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## MARSH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Value of the month for February is **COURAGE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that all had a good half term.

### Marsh Hill's Got Talent 2025

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, we held our annual Marsh Hill's Got Talent show (MHGT25). Each year the quality of the performances gets better and better, and it is wonderful to see the wide range of talents our children possess and the confidence they have to perform in front of an audience of more than 400 people. Very well done to all (not only those who performed in the final but to everyone who auditioned also). A big thank you to our judges, Miss Dunkley – our School Business Manager and to our special returning visitors: Mrs. Douglas (our previous Headteacher) and Mr. Camps – whom many of you will remember from his time at Marsh Hill and who now works in the area of school improvement for the Local Authority across the city. I would also like to offer a very big thank you on behalf of the children and staff of Marsh Hill to Mr. Hamblett and Mrs. Quelch who co-ordinated, organised and prepared the children for this wonderful event.



### **Swimming**

I am delighted that we have, once again, had a swimming pool installed in the key stage 2 playground. I have been overwhelmed by the reaction from the children who have been incredibly positive and are really enjoying the opportunity to swim in school time so regularly. The swimming pool will be onsite for seven weeks and all children across school from Reception to Year 6 will have the opportunity to swim on a number of occasions during this period.

### **Ramadam**

As Ramadan approaches, we extend our warmest greetings to all families participating in this holy month. Ramadan is a time of reflection, self-discipline, and community spirit, values that resonate deeply with our school's beliefs. During Ramadan, the principles of compassion, empathy, and generosity are emphasised, encouraging us all to support one another and foster a sense of unity. These values align with our school's commitment to nurturing a caring and inclusive environment where every student is encouraged to grow and thrive.

We wish you a blessed Ramadan filled with peace, joy, and spiritual fulfilment.

### **World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day 2025 is on Thursday 6 March. We support the World Book Day charity in its mission to encourage all children to read for pleasure. World Book Day puts children's voices first with Read Your Way, encouraging everyone to let go of pressure and expectations to give children a choice - and a chance - to enjoy reading. To celebrate World Book Day, we are inviting all children to come into school dressed up as their favourite book character (extra points if they bring the book too). Please do not feel pressured to buy new outfits, children are encouraged to create their own using whatever materials you may have available at home. The point is to celebrate the wonder of reading together. The children will be involved in many exciting activities around the magic of reading throughout the day including quizzes, live story telling sessions and of course lots of reading! More information can be found at [worldbookday.com](https://worldbookday.com) along with free materials and activities.

Also, as part of our celebration of reading, the scholastics book fair will be delivered into school during the week beginning 17th March 2025 (the week of Parents' Evening). Children will be given a £1 book token this week that they can use either at the book fair or in participating stores (stated on the World Book Day Website).

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' Evening in spring term will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, between 3.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. You will have received a letter enabling you to book appointments online earlier this week.

### **The Girls Biggest Football day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March we are taking part in the Football Association initiative again and were very proud to be recognised for participating in it last year.

On the day, all children will need to come to school wearing their PE kits and trainers - please be reminded that is dark tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t shirt and a red school jumper/cardigan, football shirts are not to be worn.

All girls across school will take part in a game of football with Miss Black and all boys will take part in sports with their class teachers.

### **Lost and Stolen Property**

Pupils and their parents are responsible for their own personal property and possessions while on school premises or engaged in school activities. We strongly discourage pupils bringing high value or sentimental items to school. If these items are brought to school it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that they are kept safe. Whilst every effort is made to recover lost or stolen property the school does not accept responsibility for replacement costs.

### **Focus on PSHE (Personal, social, health, economic education)**

PSHE education became statutory in September 2020 under the Children and School Work Act. PSHE is the school curriculum subject in England that teaches young people, through all key stages, knowledge and skills for life during and after education.

To further develop and enhance our PSHE curriculum, we have carefully chosen one Inspirational Icon, per half term, who demonstrates the value and attitudes of the term's focus. This term our PSHE focus is: Healthy Me. These Inspirational Icons are highlighted to inspire our pupils to achieve their full potential whilst also being caring citizens, who contribute to school and society. Last half term's PSHE theme was: Dreams and Goals. We looked at Dame Sarah Storey, the Paralympian champion, as our Inspirational Icon of the term. This half term our inspirational icon is Joe Wicks. Joe championed exercise and mental health when the country was in lockdown during Covid-19. He now runs a successful You Tube channel that has 2.8 million subscribers that provides access to exercise activities.

In order to support our learning in school, we would appreciate you discussing with your children at home how they can stay both physically and mentally healthy.

**This term's Inspirational Icon is...**



**Joe Wicks**

### **Writing Workshops**

Before half term it was good to see 23 parents and carers attend the Year 4 Writing Workshop (I was also grateful to the 14 parents/carers who gave us feedback on the workshop delivered by Ms. Hodge and Miss Mostofa). Workshops provide a valuable opportunity for you to see how and what children are being taught in school and suggest ways in which you can support your children in their learning.

Here is a selection of the feedback we received:

“The English workshop was well organised. Really enjoyed it with my child. The materials provided were very useful, including the list of websites.”

“This was a great experience to watch my child show me what she is learning and the teachers explained so well.”

“The supportive environment of the workshop has helped my child overcome their fear of writing.”

“Thank you for leading an informative workshop. The knowledge you have shared was extremely valuable.”

“It was really nice too know how writing is taught at Marsh Hill. The websites are very useful too.”

“We enjoyed the workshop today. It was nice to see what the children are doing in school and get involved.”

“Thank you for this workshop. It helps us parents to understand better what our child is doing at school. Also ways we can support them at home.”

## STARS of the Week



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

Reception – Avery, Kayson, Ana-Julia, Natariyah

Year 1 – Lily-Mae, Jahleel, Thelma, Harper

Year 2 – Myles, Nyla, Saif, Scarlett

Year 3 – Poppy, Aiden

Year 4 – Kaycee, Jayden, Maira

Year 5 – Idale, Muhammad, Abdullah

Year 6 – Keren, Abdulrahman, Shawaiz, Mia, Rimsha, Ryan

## Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week was 98.33%.

The whole school attendance figure was 95.0%.

Class	Attendance Percentage
Rainbows	95.52
Sunshines	85.67
1G	95.33
1H	95.67
2D	96.67
2P	93.0
3C	96.0
3D	95.33
4H	91.72
4M	97.0

<b>5C</b>	<b>98.33</b>
5U	98.0
6C	98.0
6M	91.9
6W	97.89
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.0</b>

### 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; or the Police on 999, if the child is in immediate danger.


### Diary Dates

<b>MARCH</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 and 6 residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Writing workshop for parents and carers
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Writing workshop for parents and carers
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 water safety workshop p.m.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	House Competition TT Rock Stars
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Writing workshop for parents and carers  Mother's Day Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 1G
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in the school hall: 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 1H: 9.00 a.m.
<b>APRIL</b>	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 5C: 9.00 a.m.  EYFS/Ks1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Class Assembly for parents and carers of children in 5U: 9.00 a.m.

	Ks2 Decorate an Easter Egg showcase School breaks up for the Easter Holiday: 3.15 p.m.
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**This section will be updated once new dates are known and confirmed.**

I wish all our families a good weekend.



Mr. J. Cusack

Head Teacher

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