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MARSH GIBBON
— CE SCHOOL —

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

Welcome to our latest newsletter,

It's finally beginning to feel warmer and I write this watching the Yr 4 children, making the most of the sunshine, playing Cricket on the field. It's wonderful to see the varied sports programme on display and so many happy faces.

We are so proud of how the children have poured their enthusiasm into this term's curriculum. The school is filled with their work, diorama's, architecture of ancient civilisations, written appreciation of Shakespeare, are all on display.

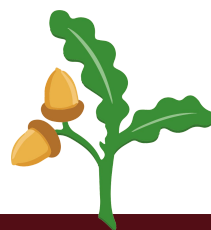
It is amazing to see the product of the children's hard work in both their classroom work and at home learning. We thank you all for supporting this learning!

Our term ahead is a busy one, filled with transitions and forward momentum. We hope you have great half term with plenty of opportunity to rest and restore before the busy time ahead.

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Year 6 residential

What an amazing time we had at Culmington Manor! The children had a truly wonderful time and rose to the challenges of heights, water and room inspections!

The catering staff made a point of telling us how polite our children were at mealtimes, which was lovely to hear. The children did us proud, approaching every activity with a 'go for it' attitude. Many instructors commented on the excellent behaviour and manners the children demonstrated.

Trips and visits are only able to go ahead with the support from staff. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Bramwell and Mrs Jury as well as Mrs Brown who gave up their own time to make this residential possible for all the children.

Tom - Rifle-shooting was my favourite activity because it was fascinating learning how to load and re-load the rifle. I got really close to the bullseye!

Ava - I enjoyed kayaking because it's only the second time I've been on a boat and it was so much fun! We got to jump into the water afterwards, although I regretted that decision on the walk back!

Heidi - My favourite activity was the zip-wire because all my friends were supporting me from the ground and Lauren, the instructor, re-assured me every step.

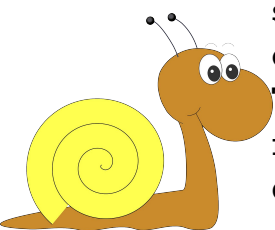




Our EYFS class enjoyed a visit to Scott's Farm to see the newborn lambs. June and Derek kindly invited us to visit, and showed us all the lambs and ewes, as well as the chickens, and let us feed some of the bottle fed lambs too. The children learnt so much from a first hand visit and Derek answered all of their questions. A big thank you to June and Derek!



The children have also been investigating the mini beasts in our outdoor area. They looked under logs and stones and in damp, dark places to find them, and then carefully collected them in pots to have a closer look at. They made lists of what they found. The children also found several snails and they had a race! Snails can be quite speedy! Snail number 2 was the winner



Football



On Monday 22nd we had a home game against St Edburges which we won! On Tuesday 23rd we have an away game against Chesterton. All parents are welcome to come along and cheer the teams on, the boys will appreciate any support! Good luck to all of our Year 6 football team.



Tennis

The Year 3 and 4 children are very lucky to have Marsh Gibbon Tennis Club coming in for 4 weeks. The children have had 3 sessions and are looking forward to the final session next week. info@marshgibbontennisclub.co.uk

Maisie (Y3) - We get to play lots of fun tennis games and fun warm ups. I am really enjoying the sessions!

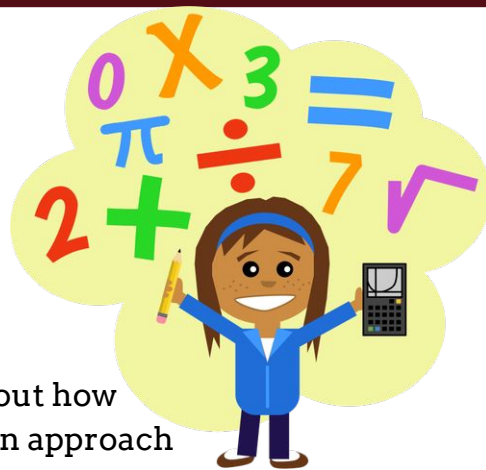
Lucy and Franki (Y3) - Aaron is lots of fun and he is really kind to us all.

