

Marsh Hill Newsletter

January 6th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope and trust that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas holiday period. It was, as always, good to welcome the children back on Wednesday. They all looked rested, having spent quality time with family and friends and I am pleased to report that they have settled quickly into the new term.

Forest School Assembly

Yesterday, we celebrated the latest graduation ceremony for our Forest School participants. The graduates were from the autumn term cohort of pupils and it was a lovely way to begin the new school year by celebrating their achievements through outdoor learning. Each pupil involved was presented with a certificate by our Forest School leader Rachel. Forest School has had a really positive impact on the pupils who have taken part. Through creating learner inspired experiences based on exploration and discovery, and presenting them with challenges to overcome, Forest School builds confidence in children and allows their character to blossom, while developing resilience and empathy. I would like to thank Rachel, Mr. Hamblett and Mr. Pritchard for their hard work and support for our children through this initiative. I know they are looking forward to another twelve children taking part in the Forest School programme beginning next week.

“Thank you so much. Both Oliver and Ryan enjoyed participating in Forest School. They enjoyed telling me all about it after each session” (Oliver and Ryans’ Nan)

“Airah had the best time in Forest School, she’s going to miss it a lot. You guys did a great job at making it fun for them. Thursday was her favourite day of the week. Keep up the good work. Thank you.”
(Airah’s mother)

“CJ loved every moment of Forest School. He always had a story to tell.” (CJ’s mother)

“Thank you for taking me. I loved it.” (CJ)

Applications for children to start Reception class in September 2023

The closing date for entry into Reception classes for September 2023, is **January 15th**. If your child is eligible to start in Reception in September 2023, then please submit an online application through the Birmingham City Council website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions by the above closing date.

Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for General Assistants in the School Kitchen. The positions are for 12.5 hours per week (11.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. Monday to Friday). If you are interested in applying for one of these posts, then please contact the school office for an application form.

A Letter from Buckingham Palace

It was a privilege to return to school this week to find a letter from Buckingham Palace awaiting us. The letter was written on behalf of King Charles III, in recognition for the book of condolence that the children produced following the Death of Queen Elizabeth II.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Private and Confidential

29th November, 2022

Dear Staff and Students,

The King has asked me to thank you for your kind gift.

His Majesty is most grateful to you for taking the trouble to send him a book of condolence following the death of his beloved mother. Your thoughtful messages are deeply appreciated at this time of immense sorrow and The King would have me send you his warmest thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Jan Hook

Marsh Hill Primary School

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher