



MARSH GIBBON
— CE SCHOOL —

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

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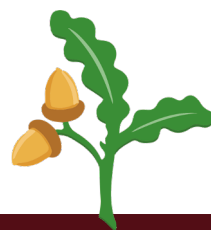
I would like to welcome all of you back to school following the Easter break. The weather continues to be changeable but hopefully we will have some warmer and sunnier days ahead.

We have plenty to look forward to this term. Sporting festivals, the Year 3&4 school trip and some exciting curriculum topics.

We hope you enjoy reading about the children's WOW days which have really started the term off with a bang!

It brings us so much joy to see the children engaged and enthused about the learning ahead.

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SEND



We would like to remind you that you are invited to an informal 'Meet the SENDCo' drop in session on **Monday 29th April** from 2.30 to 3.15pm. All parents/carers are invited and you can drop in anytime. You do not need to confirm attendance but it would be helpful if you could let us know below. Mrs Gobby is looking forward to meeting you.

Mrs Gobby works closely alongside all the class teachers, has a wealth of experience in Special Educational Needs and the support available to schools and families. She will work together with you to find the best route for your child which may include additional learning support, increased resources in the classroom, ongoing contact between your family and the school or maybe just a friendly ear to listen and support. Mrs Gobby has also developed fantastic relationships with a number of external support agencies meaning that we are able to get your child the very best additional support should they need it.



FOREST SCHOOL EYFS/Y1

We had the best time at Forest School! The children all enjoyed exploring the environment, and trying out the rope swing, hammock and balance ropes. We had all kinds of weather, rain, wind, sunshine and even hailstones! The children were brilliant and all got stuck in.



WOW DAY YR 3 & 4



Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic first day back with their Stone Age **WOW** day! The day was full of fun activities, helping to ignite the children's interest in finding out more about life in the Stone Age. The day started off with the *Stone Age Stomp* altogether in the hall, before splitting into two groups to enjoy the rest of the activities, which included: researching the Stone Age, hunting and gathering and soap knapping. Here is what the children have to say about their day:

Paige, Y4: I enjoyed carving the soap into the shape of a spearhead like the Stone Age people used to do with stone!

Isla, Y4: I enjoyed the soap knapping because it was really fun carving it and when it was finished it was really cool to look at.

Aubrey, Y4: I really liked the hunting and gathering activity because it was really windy on the day so it showed how difficult it must have been for Stone Age people to hunt and gather their food.

Jaethan, Y4: When we did the research activity, I found out that dinosaurs were extinct for 63.5 millions years before the Stone Age started!

Isaac, Y3 My favourite part about the stone age day was the soap knapping. The stone age day was amazing!

Molly, Y3 My favourite part was the soap knapping because we had to carve the soap. It was fun!

Faebien, Y3 I liked it when we were hunting because we got to throw the sticks at the animals and we managed to hit some of them! **(Context: Hunters)**



STAY AND PLAY



It was really lovely to welcome some of our incoming September '24 Reception Class to last week's Stay and Play session. These sessions are proving to be a great hit and we know how much this helps the children feel school ready. Our next session will take place on the 17th of May, please email the office if you would like to attend.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Miss Trafford and her partner are expecting their first baby in August. We are all very excited for them both. Miss Trafford will be with us until the end of this academic year.

BABY



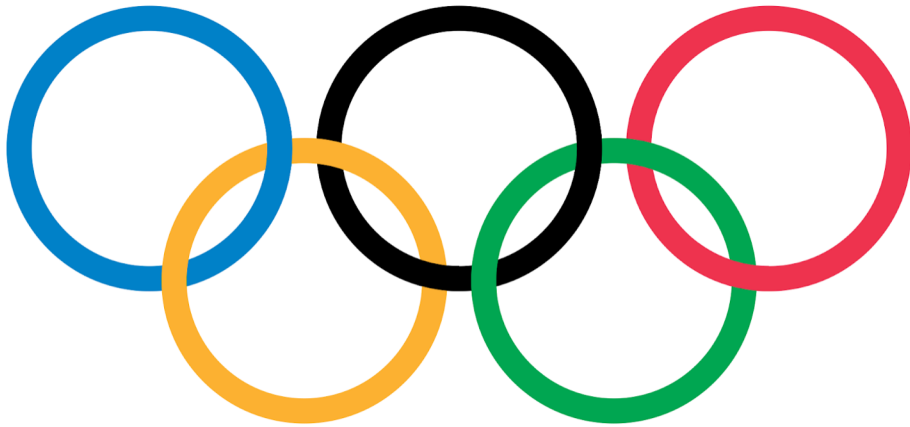
WOW DAY EYFS & KS1



On Monday, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 had a WOW day to kick start our new topic Roald Dahl. The children enjoyed reading an extract from *George's Marvellous Medicine*, writing a poem and then creating their own magic medicine, completing a book cover hunt, designing their own chocolate bar and participating in a chocolate melting experiment.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This term, we are warming up for the Summer Olympics by going back in time and revisiting some Olympic and Paralympic Games from the past. We will share inspirational stories which reflect the six Olympic and Paralympic values of Determination, Excellence, Inspiration, Courage, Friendship and Equality and use them to help us to think about what we can learn from them.

We will link many of these stories to words from the Bible, words from the founder of the 'modern' Olympics (*Baron de Coubertin*) & quotes from athletes themselves. We will use all of these to help us think about what we can learn about how to live well together and to give our best.



SAFEGUARDING

At Marsh Gibbon CE School, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Mrs Blane has joined our Safeguarding team which consists of, Mrs Bramwell, Miss Trafford, Mrs Williams, Mrs Blane and Mrs Brown as designated safeguarding lead.