Raya (Y4) - The games we are playing are really fun and are teaching us a lot.

Vivi (Y4) - I also like the games that we are playing.

Kyan (Y4) - I am really enjoying the tennis lessons because they are really fun!

Open Maths Morning



Last term we invited parents into school to find out about how we teach Maths at Marsh Gibbon. As a school we use an approach known as the Mastery Approach. During the meeting we explained the theory behind the methods we use in class. Next half term we would like to invite you to a Maths Open Morning on Tuesday 27th June to see what this actually looks like in action. We will give a brief talk in the hall followed by an opportunity to walk around school and see the methods used in different year groups. We will send more information nearer the time but for now please save the date!

Puzzle Club

All of our Year 5 & Year 6 children are invited to bring their puzzles to school on a Wednesday. During their lunch break, there will be a puzzle club for them to attend.



Bikeability



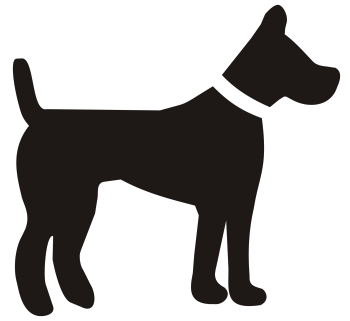
Our Year 4 children have been invited to take part in Bikeability Level 1 training, and on Monday afternoon, our budding cyclists took to the saddle.

What did the children learn?

Bikeability Level 1 teaches you to:

- Maintain your bicycle: make sure your ride is in tip-top condition and make simple repairs
- Glide: smooth, calm and collected
- Control your bike: including setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping. You'll even learn to pedal one handed!
- Pedal: without feeling wobbly or out of control
- Be aware of your surroundings: looking behind and turning around obstacles.

Dogs on school property



We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment. Therefore school policy is that no dogs are allowed on school premises (*either on a lead or carried*). We would appreciate your co-operation by not bringing your pet on to the school grounds.

Illness

Reminder what to do if your child is ill - It is a legal obligation that we have accurate daily registers and to do this we ask you to use the absence phone line or absence email to inform the office staff if your child is not going to be in school by 8.55am. absence@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk or phone 01869 277 268



Healthy Minds



Our Healthy Minds curriculum is a progressive and spiral scheme of learning. It ensures that learning from previous years is revisited and extended, adding new concepts, knowledge and skills, year on year as appropriate. For [Summer term 2](#) our unit of learning will be 'Changing Me' and focuses on the many different changes children face in their lives and how to successfully manage and adapt to them. A parent information sheet has already been sent out so that you can see what your child / children are being taught and also know the scientific vocabulary that will be used across each year group to correctly name body parts.



Online Safety

please read the following guide for looking after children’s wellbeing when they’re online - including going tech free before bed, avoiding comparisons with others and pausing before posting.

Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

TAKE CARE WHAT YOU SHARE

TRACK YOUR SCREEN TIME

TAKE BREAKS

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

SPEAK UP AGAINST HARMFUL BEHAVIOUR

STAY ACTIVE OFFLINE

CHECK YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS

AVOID COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS

BLOCK BULLIES

PAUSE BEFORE YOU POST

GO TECH FREE BEFORE BED

BE KIND & BE CAREFUL

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SEND

Dear Parents and Carers, on the 7th June at 2.30pm we will be holding a coffee/biscuits afternoon to meet with our Family Support/Early help Lead - Emma Patterson and Mrs Williams our SENDCo. This will be a chance for you to ask any support or SEN related questions. We will send out a parent mail form if you wish to attend.



