

Marsh Hill Newsletter

November 25th 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Winter Food Boxes

If your child is eligible for free school meals, then this week you will have received a code that will entitle you to request a free winter food box. Food boxes are subject to availability and you must register by Wednesday 30th November. More information on the food boxes, their contents and how to register can be found at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/activity-packs-and-food-boxes.

Holidays in Term Time

I am receiving an increasing amount of requests from Parents asking to take their children out of school during term time. Both the Department for Education (DfE) and Birmingham City Council strongly discourage pupil leave of absence during term time; and Marsh Hill follow their guidance.

The DfE stress that, “Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.”

Winter Clothing

Now that the weather has turned colder, please ensure that your child attends school in a coat, and preferably with a hat and gloves. Please also ensure that these items (as with their school uniform) is labelled, as this makes it easier to return misplaced items to their rightful owner.

Sports Report

Congratulations to our football team for taking part in their first tournament of this school year on Wednesday. They represented the school very well in a series of short matches against other Birmingham schools. We will keep you updated of their progress when their season resumes in the new year.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas Jumper Day 2022

On Thursday 8th December, it is Christmas Jumper Day. Once again, we will be doing our bit in our festive knits and raising lots of money for Save the Children.

We are requesting a donation of £1 to join in the festive fun!

If children do not have a Christmas jumper, they can wear something Christmas related.

We can't wait to see you looking fabulously festive on Thursday 8th December!



Christmas Disco

Earlier this week, children brought home a letter regarding the Christmas Discos for EYFS/Ks1 children, and for Ks2 children, both of which take place on Thursday 8th December. Tickets cost £1.50 per child and this will include a drink and activities. If your child wishes to go, then please bring the money to school, no later than Thursday 1st December.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Friday 9th December. If you would like your child to have this lunch then please book and pay for this online via School Money app. The price for this lunch is £2.40. There is no charge to children entitled to free school meals or those in Reception and KS1 eligible for Universal Free School Meals. Please see the menu below:

Roast Turkey

Roast Lamb Quorn

Roast Potatoes

Creamed Potatoes

Stuffing Balls

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Cracknell,

Mince Pies,

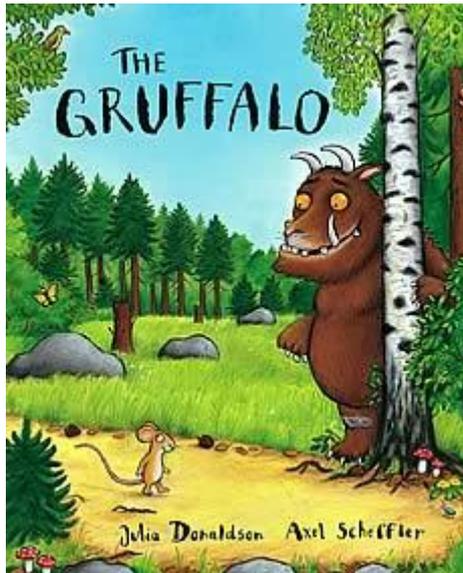
Ice Cream,

Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

Fish Fingers are also an option on this day

Book Review

Reading is good for you because it improves your focus, memory, empathy, and communication skills. It can reduce stress and improve your mental health, and help you live longer. Reading also allows you to learn new things to help you succeed in your work and relationships. For these reasons, Marsh Hill prioritises the teaching of reading and also encourages a love of reading for pleasure and sharing of stories in our children.



This week's Book Review is by Myles, Eddie and Ayaan from Reception. They have chosen **The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler** and they have been telling me why it is their favourite book.

Myles: "I liked it when the mouse tricked the fox, because the fox ran away."

Eddie: "I liked when the Gruffalo was big because he scared the mouse. Then the mouse was going to eat the Gruffalo because he likes Gruffalo crumble."

Ayaan: "The Gruffalo likes owl ice-cream. I would like owl ice-cream, it would taste nice."

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher