

Marsh Hill Newsletter

December 9th 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Reception Nativity

We are all so very proud of our wonderful Reception children. Their 'Wiggly Nativity', which they performed for their parents, carers and relatives this week, was stunning and a pleasure to watch. I would like to thank all parents who came to the performance and also helped the children learn their lines, dances and actions. It has been really heartwarming to see the progress they have made under the guidance of our tremendous Early Years Team since September. We were also overwhelmed by the feedback we have had from parents, and I would like to share just a few of the many examples we have had with you.

"An amazing performance from all the children. Brought back memories from my own Nativity years ago."

"We really enjoyed the performance. Thank you to all teachers for their hard work."

"Absolutely brilliant play. All the children were fabulous. Really proud of them."

"It was brilliant to see kids give the performance they did at such a young age. Very, very proud. Thanks to staff."

"Truly amazing job. How you got all the children co-ordinated and focused. Well done!"

"You have all done an absolutely fantastic performance. We are all proud of you. Thank you teachers for all the guidance and support."

Christmas Discos

I would like to extend a very big thank you to our hardworking, supportive and magnificent PTA – The Marsh Hill Heroes, for organising and running yesterday evening's School Discos. Without their goodwill and effort, we would be unable to put on such events for our children. The Marsh Hill Heroes are always looking for new recruits and if you can spare any time – no matter how long or short – then please contact Mrs. Campbell through the school office for more information.

Christmas Performances

Tuesday 13th December

KS1 carol concert 9am and 2pm

Wednesday 14th December

Year 3/4 carol concert 9am and 2pm

Thursday 15th December

Year 5/6 carol concert 9am and 2pm

December's Value of the Month is Friendship

This week I have been talking to Ks2 pupils about what friendship means to them. I have been very impressed with the maturity and thoughtfulness of their responses:

"Friendship is kindness and friendship is care. Friendship is everything to me. It's the people that you care about." – Year 3

"Friendship to me is that people are there for me and I am also there for them. It's about playing with them and making them enjoy them." – Year 4

"You have to follow the Bs; no backstabbing and no backbiting. Tell the truth and no secrets. Be nice." – Year 5

"Friendship is about trust. You can rely on your friends and they'll help you. Friends to me are like a second family and they are loyal." – Year 6

Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day

All of the children looked festive and fabulous in their Christmas Jumpers yesterday. More importantly each £1 they donated went to Save the Children. Save the children work alongside children in 118 countries, including the UK. Their ambition is that by 2030:

- No child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday
- All children learn from a quality basic education
- Violence against children is no longer tolerated

The Marsh Hill school community has once again been generous in supporting a worthwhile charity. Thank you.

I would also like to thank Mr. Hamblett, for organising Marsh Hill's contribution to Save the Children.

Teacher Training Day

The school term ends on Friday 16th December at 1.00 pm for the Christmas Holidays. School re-opens for all pupils on Wednesday 4th January. This is because Tuesday 3rd January is Teacher Training Day.

Author of the Month

The votes are in....

During the month of November our children have been voting for our Author of the Month for December. The vote was between:

Iconic children's author, Dame Jacqueline Wilson and Liz Pichon, author of the best-selling Tom Gates series.

After counting the votes, our author of the month for December is: **Liz Pichon**.

Why not visit our library and borrow one of her hilarious books?



Book Review

This week's Book Review continues the Liz Pichon theme and is by Lola, Bianka, Melody and Yousef from Year 6, all of whom enjoy the Tom Gates series of books.

Lola: "The books are interesting and make me laugh all the time."

Bianka: "Tom is always making funny comments, and one time he drew his teacher – Mr. Fullerman, who is kind of grumpy – with wild hair and put a speech bubble say, 'I'm cool.' Also, instead of using plain words sometimes doodles are drawn around them and they are decorated."

Melody: "The books are filled with imagination and lots of relatable school quotes. Like in one part some of the class haven't done their homework and there are a lot of common excuses that people say when they haven't done it. The books really hook the reader in and they are full of humour."

Yousef: "The main character is very funny. For example he went to his classmate Julia's party and in his party bag, Tom got a yo-yo and everyone else got cool things. Liz Pichon doesn't use many pictures in her books and I prefer this because pictures mess with your imagination. I like words because they open your mind and you have to really think about what's happening."

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher