

# Marsh Hill Newsletter

## January 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

### Strike Action

As you will know from the news, The National Education Union are taking industrial action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. At the time of writing I anticipate that school will remain open, however I cannot yet say with full confidence how, or if, strike action will affect school on the proposed strike day. Parents and Carers will, of course, be kept informed of any updates regarding this matter.

### Value of the Month – Determination

This week, I have been asking Year 2 pupils about the value of determination. I was very impressed with the confidence with which they spoke and their choices of vocabulary.

“Determination is when you never give up.”

“Determination is when someone tries their best and never gives up, even if they have been pushed to their limits.”

“An example of determination is when you fall over. Don’t cry. Just get back up and try again.”

“It’s like when you keep trying. Like outside when I try hopscotch. I am now better at it.”

“One time that I believed in myself is when I was in a race. I was last in in the race but my legs were on fire and I zoomed past everyone”

“One time I was doing maths and Miss gave us a very tricky question, but we worked together because we were determined to do it.”

### Chinese New Year Assembly – Year 3

Very well done to our two Year 3 classes for the wonderful Chinese New Year assemblies that they produced this week. All parents and carers who attended were delighted and impressed by the performances. Together we discovered that 2023 is The Year of the Rabbit.

In Chinese culture, the Rabbit’s quiet personality hides their confidence and strength. They are steadily moving towards their goal, no matter what negativity others give them.

A nice activity that you might like to do with your child/children, is to discover which animal’s year they were born in and read and discuss the story together.

### **Chinese New Year Lunch**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a special lunch to celebrate the Chinese New Year. If you wish your child to have this meal please book the meal via the app as normal.

Chinese Spare Ribs  
Chicken Curry  
Spring Rolls  
Vegetable Stir Fry  
Rice  
Creamed Potatoes  
Noodles  
Broccoli and Sweetcorn  
Sliced Carrots  
Ice Cream with Strawberry Sauce  
Yoghurt  
Fresh Fruit Salad

### **Sports Report from Ms. Coppock**

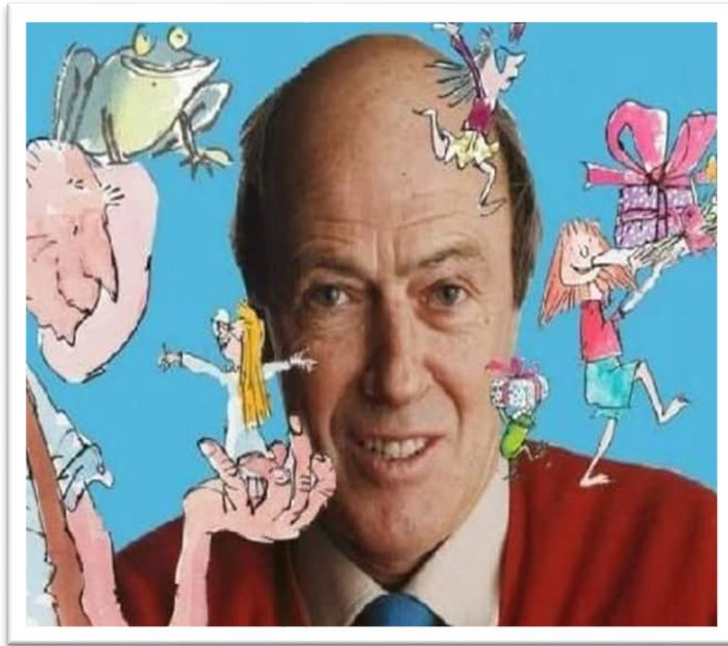
“On Monday, seven of our youngest children took part in an Indoor Athletics competition at St Edmond Campion School. They competed against five other schools and had to complete a range of events, from speed bounce and long jump, to obstacle and sprinting relay races.

This was our first competitive event since the end of lockdown and I was extremely proud of all the children. They showed a real competitive edge but took part with complete sportsmanship. A real credit to Marsh Hill and some emerging sports stars of the future.

Well done, Aaliyah, Elita, Ivy, Riaz, Emmanuel, Temi and Adam.”

I would like to thank Ms. Coppock for organising and taking the children to this event, and also Miss Caven for supporting her and the children who took part. Without the goodwill of staff and their readiness to give up their free time, it would be difficult to provide such opportunities for our children.

## The Author of the Month for February – Roald Dahl



In recognition of our author of the month, Year 5 children (including Amelia, Nhyrell and Amaya) have been telling me about their favourite Roald Dahl books.

*“I like **Matilda**; especially the bit when she plays a trick on her dad. She puts glue in his hat and he puts his hat on his head, and his hat gets stuck. It is so funny.” (Amelia).*

*“I like **The Twits** because Mr. and Mrs. Twit both play pranks on each other. Mrs. Twit puts her fake eye in Mr. Twit’s beer, so he played a prank on her. He attached her to balloons and made her fly away. I would recommend this book to others because it is so funny.” (Nhyrell)*

*“My favourite Roald Dahl book is **The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me**. I like how all the animals chuck random objects, like baths and sinks, out from the top of the sweet shop window. The sweet shop had closed down and they all just moved in to live there.” (Amaya)*

Many of our children love the books, stories and poems of Roald Dahl. Why not ask them to tell you about their favourite. Or, better still, why not read one together. Your child can easily borrow one from our library.

**Dates for your Diary**

January	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Florence Nightingale Workshop
February	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Hobgoblin Theatre Workshop
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 and Year 6 Cycling Skills Workshop
8 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day *  *National Safer Internet Day is February 7 <sup>th</sup> , but this clashes with another pre-planned event going on in school
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs meeting for Parents and Carers

This section will be regularly updated once new dates are known and confirmed.

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

Yours sincerely,



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