

26th June 2023



MARSH GIBBON
— CE SCHOOL —

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

Dear Parents

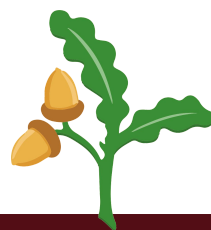
What a busy time! We have commenced science week and the children are getting stuck into experiments with all your kind donations. There was a murder mystery awaiting yrs 5 and 6 yesterday, the early years are looking forward to a picnic in the park this week and years 3 and 4 are heading to Oxford's Ashmolean museum.

To top it off we will be welcoming parents into school once again this morning (Tuesday 27th) for our Maths Open Morning at 09:00. This will be an opportunity for you to see how we teach Maths in school. There will be a short talk in the hall and the opportunity for you to visit all the year groups and see how we support the children with their maths learning. We are looking forward to seeing you!

All our teaching staff are busily preparing reports which we are pleased to announce will come home electronically this year on Friday the 14th via ParentMail.

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Social Media



As we continue to raise the profile of our lovely school we are dipping our toes into social media! Please see our profile links below and give us a follow!

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MarshGibbonPrimarySchool/>

Instagram - [marshgibbonprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/marshgibbonprimaryschool)

Twitter - https://twitter.com/MG_Primary



This week we look forward to an exciting range of activities that will inspire and excite our children. We have lots of exciting experiments and investigations planned as well as a visit from a local scientist who will work with the children to look at and help them to understand more about a very pesky insect.

We also have a virtual presentation by another scientist who will talk about an unseen part of our body and how it can sometimes misbehave.

Year 5 art

Year 5 have been exploring architecture in art. As a class, they thought about the future and discussed whether it is best to design aspirational homes which make us feel good to live in, or tiny homes which benefit the environment. Or perhaps we can do both?

They then went on to build an architectural model of their aspirational home or tiny house.

Thank you to the PTA who funded the foam board used for this project.

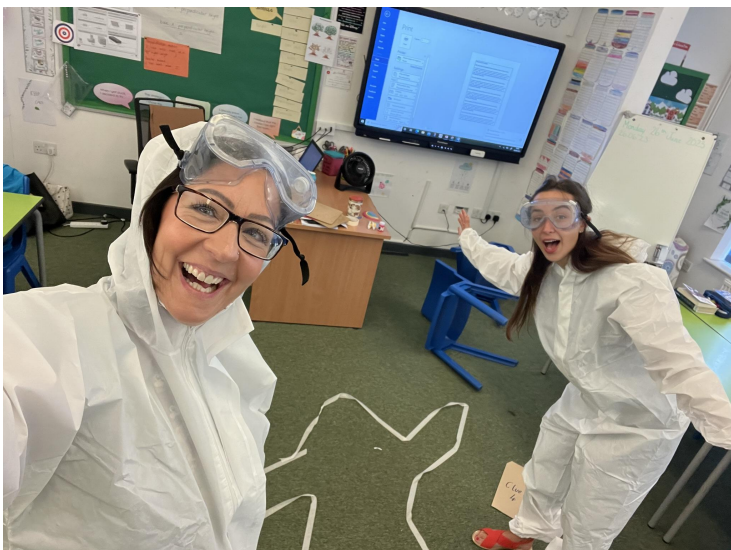




There's been a murder!

It was exciting times in Years 5 and 6 as they arrived at school to find the Year 6 classroom taped off and out of bounds! No-one knew what was happening until Detectives Bramwell and Bowdery arrived in their forensic suits!

The children entered the classroom to find the crime scene and had to use the evidence around the room to help them solve the case. The children had a great time working together to describe the evidence and make a list of the suspects. The children will then use the information to write a balanced argument in English



Maple



We had a very successful Sports Afternoon. Thank you to all the children for their hard work and all the grown ups that came and supported the children. The children had a fun afternoon and were very excited to find out the winners in assembly. The winners this year were Maple! Well done to all the houses for their team efforts. The scores were extremely close with only 180 points between 1st and 4th place!



On Friday 16th June after a series of false-starts, our Year 6 boys football team played their league final match against St. Mary's from Bicester. The sun was shining, the boys were all eager and ready for the match and.....we won! The final score was 4-1 and every single player worked their socks off to achieve the win. We are so, so proud of them all, it was a fantastic match. The boys showed real sportsmanship by congratulating St. Mary's for their performance, which really does show the respect they show for other teams. Well done!

Thank you to all the parents and friends who stayed to support and most of all, thank you to Miss Exley for giving up her time to coach the boys.





NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK 2023

To celebrate National Sports Week, we were lucky enough to have a coach from Bicester Rugby club come in to teach us lots of new, fun skills and drills. Each class even played a mini game of Tag Rugby to finish their session. All of the children had lots of fun and enjoyed their lesson. Thank you to TJ for coming in and inspiring the children.

Bicester Rugby club are looking for children to join their club. If this is something that your child might be interested in please do email granville.williams@bicesterrufc.co.uk



RUGBY FOR ALL

at Bicester Rugby Club

BICESTER RUGBY CLUB COACHED YOUR CHILD THIS WEEK TO CELEBRATE...



