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Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

December 8th 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, we held a coffee, mince pie and market morning for all parents and carers in order to enjoy a chat and get together and access to the pre-loved toys on offer and the school uniform swap shop. We also provided signposting and information about other services and events going on in the Erdington area. I am grateful to Cathy Lomas for suggesting and organising this event and would also like to thank the other members of our Pastoral Team, Mr. Pritchard and Miss Black for their support with it, and Ms. Clayton from the Marsh Hill Heroes for helping out on the day. I am especially thankful to those parents and carers who attended and for the lovely feedback and comments that we received from so many of them:

"Thank you for this event, it's a big help in this difficult time. Thank you."

"Today I came and had a very nice time. I had coffee and met some nice parents. I got lots of toys and uniforms for my kids, this is a big help to me and my family, so I would like to thank you for this."

"I really enjoyed Christmas coffee today and got lots of free things for my kids. This school is really good and I am glad that my kids are studying in this school. Staff are really kind and nice. The coffee is good as well. Five stars."

"I am very happy to be a part of the Marsh Hill Family. The teacher's listen to us parents and try their best to help where they can. Today was a wonderful gesture when we could all mingle together and to share coffee, tea and biscuits. Well done Marsh Hill. Thank you."

"Thank you so much for everything. I am very happy. Thank you for this time and for last year; very helpful. I like this school. My kids are very happy. Thank you so much."

Christmas Lunch

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch then please book and pay for this online via the Teachers2Parents app. The price for this lunch is £2.40. 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

Poetry Slam

On Wednesday, Year 5 participated in a Poetry Slam inspired by Shakespeare's sonnets at The Library of Birmingham. The performance event featured other schools from across the region. Our Marsh Hill poets gave a sensational performance of a poem they co-wrote with the poet Spoz. All of the poems performed will be collected together and feature in a published book that will be given to each participating school and the Library of Birmingham. Our children enjoyed performing and are looking forward to sharing more of their poetry. Very many thanks to the wonderful Year 5 children who represented themselves and Marsh Hill so well: Urwa, Aminta, Mia, Zara, Abdul-Aziz, Fatima. The poem they wrote is called **My Kind of Library**.

My kind of library would feel like a vacation
Without explanation and it gives us relaxation
My kind of library would have all the good books to read
and all the computers you could ever need
My kind of library is people being quiet
Hush....shhhh....otherwise they could riot
In my kind of library there are lots of books
Interesting and fun, you'd better take a look
My kind of library is a huge one full of books
Shelves and shelves, come on take a look
My kind of library has an area for history
Timelines, dates, inventions and mystery
My kind of library is quiet and fun
You'd better get in before the fun's done
My kind of library would feel like a vacation

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A very big thank you to Mr. Hamblett and Mrs. Quelch who supported the children and accompanied them on the night.

Attendance

The classes with the highest attendance this week are 6C, 6M and 5C who each achieved 95.33%. Very well done and congratulations to all three classes.

STARS of the Week



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

Reception – Aaleen, Alizay, Aliya, Leila

Year 1 – Imran, Amelia, Musa, Lamar

Year 2 – Safa, Nella, Pawan, Aylin

Year 3 – Abdul, Hassan

Year 4 – Oscar, Luca, Amelia, Faith

Year 5 – Safa, Mila, Urwa

Year 6 – Elaina-Mae, Khadijah, Hamza, Amaya

Early Risers

A number of our older children walk to school independently. A small number of these children arrive very early, sometimes before 8.30am. Parents are reminded that until 8.40am, there is no supervision for the children. Therefore, we would ask that in the interests of your child's safety, you ensure that they do not arrive before this time.

Junior PCSOs

I am very proud of our Junior PCSOs (Abdulmalik, Makai, Kemi, Amaya, Eva and Harry) who have been monitoring the parking on Woolmore Road this week. They have been raising awareness regarding inappropriate parking and have had a positive impact on a number of parents who have respectfully moved away from the zigzags. The children of Marsh Hill really care about the safety of everyone in our local area, so please be considerate of one another and to our local residents who may not have children in the school and who need to access their own driveways.

POLITE NOTICE

DON'T PLONK IT! - PARK IT!

PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION



YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN PARKED
CAUSING AN OBSTRUCTION.

WE WILL NOT BE PROSECUTING ON THIS
OCCASION BUT PLEASE TAKE SOME
TIME TO READ THIS ADVISORY NOTICE

www.west-midlands.police.uk

The **PROBLEM**

One of the most frequent complaints we receive in this area is about inconsiderate parking.

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

Some motorists park fully on the pavement or up against street furniture. This blocks pedestrians and other road-users from getting past. This is a particular concern for emergency vehicles and buses, as well as people with buggies or disabilities. Parking on pavements can also cause damage not only to paving slabs, but underground services. Parking on pavements where there are double yellow lines is also an offence.

OTHER PROBLEMS AND OFFENCES

- Parking on or over double yellow lines or zig-zags
- Parking across driveways which blocks access
- Parking too close to junctions



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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.

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/3dj1nUu</p>	<p>When a Dragon Comes to Stay</p> <p><i>Caryl Hart & Rosalind Beardshaw</i></p> <p>Storytime</p> <p>Read by Caryl Hart</p>
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5 – 7 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3dp3t5d</p>	<p>The Marvellous Moon Map</p> <p><i>by Teresa Heapy & David Litchfield</i></p> <p>Storytime & draw-along</p> <p>Read by Teresa Heapy</p>
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7 – 9 year olds

	 <p>SCAN ME</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3dsQrnc</p>	<p>Murder Most Unladylike</p> <p><i>Robin Stevens</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract)</p> <p>Read by Robin Stevens</p>
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9 – 11 year olds

	 <p>https://bit.ly/2SOxXWq</p>	<p>Charlie Changes Into a Chicken <i>Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne</i></p> <p>Storytime (extract – full book also available chapter by chapter!)</p> <p>Read by Sam Copeland</p>
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DECEMBER	
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.
Monday 18 th	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal performance for Ks1 and Abbey Rose Care Home residents: 9.30
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,



Mr. J. Cusack
 Head Teacher

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