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# Marsh Hill Primary School Newsletter

## February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The beginning of February sees a new value for the month at Marsh Hill. This month's value is **COURAGE** which involves making good choices in the face of fear or obstacles. It's another term for bravery. Remember: Bravery doesn't mean fearlessness. It means we do not let fear hold us back from exploring new opportunities, developing our skills, and doing what is right.

A big thank you to all parents and carers who have completed and returned **Data Checking Forms**. Any parents and carers who have not yet done this, then please do so at your earliest convenience. It is very important that school have access to the most up to date emergency contact details for your child. If you have misplaced or did not receive a data checking form, then please speak with a member of the office staff to get a copy.

Today (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February), we celebrated **Number Day** in school. All children from Reception to Year 6 took part in fun, maths related activities and there was a special assembly at the end of the day where each year group showcased their talents to the rest of the school about what they have learnt and enjoyed during Number Day.

It was also great to see so many children taking part by dressing up in number related clothing and inventive costumes. Thank you for your kind contributions of money – all of which will go towards supporting the valuable work done by the NSPCC who provide therapeutic services to help children move on from abuse, as well as supporting parents and families in caring for their children.

There will be more about Number Day in next week's newsletter.

### **Important Measles Update**

Today I have been in a briefing meeting with health care professionals and teaching staff from across the city, regarding the increasing number of children in Birmingham catching measles. Measles is a very infectious disease that can spread rapidly - outbreaks can happen when not enough people have been vaccinated. While most people recover completely within a couple of weeks, measles can cause serious illness and in rare cases it can be fatal. Measles can cause disruption to schools, as any child or adult who has not had at least one dose of MMR and comes into contact with a person with measles will have to be excluded from nursery, school or work for 21 days and stay at home. Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent measles. The MMR vaccine is offered to all children in the UK. 2 doses can give lifelong protection against measles, mumps, and rubella. Ask at your GP surgery if you're not sure you or your child have had the vaccine. They can give it for free on the NHS.

## **Internet Safety Day**

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year there is a theme that speaks to the things that young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year's Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online; this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Also to support our work on online safety, PCSO Long will be in school on Thursday of next week (February 8<sup>th</sup>) to deliver workshops in every class.

## **Year 6 WW2 Workshop**

Our Year 6 workshop, delivered by the Hobgoblin Theatre Company, explored the timeline of The Second World War and brought the events, emotions and perspectives of The Second World War to life. Children were able to contribute greatly to the workshop and thoroughly enjoyed seeing their prior learning demonstrated in the form of drama. Through drama-based activities, Year 6 also explored and expressed empathy for those who lived through The Second World War. In line with the British values of mutual respect and tolerance, biases and prejudices which can occur over such conflicts were also appropriately and sensitively highlighted for the children to appreciate.





### **PE Kit**

On PE day children should wear a plain white t-shirt under their red jumper or school cardigan and black (or dark) track suit bottoms. Please do not send children in wearing football shirts or brightly coloured tops with logos/slogans on.

### **STARS of the Week**



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

Reception – Layla, Wealth, Sedra, Harris

Year 1 – Ariana, Ayaan, Ariana-Ionela, Ramzan, Muhammed, Lena

Year 2 – Jeremy, Poppy, Jessica, Ryan, Callum

Year 3 – Temi, Izzah, Ada, Khadijah

Year 4 – Serena, Bilal, Josh, Rayaana,

Year 5 – Ahsaan, Maysam, Mia, Rayah

Year 6 – Aria, Ruby, Umamah, Dylan

### **Attendance**

The class with the highest attendance this week was 6C with 97.33%. Well done 6C.

### **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.

**3 – 5 year olds**

	 <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3b7iFSZ">https://bit.ly/3b7iFSZ</a></p>	<p><b>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</b>  <i>Michael Rosen &amp; Helen Oxenbury</i></p> <p><b>Story Performance</b>          Read by <b>Michael Rosen</b></p>
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**5 – 7 year olds**

	 <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3fvtaj5">https://bit.ly/3fvtaj5</a></p>	<p><b>The Bumblebear</b>  <i>Nadia Shireen</i></p> <p><b>Storytime</b>          Read by <b>Nadia Shireen</b></p>
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**7 – 9 year olds**

	 <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3dnHgoe">https://bit.ly/3dnHgoe</a></p>	<p><b>Amelia Fang and the Memory Thief</b>  <i>Laura Ellen Anderson</i></p> <p><b>Storytime (extract)</b>          Read by <b>Laura Ellen Anderson</b></p>
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**9 – 11 year olds**

	 <p><a href="https://bit.ly/3bluOnK">https://bit.ly/3bluOnK</a></p>	<p><b>Four Children and It</b>  <i>Jacqueline Wilson</i></p> <p><b>Storytime (extract)</b>          Read by <b>Jacqueline Wilson</b></p>
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FEBRUARY	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maths Number Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Florence Nightingale Workshop
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Chinese New Year Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 3C)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9:15am

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Chinese New Year Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 3M)  Year 6 Trip to RAF Cosford
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Workshop for parents and carers 9:15am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 Residential at Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
<b>MARCH</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Tea: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (there will be a restricted number of tickets available for this event)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1W)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents and carers: 9.15 a.m.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly (for parents and carers of children in 1G)  Marsh Hill's Got Talent Competition
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Key stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade  Key stage 2 Decorate and Egg Competition
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Closes for the Easter Break

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack  
Head Teacher