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MARSH GIBBON
— CE SCHOOL —

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

Dear Parents,

Another two weeks have flown by and what a fantastic few weeks we have had at school.

We have seen such kindness and generosity of spirit from our parents. Offers of help and support have come flooding in and we have been blown away by some of these acts.

Our wonderful PTA have donated a further 7 Chromebooks to the school, which are already set up and in use.

We are so grateful to each of you for supporting all the PTA's fundraising efforts. It makes a huge difference. The time and effort that our PTA put in to organising all these activities is very much appreciated.

Beth

Mrs B Brown
Headteacher

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HOUSE CAPTAINS

We are pleased to announce our Year 6 house captains. Our house captains will be ambassadors throughout the year, leading by example, helping to organise events, helping others to succeed, leading school tours and supporting and helping our younger pupils.

Ash house - Benjamin and Imogen

Beech House - Holly and Shyla

Maple House - Willow and Emily-Rose

Willow House - Jemima and Olivia





SCHOOL COUNCIL

Here are our new Marsh Gibbon School Councillors.

We have two representatives per class and they were elected by their peers as children they felt would best be able to put across their ideas and help make our school even better.

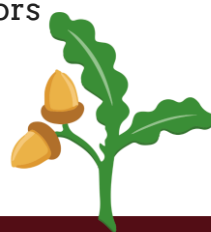
The children will attend meetings to discuss and share ideas. This year Mrs Underwood is leading our school council and is looking forward to working with all the children.





ECO WARRIORS

Meet our new Eco Warriors. The Eco Warriors help the school become the most eco friendly that we can be. We will be discussing lots of different ideas that we have and putting some of these into place. We have recently signed up to Reduce Single Use Plastic in our school. The Eco Warriors are going to present an assembly to the rest of the school to explain why we should do this and share the different steps we are going to take together to help us achieve this award. Please do encourage others to help the environment just like we are doing here at Marsh Gibbon. Our wonderful Eco Warriors are led by Miss Exley.





LIBRARIANS

Introducing our Marsh Gibbon librarians, Connor, Verity, Jonty and Albie.

Our children love reading and our librarians are here to help others with choosing books and also to ensure that the library is always looking its best.

If children have any book recommendations or super authors they'd like others to know about, our librarians will be on hand to help others to share this information.





WORSHIP LEADERS

This year we have introduced Worship leaders. Isla, Lolita, Lucas and Kiera. Our leaders are already helping with the setting up of the resources, ensuring that the songs are ready and also supporting the staff with handing out certificates and helping with the collective worship teaching and learning..



WITH THANKS



JENNY

On Friday 29th September, it was lovely to welcome Jenny Rouse back to our school. Over the summer holidays, Jenny retired after her service here at Marsh Gibbon CE School as out school caretaker.

Alan, her husband, has supported Jenny for the last 28 years and we are extremely grateful to them both. We are going to miss them both. The children were excited to present them with cards and gifts last week.

PTA

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our fabulous PTA for raising the funds to buy 7 new chromebooks. These chromebooks are already making such a positive impact on the children's learning.



READING

Daily story time

Try to find a short slot in your daily routine (just before bedtime works best for many families) to read one or two books together every day. Find a quiet, cosy place to snuggle up, and put phones and screens away so you and your child have each other's full attention. Once it's become part of your routine, both you and your child will begin to look forward to this special time together.

Join the local Library

Libraries are free, welcoming, and fun places to spend time in with your child. Your local library is a good place to find books, many offer free rhyme or story sessions, and other learning resources. You can borrow a wide range of books for free. Library staff can help you find books your child might like:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/information-about-local-library/buckingham-library/>

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-library/bicester-library>

Book recommendations:

One of my favourite books is called 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. I really like this book because it has very few words, so you can make up the story to go with the pictures. There is so much to look at on each page, and because it is almost wordless, you can change the story every time you read it! - **Mrs Bramwell**

I like reading 'Dangerous Animals' in my class. I like dangerous things but not in real-life. It has words to tell you how dangerous the animals are. My favourite dangerous animal is a rhino, their horn is sharp. - **Rowan, Year 1.**

CURRICULUM

The children are really enjoying their new topics across the school. If you would like more information on our curriculum, please follow this link to our Curriculum pages on the school website. [Here](#)

Here you will find subject overviews of the knowledge we expect the children to know, the skills that they will be using and also the vocabulary that they will be using too. There are year group overviews and separate curriculum areas, outlining the subject vision and skills and knowledge progression documents from Early Years to Year 6. For more information about our curriculum, please speak to your child's class teacher.