WOW DAY YR 5 & 6



Years 5 and 6 began their Maya Civilization topic with a very creative **WOW** day! The children enjoyed finding out about Mayan Death Masks, then created their own. They also tried two different types of weaving, which looked quite simple but took a lot of patience, determination and a steady hand! You will be able to see some of our artwork on the corridor display shortly.

'I liked when we did the weaving with the wool and cardboard'. Bobby Yr 5

'I liked when Mrs Brown came into class and taught us to weave'. Raya Yr 5

ATTENDANCE

At primary level, the pace of development in children is so fast that just a handful of days missed can cause disruption to a child's learning journey. We will always help your child to catch up on missed work where possible but continued absence may affect your child's ability to exceed their potential.

Regular attendance at school promotes pupils' well-being and gives them the best chance of learning and reaching their potential. Pupils should attend school every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



PARKING



When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them

If you park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or accessways. Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools, this can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. It's important that motorists follow the [Highway Code](#).

Please note:

The parking spaces in front of the shop, opposite the school, are for shop customers only. There are no disabled parking bays.

The shop owners own the parking spaces in front of the shop and we would ask that our parents refrain from using these spaces during drop off or pick up times unless you are using the shop.

CROSS COUNTRY



Our children ran amazingly well over at the cross country event on Saturday 20th April at Ascott House.

The sun was shining and our children ran against 15 other primary schools.

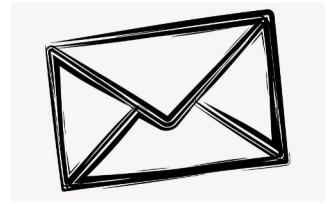
A huge well done to everyone.

GOVERNORS



We are in need of governors to join our school board, if you are interested please contact the school office. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

COMMUNICATION



Communication with the school is vitally important and we have a structure in place so we can effectively address any queries or concerns.

Your first port of call for discussing your child is always their class teacher. If you wish to raise an issue or book an appointment, please email the school office for the teacher's attention.

If the matter warrants escalation the classteacher will then involve the Key Stage Lead; Mrs Bramwell Key Stage 2 Lead and Mrs Blane EYFS & Key Stage 1 Lead, and then subsequently the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher if needed. This structure helps the school to address issues in a timely fashion.

Any communication for Mrs Brown must come through the school office. Direct mails are not received to Mrs Brown's inbox. In matters of confidentiality, please mark the email as such and it will be forwarded.

Please send absences and change of pick ups to the absence mailbox or parentmail.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to EYFS/Y1 for fantastic attendance last week.

EYFS/Y1	98.9%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	93.7%
Year 4	91.5%
Year 5	90.8%
Year 6	95.5%



DIARY DATES



APR

- 25/04 YR 5&6 Hockey Festival
- 26/04 Yr 3&4 Violin performance
- 29/04 Send meet and greet



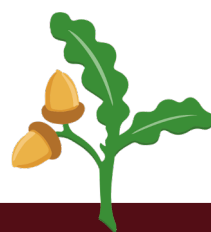
MAY

- 01/05 YR 6 SAT's meeting
- 02/05 yr 1&2 Racket Sports festival
- 07/05 yr 3&4 Dodgeball festival
- 09/05 Class photos
- w/c 13/05 yr 6 SAT's week
- w/c 13/05 Mental Health Awareness Week
- 14/05 yr 5&6 Tennis festival
- 17/05 Stay & play
- 21/05 yr 3&4 cricket festival
- 22/05 Girls and boys Football tournament
- 23/05 Yr 5 Royal Latin science festival
- 24/5 Home Learning Gallery
- 24/5 last day of term



JUN

- 03/06 Inset day
- 04/06 return to school
- 04/06 YR 1 &2 Athletics festival
- w/c 10/06 Yr 1 phonics check
- w/c 10/06 YR4 multiplication check
- 11/06 YR 3 &4 Earth Trust trip
- 11/06 YR 5&6 Cricket
- 12/06 Yr 6 residential
- 14/06 Yr 6 return
- 18/06 Sports Afternoon
- 18/06 YR 3&4 Rounder Festival
- 25/06 Reserve Sports afternoon



HOUSE POINTS

	19.04.24	LAST TERM
Ash	114	689
Beech	108	652
Maple	96	571
Willow	113	679

Well done to Ash House who take the lead.

Congratulations ASH House !



VALUE BANDS

Year Group	Love	Friendship	Compassion	Honesty	Forgiveness	Respect
EYFS/Y1	Arlie					Clara
Y2	Amy	Noah Millie		Evie		
Y3		Senan Ella Molly	Mason Xenia	Dylan	Keiran	Noah
Y4						
Y5	Bobby	Reuben Emma	Gracie Bobby		Lucas Kyan	Georgina
Y6	Lolita	Keira	Jonty	Holly	Ben	Jonty





TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



Who will be the next top three players?

House / Av Answer

ASH

393

BEECH

536

MAPLE

788

WILLOW

227

Y1

20%

active play
AP
165

Y2

81%

active play
CW
3,179

Y3

17%

active play
GB
219

Y4

85%

active play
JC
2,413

Y5

22%

active play
KP
3,642

Y6

95%

active play
IS
1,051

Most Correct Answers

A huge well done to Maple house for the highest amount of points and also to our top three players, KP Year 5, CW Year 2, and JC Year 4.



Celebration Certificate



EYFS/ Y1

Noah, Louie

Y2

All of yr 2, Harrison

Y3

Dylan, Tom, Leo

Y4

Arthur, Aubrey

Y5

Felix, Mabel

Y6

Lolita, Shyla