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MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 25th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

Harvest Assembly

On Monday (21st October) we had a special visitor in to deliver our Harvest assembly. Reverend Gerrard told us all about the work that he and his team do at Erdington food bank. Food banks provide emergency food and practical support to people who have been left without enough money to live on.

Reverend Gerrard was grateful for all the kind donations that parents and carers sent in to support his very valuable work. Once again, our school community has demonstrated its compassion and generosity and we thank you for it.



Birmingham Conservatoire

Marsh Hill School were very lucky to be visited by musicians from Birmingham Conservatoire last week. Ben, Millie, Jeremy and Miriam taught us all about the different elements of music via an exciting and engaging musical performance. We pieced together the different

elements of music in order to create the perfect composition. We were treated to performances played on the tuba, drums, keyboard and listened to some outstanding vocals! We really hope that opportunities like these inspire the future musicians of Marsh Hill.

I would like to thank Ms. Hodge for arranging and organising this visit.



Diwali



On Wednesday and today (Friday) Year 2 performed their Diwali Assemblies in front of their parents, carers and families. They did an amazing Job remembering their lines and their roles despite being very nervous. They thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning through the arts of singing, dancing and performing. Thank you to all those who attended. We hope you enjoyed it!



This year, Diwali will be celebrated on Thursday 31st October. Diwali is also known as the Festival of Lights. People light lamps at Diwali to show that light is more powerful than darkness, and good is more powerful than evil. Diwali also celebrates new beginnings. We wish all our Hindu and Sikh families a very happy Diwali.



Well done to Year 6W for 100% achievement of walking to school throughout the month of October 2024. This is a fabulous effort and we are very proud of them.

Y4 Maths Workshop

A very big thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 4 Maths Workshop on Thursday (23rd October). We are very thankful for your positive feedback and look forward to inviting you to further workshops later on in the year.

PUMPKIN PARTY



All the children who attended one of our Pumpkin Parties yesterday (Thursday), had a wonderful time. I would like to thank our PTA - the Marsh Hill Heroes – for organising this fun event for our children. In particular our thanks go to Ms. Clayton, Ms. Savage, and Mrs. Butler for all their hard work and effort. If you would like to join the Marsh Hill Heroes, then please register your interest through the school office.

Parent Consultations

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st November between 3.30pm and 6.00 p.m. for all classes except 1G. 1G's parents evening will be on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November between 3.30pm and 6pm. Parents' evening provides a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and an insight to see how they are doing in class and school generally. You will also be able to discuss with your child's class teacher how school and home can work together to support your child's achievement. On Monday 21st October, your child brought home a letter with instructions on how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please note that there will be no after school clubs during the week of parents' evening.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other merchandise will be on sale in the hall each breaktime from Monday 4th November until Friday 8th November. Poppies are a minimum donation of 20p, zip tags and reflective poppies are 50p, wristbands are £1 and snap bands are £1.50. The money raised will help to provide support to the Armed Forces community in six key areas: Financial Support, Advice, Employment, Mobility, Housing and Mental Health.

Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we will be supporting the BBC Children In Need charity by holding our own "Making Life lighter" event. The Student Squad have arranged for pupils to participate in a Non School Uniform day in exchange for a small donation of £1. In addition to this, the squad will holding a keepie-uppie competition with balloons in school on the day.

Bonfire Lunch

On Thursday 7th November, there will be a Bonfire Lunch. If you wish your child to have this lunch, please book them as normal through the Teachers2Parents app. Bookings must be made by midnight on Wednesday 6th November. The menu for the Bonfire Lunch is as follows:

Hot Dogs
Beef Burgers
Quorn Burgers
Chips
Baked Beans
Jam Doughnut

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The deadline for Secondary School Applications of children in the current Year 6 is October 31st. Your child is significantly less likely to get the school of their choice if you apply after the closing date.

Find out more information about the application process on the council's website at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was 5C with 97.57%. Congratulations and very well done to 5C.

The whole school attendance figure was 92.12%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	91.72
Sunshines	82.67
1G	87.0
1H	92.67
2D	89.0
2P	91.0
3C	96.0
3D	93.33
4H	89.33
4M	94.83
5C	97.59
5U	96.0
6C	96.32
6M	95.0
6W	92.0
Whole School	92.12

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.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER	
Thursday 7 th	Bonfire Lunch
Wednesday 13 th	Year 5 Trip: Santorini Greek Restaurant p.m.
Thursday 14 th	Year 4 Maths Workshop: 9.10 – 10.10
Friday 15 th	Children in Need
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00
Thursday 21 st	Parents' Evening: 3.30 – 6.00
Friday 22 nd	Conservatoire Music Performance in the school hall for Years 1 – 6: 1.45 – 2.45
DECEMBER	
Monday 9 th	Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Tuesday 10 th	Pantomime Trip for Years 1 – 6: a.m.
Wednesday 11 th	Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Thursday 12 th	Reception Visit to the Theatre to see 'Finding Santa' Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert: 9.15 and 2.15
Tuesday 17 th	Reception Nativity: 9.15 and 2.00
Wednesday 18 th	Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Parties p.m.
Friday 20 th	School Closes at 1.00 for the Christmas Holidays

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

I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful half term.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J. Cusack
Head Teacher