she can spend outside we are grateful for. Thank you Rachel and Mr. Hamblett.

“I appreciate the time that you put into making learning so much fun for the children.

### **Jubilee**

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. The day will be a non-school uniform day where everyone will be asked to wear red, white and blue.

The day's timetable will include a Whole School Assembly to introduce the day and discuss the Jubilee. After assembly, the children will do a variety of activities linked to the Jubilee.

Lunch will be served outside, weather permitting. The school meal on Thursday will be “Street Party” themed and all pupils that have booked a school lunch will be having a cold buffet meal, which will be served in individual Jubilee boxes. Can you please book this meal by Sunday evening (22<sup>nd</sup> May). If you do not wish your child to have a school meal this day then you will need to provide a packed lunch from home. If you have already booked your child’s meal for this day and you want them to have a packed lunch from home, then please contact the school office and the admin staff can cancel this for you.

After lunch, Year 6 will re-enact the Coronation of 1952 and afterwards they will take part in ‘street party games.’

I know that children and staff are looking forward to celebrating this important and momentous event.

### **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 Miss Kay who teaches in Year 4.

***When I was a very small child, my favourite book was Ted and Dolly's Magic Carpet Ride.***

***It was a magical adventure story where two characters were able to journey to far off and unknown lands. My favourite part about the book was that the magic carpet came separately and you could move it between the pages. This meant you could revisit favourite scenes over and over again, watching the characters emerge.***

***I liked the idea that things were always changing, not knowing where you may end up next. If the characters felt in danger, they would wish themselves away on their next journey.***

***The page I liked the most was one where they ended up surrounded by food. Not much has changed for me!***



I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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