**Did your child enjoy their session?
Do they want FREE rugby sessions?**

Email:

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Free training sessions
High quality coaching
Friendship
Challenge
Fitness
Fun

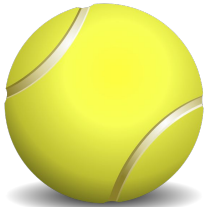
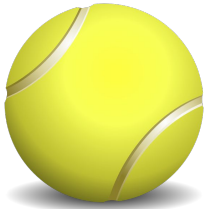
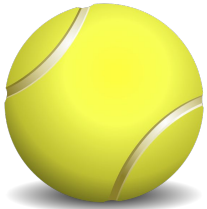
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Rounders



On Tuesday, some of the children in Year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to take part in a Rounders Festival at Buckingham Primary School. All the children played well, showing off their skills that they have been working on during their PE lessons. Well done to all the children who participated.



Guide Dog Assembly

On the 14th June, we were very lucky to have had a visit from 2 very special visitors and their 'humans'. Velvet and Flo are both guide dogs (retired) and their 'humans' brought them in to meet us all. Both dogs behaved impeccably throughout even when confronted by a treat balanced on their paws. They were not allowed to take it until given the command to do so. The children were enthralled by this and they loved the talk given by Terry and Yvonne highlighting what the [Guide Dog](#) charity was all about and giving us some amazing facts about guide dog training.

Here are Velvet, Flo and one of their 'humans' Yvonne.



Safeguarding Update

In this week's guide, OmeTV, we look at the risks and advise you on how to keep your child safe on the app. OmeTV is an emerging social networking app that aims to let its users connect: ideally forming new friendships or simply getting to meet interesting people from all around the world. It's not particularly new technology, but it has remained popular amongst younger audiences. OmeTV uses video chats to randomly connect its users, much like its better-known sister app, Omegle. Unfortunately, OmeTV still carries the same risks as its competitors. With so many users being so lightly regulated, there's real potential for some unpleasant characters to make use of the app.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OMeTV

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webcam function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).

OmeTV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users are connected at random, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

AGE VERIFICATION

17+

Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

VIDEO RECORDING

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When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coaxed by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no harm can come from it. What they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

OmeTV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an under-18's device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.

DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity OmeTV offers, plus its webcam function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's a crime for anyone to expose themselves to a young person online.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and can cause resentment. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get lured in by others, feeling they've built up a trusting friendship and being coaxed into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in-app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Village Fete

On the 17th June, although a smaller choir than usual, our wonderful children sang their hearts out at the Marsh Gibbon Village Fete. It was lovely to be able to come together as a community as well as enjoying all the entertainment, fun, ice creams, burgers and games too. Our school choir usually consists of at least 35 children, giving up their lunch break in order to sing together and led by Miss Cuin.

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Maths Morning – 27th June

In our recent newsletter we invited you to our Maths morning on Tuesday 27th June at 9am - 10 am

The purpose of the morning is for you to find out more about how we teach Maths at Marsh Gibbon and also to see some of our teaching strategies and methods in action. We will hold a short talk in the hall to explain what Mastery Maths is and then allow you time to see Maths taking place in each of the year groups across the school. You can pop into your children's current year groups to see the strategies and methods we use to support our teaching and also visit the year groups your children are about to move up to so you can see how to support them in the future.

We will send a separate letter asking you to confirm your attendance so please look out for this. For those unable to attend, the information shared during our talk will be shared afterwards.

Community Library

Reading in the community - we love to read at Marsh Gibbon School and have donated some books to our Community library which is in the old bus stop just outside the school, be sure to pay it a visit





TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



Who will be the next top three players?

House / Av Answer

ASH

409

BEECH

1764

MAPLE

440

WILLOW

394

Y1

44%

active play

Noah
3528

Y2

23%

active play

Brodie
163

Y3

96%

active play

Jack
10,981

Y4

86%

active play

Clementine
1,032

Y5

18%

active play

Olivia 337

Y6

0%

active play

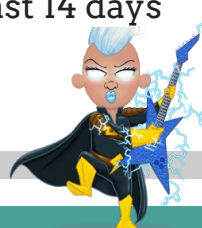
Most Correct Answers

Congratulations to our top three players over the last 14 days

Clementine Y4

Jack Yr 3

Noah
Y1



Celebration Certificate



EYFS

Jack M, Arthur, Jack D, Daniel



Y1

Noah, Reagan, Millie, Jack



Y2

Harry, Ella, Leo, Brooke



Y3

Elsie B, Hudson, Jaethan,
Georgia



Y4

Alicia, Clem, Reuben, Jacob



Y5

Jemima, Willow, Tyler, Arthur



Y6

Chloe, Louie, Poppy R, Alex

DIARY DATES



- W/c 26th - Science Week
- Tues 27th - Maths Open Morning 9am
- Wed 28th - New EYFS Parents meeting 6 - 7pm
- Thurs 29th - EYFS picnic in the park
- Thurs 29th: Yr3 & Yr4 Ashmolean trip



- Tues 4th - Transition Afternoon
- w/c 10th - Local history week
- Mon 10th - NED Growth Mindset Tour Show
- Mon 10th - YR Vision Screening
- Tues 11th - Mufti Day (Tombola prizes)
- Wed 12th - EYFS new starters 1 - 3pm
- Thurs 13th - EYFS trip to Hogshaw Farm
- Fri 14th - Reports sent home.
- Fri 14th - PTA Summer Festival
- Mon 17th - Y6 dress rehearsal to school
- Tues 18th - Y6 Play 9.15am & 6pm
- Thurs 20th - Y6 Leavers assembly 9.30am (Church, Y6 parents invited)
- Fri 21st - End of term

School reopens on Tuesday 5th September 2023

Year 6 Open events:

Here are two dates for some open events prior to secondary applications

Waddesdon Secondary - 26th Sept 9:15 - 11am and 6 - 8,30pm

Buckingham Secondary - 21st Sept 5.30 - 8pm

