

# Marsh Hill Newsletter

## July 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of this school year.

### Year 6

This week we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. It was great to see them enjoying themselves at the School Prom on Thursday and, before they leave us to embark on the next stage of their journey, we have their Leavers' Assembly to look forward to on Tuesday at 9.15 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.; and the traditional red carpet departure on Friday at 1.00 p.m.

The Year 6 children should feel proud of their time at Marsh Hill, and I know that all of the staff are proud of them. I sincerely wish all our leavers every success for their future after Marsh Hill and hope and trust that they will look back on their time here with warmth and affection; taking with them very many happy memories.

### Staffing

This week we also say goodbye and a fond farewell to the staff that will be leaving us at the end of this academic year.

Mrs. Nehar, who has been with us at Marsh Hill for six years, has secured a promotion and will be joining her new school in September as EYFS Lead. Mrs. Nehar contributed significantly to EYFS at Marsh Hill getting an outstanding grade in our previous Ofsted inspection and in ensuring that standards and expectations remain high as evidenced in subsequent monitoring visits (carried out internally and by external assessors).

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Burns, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Idrees.

Mrs. Burns has been with us since September 2021 and Mr. Arnold since January 2022. I would like to thank them both for their hard work during their time here: they have shown great commitment to Marsh Hill and are popular with children, staff and parents alike. I wish them every success in their new schools.

Mr. Idrees who came to us in a short term capacity will also be leaving us at the end of this term. I thank him for all his hard work and wish him all the very best for the future.

We also bid a temporary farewell to Mrs. Maryam who will begin her maternity leave at the start of September. We wish her all the best and we are very excited for her.

From our wonderful Lunchtime Supervisor Team, we say goodbye to Mrs. Harte who will be leaving us after 17 years at Marsh Hill. Throughout her time at Marsh Hill, Mrs. Harte has

always demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility for our children's safety, the ability to comfort children who are upset, and deal with any inappropriate behaviour with a fair and proportionate approach. She will be greatly missed, and the whole of the school community wish her all the very best for the future.

We have recruited two fantastic new members of the teaching staff who will be joining us in September. Mr. Glover will be joining our Reception team and Miss Mostofa will be teaching in Year 4. Both of these colleagues join us following a thorough and rigorous recruitment process; we were very impressed with their teaching skills and this has only been reinforced over the past few weeks during their time spent in school. I am sure you will join me in offering them a very warm welcome into the Marsh Hill family.

In addition to these appointments, I am delighted to announce that Miss Black will become a permanent member of the Marsh Hill team from September as a Sports Coach and Learning Mentor; while Mrs. Cichon will take up a position as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 2. I am confident that these appointments are very positive and in the best interests of the children of Marsh Hill.

### **End of Year Reports and Classes for September**

On Thursday (July 13<sup>th</sup>) the children received their End of Year Reports. I hope you have been pleased to see your child's achievements and progress this year. The children have also had the opportunity to spend an afternoon in their new classes and with their new teachers; I am sure that this will have alleviated any nerves they may have had ahead of September.

I am sure you will join me in wishing a very warm welcome to our new intake of Reception children, who will be joining us in September 2022. We wish them all, many fulfilling times and happy years to come at Marsh Hill.

### **Year 5 Secondary School Information**

If you have a child in the current Year 5, they will have brought home a Secondary School Preference form last week. The closing date for applications is October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Find out more information about the application process on the council's website at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). This information from the website will be available from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### **Year 2 Transition to Year 3**

I would like to remind Parents and Carers that when the current Year 2 children move up to Year 3, they will no longer be entitled to a free meal under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. Therefore, from September, if you wish your child to have school dinners you will have to pay £2.40. Alternatively, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child. Payments for school meals must be made through **School Money** If you are unused to this system, the office staff will be pleased to show you how it works.

If your child is entitled to see receive a free school meal and you have provided proof (or are able to do so) then your child will still receive a free meal at lunchtimes.

### **Marsh Hill's Got Talent**

We were treated to a wonderful feast of entertainment on Friday afternoon (July 14<sup>th</sup>) during our annual Marsh Hill's Got Talent Competition. The standard of entry gets better each year, and the judges task was both a difficult and thankless one. In the end, they decided on the following:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Erin, Faria and Amayah (Reception)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Buianka, Melody, Laylah, Rhean, Remaya, Levan, Yusuf, Thevan, Ciara and Lola (Year 6)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Aarohi and Louis (Year 3)

I would also like to congratulate Jeremy (Year 1) Layton (Year 2), Alan, Isaiah, Yusuf and Tyler (Year 4) and Adam (Year 5) for their excellent performances..

Thanks to our Judges Mrs. Sturridge-Packer, Mrs. Harte, Miss Mostofa and our guest of honour, Mrs. Herridge (a former pupil of Marsh Hill who attended school here between 1946 and 1952 and was returning for the first time).

I would also like to thank our Year 6 pupils who supported the event on the day: Archie, Christine, Aydin and Jemima; and lastly – but certainly not least – Mr. Hamblett who organised and ran the whole event. Thanks to all and very well done.

### **And Finally...**

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the staff and children for their continued hard work and effort throughout this academic year. I also wish to extend my thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support. It has been another enjoyable and rewarding year at Marsh Hill and I wish you all a happy, fun-packed and safe summer.

School re-opens to pupils on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack

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