



# Marsh Hill Newsletter

July 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the summer term I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and governors for their efforts this year and pass on my thanks to you, the parents and carers, for all your support. It is always very much appreciated.

The end of each academic year is always a time of reflection and mixed emotions. On the one hand, I know that pupils, parents and staff are looking forward to a well-earned break after a busy and fulfilling year, while, at the same time it is always sad that we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. It has been a privilege for all Marsh Hill staff (past and present) who have worked with the current Year 6. We have been witness to their progress not only academically but as rounded, mature, responsible and caring members of our school community. The resilience and determination that they have shown, following the upheaval the past three years has brought as a result of the pandemic, has been both humbling and inspiring to watch. I am confident that they will fulfil their individual potentials and thrive as they move on to the next stage of their lives and I, along with the whole school staff and governors wish each and every one of them all the very best for the future.

## Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

I know that the parents, carers and relatives of our wonderful Year 6 children enjoyed and were immensely impressed by the Leavers Assembly, 'The Next Big Step.' The children and their performance drew a lot of praise, laughter (and a few tears) from their families. I would like to share just a bit of the feedback received from parents.

"This school has given us a lot and thanks for that."

"Thank you for everything you have done, I'm very proud what my daughter has achieved. Thank you all."

"Amazing. So proud of my daughter, she did a great job."

"Great show; lovely with all their friends."

"My son's wow moment is performing one last time with his friends."

"An amazing performance. Thank you to all the staff."

“One word – fantastic.”

“Amazing, so proud of my son. The best. Thank you.”

“Everyone was amazing and should be super proud of themselves.”

“A wonderful performance, I liked it so much.”

“My daughter has made us proud with all her efforts during her stay at Marsh Hill.”

### **Weather Warning – Extreme Heat**

We have been closely monitoring the weather forecast for early next week. An amber weather warning for extreme heat is now in place across the West Midlands for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. High temperatures can pose a significant health risk to young children. Children cannot control their body temperature as efficiently as adults and so can be at increased risk of ill-health. Heat-related illness can range from mild heat stress to potentially life-threatening heatstroke. The main risk from heat is dehydration. Schools are required to take appropriate precautions to minimise the risks of heat stress, heat exhaustion or heatstroke. With this in mind, we would now like to share our arrangements for next week (w/c 18.07.22) when the following measures will be put in place:

- Children can wear their PE uniform on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Children will be able to refill water bottles during the day.
- Children need to bring a hat to school every day.
- There will be no PE lessons on Monday or Tuesday.
- Children will have minimum time outside.

### **Sports Day Results**

Mrs. Coppock has now collated the results from our Sports Days and has announced that the overall winning house for this year is Rowling with a combined total amount of points across all three days of 714. The runners up were Lewis (696 points) with Dahl third (685 points) and Wilson in fourth (604 points). More important than the scores, however, was the fun that the children (and the watching parents and carers had). Very well done to all involved.

### **Staff Changes for Next Term**

Mrs. Wells, our School Business Manager, will be leaving us at the end of term after 13 years. Throughout her time here, Mrs. Wells has been an invaluable member of staff. She has led on the financial policy of the school, managed the school's support staff. Handled school maintenance in terms of the school building and upheld school security and health and safety policies; and has overseen many school improvements over the years making Marsh Hill a pleasant place for pupils to attend. I am sure that all parents and carers, will join me, the pupils, staff and Governors all the best in her new school and for the future.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Smith and Miss Ryan at the end of term. Miss Smith joined us in September 2019 as a Sports Coach Apprentice and has more recently supported pupils in the role of Assistant Learning Mentor. She is moving on to become a Youth Worker and our whole school community wish her well in her new role. Miss Ryan has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3 this year and has had a positive impact on the outcomes for children. Our whole school community wish her well for the future.

I would also like to thank Miss Laila who has secured a full time class teaching position at another school for September, having joined us on a short term contract to support teaching and learning across Reception and Year; and Mrs. Chapman who also joined us on a temporary contract as a cover teacher for the spring and summer terms. Thank you both and good luck in all your future endeavours.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs. Hunt, who previously worked with us as a Reception teacher between 2012 and 2019, will be returning to Marsh Hill in September.

### **Homework Project**

Children in Year 4 were asked to complete a project outside of school on the subject of Egypt as part of their Geography topic. Ms. Hodge was particularly impressed by Eva's work, (she also produced a book to go with her model of a pyramid).



## Secondary School Admissions for pupils entering Year 6 in September (Current Year 5)

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) between 1st September and 31st October 2022. It is important that you submit your application by 31st October 2022. Applications received after the national closing date of 31st October 2022 will be treated as late applications. Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, as these applications will be processed after 1st March 2023, in accordance with Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

### Dates for you Diary

Event	Time and Date
Reception Graduation Ceremony and End of Year Merit Assembly	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.00 a.m.
Years 1, 2 and 3 End of Year Merit Assembly	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July at 1.45 p.m.
Years 4, 5 and 6 End of Year Merit assembly	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.00 a.m.
School closes for the Summer Holidays	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July at 1.00 p.m.
School reopens for Autumn Term	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 8.45p.m.

All that is left for me to say is well done to all our children, for all they have achieved this year and a special all the very best to our Year 6 pupils as they start the next part of their journey. We will miss them.

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

Yours sincerely,



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