Summer term is usually a very busy term in schools and for our children, especially those with SEN this can sometimes be overwhelming. Please can you help to support your child by ensuring you reinforce curriculum/day to day changes at home. Changes such as sport's day or transition day can cause anxiety and worry so please make sure you add these dates and any others you spot in the newsletter to your home calendar and chat about them at home. Thank you.



Deaf Awareness



'Deaf Awareness Week' is about promoting the positive aspects of deafness as well as highlighting and promoting greater awareness and understanding of the challenges facing deaf people.

How can we be more deaf aware:

- Make sure you have the person's attention before you start speaking
- Maintain eye contact
- Speak clearly, with normal speech rhythms - shouting distorts voice and lip patterns
- Avoid environments with excess noise and choose somewhere with good lighting
- Make sure the person can clearly see your lips
- Repeat, rephrase or explain what you are trying to say

Did you know....?

In the UK, there are more than 50,000 deaf children and globally there are 32 million deaf children.

90% of deaf children are born to hearing parents who have little or no experience of deafness.

40% of deaf children have an additional need to their deafness.

Three babies are born deaf every day.

More than half of teachers will teach a deaf child during their career.

Lipreading helps deaf people to understand what people are saying, but even the best lipreaders can miss up to 40% of what has been said.

BSL (British Sign Language) is a language with a unique vocabulary, construction and grammar which is structured in a completely different way from English. It involves a combination of hand shapes and movements, lip patterns, facial expressions and shoulder movements. In the UK, there are over 87,000 people whose first or preferred language is BSL. Within the UK, there are regional variations of BSL just like there are with spoken language.

With the right support, deaf children and young people can achieve anything other children can.

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May Half Term Workshop

Stage and Screen

An exciting selection of Musical Theatre songs and dances from Stage and Screen

Ages 5 upwards including musicals for teenagers

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9.00am to 3.00pm

£55.00

Sibling discount available

Packed lunch available at small extra cost

Held at our Edgcott Studio

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DIARY DATES



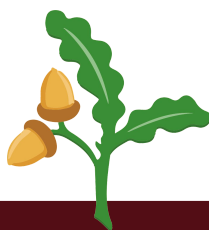
- Tues 23rd - Boys football @ Chesterton
- Fri 26th - End of term



- Tuesday 6th: Summer term commences
- Wednesday 7th - Girls football vs Brookside, away
- Monday 12th Sports day
- Wednesday 14th: Guide dog visit
- Saturday 17th: Village Fete
- Monday 19th: reserve sports day
- 29th: Yr3 & Yr4 Ashmolean trip



- Tues 4th - Transition Afternoon
- w/c 10th - local history week
- Fri 14th - PTA Summer Festival
- Fri 21st - End of term





TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



Who will be the next top three players?

House / Av Answer

ASH

6,542

BEECH

7,436

MAPLE

4,898

WILLOW

5,828

Y1

44%

active play

Noah
2,552

Y2

35%

active play

Senan
535

Y3

96%

active play

Jack
9,177

Y4

100%

active play

Clementine
7,227

Y5

23%

active play

Arthur
1,752

Y6

86%

active play

Bertie
2,200

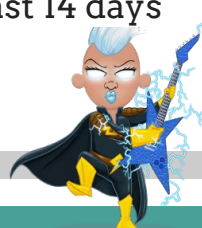
Most Correct Answers

Congratulations to our top three players over the last 14 days

Clementine Y4

Jack Yr 3

Noah
Y1



Celebration Certificate



EYFS

Rowan, Henry, George,
Theo, Arlie, Amias



Y1

Siena, Cory, Dylan,
Phone, Evie, Flavio



Y2

Dylan, Alice, Lily, Bryony,
Emily, Xenia



Y3

Maisie, Chloe, Romeo,
Elsie S-L, Arthur, Leonora



Y4

Vivi, Alicia, Joshua, Will,
Bobby, Raya



Y5

Willow, Albie, Verity,
Poppy, Connor, Lucas



Y6

Clementine, connor, all
year 6, Millie, Gen, Luke