PHONICS

This week new parents in the Reception class were welcomed to a Phonics Information session. We shared how Phonics is taught at Marsh Gibbon School, using the Rocket Phonics scheme. Working in partnership with parents is important, phonics teaching can be reinforced at home with practice little and often, and daily reading/being read aloud stories is essential for children to embed their learning. How each phoneme is pronounced is the key skill, ensuring only the smallest unit of sound is pronounced, not the 'uh' sound at the end eg 'mmmm' not 'muh' A video of how to pronounce the pure sounds is linked below and all the information from the session can be found on our website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

LEARNING DISPLAYS

As we near the end of the first 5 weeks at school, the children have been busy learning new knowledge with their new topics.

We have showcased some of the learning along the corridors for all to see.



OPEN DAY



MARSH GIBBON C of E SCHOOL

Reception Class 2024 Open Events

Friday 3rd November
9am - 11.30am

*Fostering a love of learning and nurturing pupils
from both Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire*

We offer onsite full wrap around care with before and after school clubs,
holiday clubs, forest school, day trips, music tuition and much more!



To book a tour:

email: **office@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk**

or call: **01869 277 268**



STAY & PLAY



On Friday the 13th of October we are offering a stay and play session.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your preschool child to experience the school environment and get a feel for school life at Marsh Gibbon.

The session is complementary and will run in the early years classroom, 09:15 -10:15.

To secure your place please email the office.

Office@marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk
01869 277268



SAFEGUARDING

At Marsh Gibbon CE School, the health, safety and well-being of every child are our paramount concern. We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. Our aim is for children to enjoy their time as pupils at our school. We want to work in partnership with you to help your child achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution. For more information please visit our school [Safeguarding webpage](#)



Mrs Brown Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Williams Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Bramwell Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Miss Trafford Deputy Safeguarding Lead
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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Values what we have been learning - During our collective worship we have been learning about our school values, what they mean and how they are reflected in our everyday life both at home and in school. Last week we looked closely at the value of compassion. We discussed the meaning of the word and the children were able to make links with the bible story of the Good Samaritan who showed compassion towards an injured man.



CHOIR



Our Marsh Gibbon school choir are busy learning their songs in preparation for the Young Voices concert on the 22nd January. The choir will be traveling to Birmingham to become part of the largest school choir in the world. The children are giving up their Wednesday and Thursday lunch time break to learn the many songs. The children are quite excited about the songs as there are some well known ones from Matilda the Musical and from Moana.

MATHS



By the end of Year 3, children should be fluent in the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 times tables, and then by the end of Year 4 children should know all their times tables up to 12 i.e. the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 times tables.

Knowing the times tables (and their associated division facts) supports mathematical learning and understanding and those children who have a strong grasp of them tend to be more self-assured when learning new concepts.





TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



Insert your message here. Insert your message here.
Insert your message here. Insert your message here.

House / Av Answer

ASH

6,079

BEECH

36,008

MAPLE

6,754

WILLOW

2,749

Y1

N/A
active play

Y2

62%
active play

Noah
15,830

Y3

28%
active play

Senan
21,870

Y4

91%
active play

Thomas
54,963

Y5

50%
active play

Lucas
21,008

Y6

91%
active play

Arthur
141,472

Most Correct Answers

Congratulations to our top three players over the last 14 days

Arthur
Y6

Thomas
Y4

Senan
Y3



12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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Source: www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online/three-random-word | <https://haveibeenpwned.com>

DIARY DATES



OCT

- 5/10 whole school census
- 5/10 individual and school sibling photos
- 13/10 Stay and Play session
- 19/10 Harvest collective worship - 2pm
Church - staff and children only
- 20/10 Home learning gallery 2:45 - 3:15
- 23-27/10 Half term
- 30/10 INSET



NOV

- 3/10 Open Day
- 7/11 & 9/11 Parent and child discussions
- W/C 13/11 Anti Bullying week
- 16/11 Odd sock day
- 17/11 Children in Need
- 15/11 Home learning Gallery 2:45 - 3:15



DEC

- 08/12 PTA Christmas Fayre
- 13/12 EYFS & KS1 nativity performance 2pm
5:30 pm
- 19/12 Christmas service at the Church 9:30 all
parents welcome
- 20/12 Finish for Christmas

- 04/01 Start of spring term
- 22/01 Young voices
- 09/02 Home learning gallery 2:45 - 3:15



Celebration Certificate



EYFS

Dorrotya, Nancy, Veera,
Oliver

Y1

Arthur, Olivia, Arlie, Ivy-
Rose

Y2

Emily, Apoline, Isla,
George

Y3

Georgia, Molly, Ella,
Mason

Y4

Elsie B, Stanley, Jack,
Bella

Y5

Felix, Clementine,
Amelia, Joshua

Y6

Connor, Jemima, Poppy,
Isla