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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

December 1st 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Marsh Hill.

On Thursday 7th December it is Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 2023. 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 7th December!



I am grateful to the 153 parents and carers who completed Parent Questionnaire forms in November (this is an increase of 75 on last year's figure of 78 responses) and delighted with your positive view on how we are doing. 100% of parents who responded stated that their child was happy at school (65% strongly agreed; 35% agreed). 100% of parents agreed that their child feels safe at school (78% strongly agreed; 22% agreed). 99% of parents stated that their child does well at Marsh Hill (66% strongly agreed, 33% agreed and 1% disagreed). 98% of parents stated that they would recommend this school to another parent, while 2% would not. I am always happy to take feedback from parents and carers so should you have any comments please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Christmas Coffee Morning and Market

On Monday morning (04.12.23) we would like to invite all parents and carers into school to share a coffee and mince pie after dropping your children off at 9.00 a.m. While you are enjoying a coffee and mince pie, please feel free to help yourselves to the pre-loved toys on offer and the school uniform swap shop will be available too. There will also be additional information about what's going on in the locality and events across Erdington itself. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

In other news related to Christmas, it is with regret that I must inform you that, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to cancel the Christmas Disco on December 7th. On a positive note, there will be lots of activities for the children to enjoy in school during the festive period. This will include the children's Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20th December. If you would like your child to have this lunch, then please book and pay for this online via the Teachers2Parents app. The price for this lunch is £2.40 and bookings will be available from the end of next week. There is no charge to children entitled to free school meals or those in Reception and KS1 who are eligible for Universal Free School Meals. There will be three menu options for the day: Christmas Lunch, Quorn Roast and Fish Option. Please see the Christmas menu below:

Roast Turkey
Quorn Roast
Roast Potatoes
Creamed Potatoes
Pigs In Blankets
Stuffing Balls
Seasonal Vegetables
Chocolate Cracknell,
Mince Pies,
Ice Cream,
Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

On the following afternoon (21.12.23) the children will enjoy their Christmas parties. On Tuesday 19th December all those children who have booked a place will be attending the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at Sutton Town Hall.

Marsh Hill Heroes (PTA)

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone in our school community who attended the Halloween Disco before half term. £208 was raised grateful to the Marsh Hill Heroes for organising this event. The money raised, as with all monies raised by the Marsh Hill Heroes will be used on experiences that enrich our pupils.

If you are interested in joining the Marsh Hill Heroes, then please contact the school office for more information.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is 6C who achieved 97.67%. Very well done and congratulations to 6C.

STARS of the Week



Very well done to all our Merit Award Winners for this week. We are all proud of you:

Reception – Uzair, Zakariya, Ava, Harper

Year 1 – Julia, Tyreiss, Aminah, Shay

Year 2 – Ameljia, Cayci, Rayan, Paul,

Year 3 – Cory, Elita, Muhammad, Arsham

Year 4 – Louis, Tilayah

Year 5 – Caseylee, Shawaiz, Zayden, Idress

Year 6 – Shane, Hassa, Kalal, Dylan

Focus on the Curriculum - Maths

At Marsh Hill, we are MATHEMATICIANS! We want our children to love Maths! We want them to have no limits to what their ambitions are and grow up with secure mathematical understanding which will assist them in whichever career path they take, as well as in their daily lives.

In order to successfully deliver a structured, rich curriculum with a clear progression of skills, we follow the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum for mathematics. At Marsh Hill Primary School, our approach to teaching mathematics is intended to support all of our children in becoming young, confident mathematicians; prepare them for their next stage of mathematical learning at secondary school, and to be able to apply their mathematical knowledge in everyday situations in order to be successful in life beyond school. We intend to do this, on a daily basis, through developing all children's fluency in all areas of the mathematics national curriculum; providing opportunities to reason mathematically; and also develop children's using and applying skills when solving increasingly more complex problems involving a range of mathematical knowledge.

Pupils in EYFS work towards being a "Master of Maths" through planned adult led activities and child initiated activities in the continuous provision.

Progression of Skills for Mathematics for EYFS to Year 6.

Long Term Plan for Mathematics

Safeguarding

If you are concerned for a child's wellbeing, then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Cathy Lomas through the school office. In the event of Cathy being unavailable – please ask to speak with another DSL in school. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are Mr. Cusack, Mrs. Leavey, Mrs. Clover, Mr. Moheen, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hunt, and Mr. Pritchard.

Alternatively, you may ring The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888.

Storytime

Please click on to the QR code for this week's stories to share at home. These stories come with a suggested age range, but of course, can be enjoyed by all. I would love feedback from parents, carers and children on this fantastic new initiative, so please feel free to get in touch.

3 – 5 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3dqwUUM</p>	<p>Supertato <i>Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet</i></p> <p>Storytime Read by Sue Hendra</p>
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5 – 7 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/2LaluZa</p>	<p>Barry the Fish with Fingers <i>Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet</i></p> <p>Storytime Read by Sue Hendra</p>
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7 – 9 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/2WA7Wvb</p>	<p>Sam Wu is NOT afraid of the DARK <i>Katie Tsang, Kevin Tsang, Nathan Reed</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract) Read by Katie & Kevin Tsang</p>
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9 – 11 year olds

	 https://bit.ly/3bfJqF0	A Pocketful of Stars <i>Aisha Bushby</i> Storytime (extract) Read by Aisha Bushby
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Upcoming Events	
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 21 st	Year 3 Virtually Reality Workshop: The Amazon Year 4 Virtual Reality Workshop: Volcanoes
DECEMBER	
Monday 4 th	Christmas Coffee Morning
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Thursday 14 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Friday 15 th	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carol Concert: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Tuesday 19 th	Reception Nativity: 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 20 th	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 22 nd	Last Day of Autumn Term – School closes at 1.00 p.m.

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

Yours sincerely,



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