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MARSH GIBBON
— CE SCHOOL —

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors



The School Council decided to support UNICEF's WASH campaign for clean water for all children as our wider world charity this year. Their first fundraiser was a Hot Chocolate and Cookies sale to warm everyone up during the cold weather. They made posters to display in the classrooms and we had a super uptake across the school. They have raised a fantastic £173 and we will continue to add to this throughout the school year.

Thank you for your support also this morning bringing items in for the PTA Easter raffle in return for children not wearing uniform, it is most appreciated.





Y6 Forest School

Year 6 have had the most amazing time at their Forest School experience. They've built a mud kitchen for the younger children to use, started a fire and roasted marshmallows, built a swing, set up the huge camouflage netting, climbed trees, dug holes, whittled wood, tied knots, hammered nails, used an axe and thoroughly enjoyed their learning outdoors. The children have been 'Succeeding together and loving their learning.'

Our Year 3 children are looking forward to their Forest School sessions starting tomorrow

Please visit our school website for more [Forest School](#) photographs.

Can you help?

We are in need of some old pots and pans, wooden bowls, wooden spoons for our mud kitchen down at the site. Our younger children will love using them in the mud kitchen. If you have anything that we can use down at our Forest School site, please do send them in with your child / children.





On Tuesday 31st January some of the Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in the Invasion Festival at Buckingham Primary School. All the children were enthusiastic and demonstrated some fantastic skills that they have been learning in their PE lessons. Well done to all the children that participated.

On Thursday 9th Feb we took part in a Football Festival at The Royal Latin. We had to play 9 teams and then we got through to the playoffs. We played really well and we worked together. We played 6 aside so we had 2 subs per match. We came joint first so then the amount of goals were counted meaning we came 2nd. We were really proud of ourselves and we can't wait to play again!



Be smart on the internet



The children have been learning all about keeping themselves safe whilst online.

Our wonderful Year 6 children demonstrated excellent presentation skills when they shared their e-safety learning with our parents. We are extremely proud of our children. You can view the presentation here. It is on our school Safeguarding Online website page too.

<http://www.marshgibbon.bucks.sch.uk/online-safety.html>





Music @ MGS

Our school vision, of Succeeding together, continues to become embedded into our curriculum through the weekly music programme provision.

Our Year 6 children continue to learn to play their brass instruments, Year 5 continue to learn the Ukulele, Year 4 learn to play the recorder and our Year 3 children are learning to play the Djembes. Our younger children also get to enjoy their music lessons and we're extremely grateful to Mrs Freeman, who inspires our little ones with percussion instruments, rhythm and song.



Staff Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Wallace, our new School Administrator to our team here at MGS. Mrs Wallace's working hours are Monday to Friday, 8.30 - 3.30pm.

Football cards/stickers

We've lasted 5 and a half weeks with the 'wheeling and dealing' of the football cards and 'swapsies' however, we've come to the point where they're having a negative impact on learning time within the classroom. From today the children have been asked not to bring football stickers or cards in to school. Many thanks for your support with this

Swimming

We are extremely proud of our Year 4 children who have been attending Bicester pool since September.

Our Year 3 children will begin their swimming lessons on Wednesday the 1st March, please ensure you have completed the Parentmail form giving permission for them to go..

Reading at MGS

As a school, we believe that creating a culture of reading is a vital tool in ensuring our children are given the best possible life chances. We ensure that all our pupils are provided with a rich and varied learning experience that aims to develop them as lifelong readers. Cultivating readers with a passion for a wide range of materials will ensure that children's love of reading extends far beyond the classroom and allows them to build on their skills independently through a real curiosity for literature and thirst for knowledge.

To view the objectives in the new curriculum, please click on the links below:

[Year 1 Objectives](#)

[Year 2 Objectives](#)

[Year 3 & Year 4 Objectives](#)

[Year 5 & Year 6 Objectives](#)

At Marsh Gibbon, we aim to develop children's word reading and reading comprehension skills in tandem through the explicit teaching of reading skills. Children need to be aware of the reading skills they are using in order to give them a greater understanding of what makes a well-rounded reader. At Marsh Gibbon, these skills are known as VIPERS.

Vocabulary

Inference

Predict

Explain

Retrieve

Sequence (KS1) or summarise (KS2)





Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



For more ideas see the OU website:
<https://www.researchrichpedagogies.org>

Studies suggest that when parents give their children their full attention during storytime, it helps to build confidence and self esteem, their vocabulary and can even help their sleep patterns.

It's so important for the work we do in school on reading and the love of reading continues at home. It's our expectation at MGS that children read at home **at least 4 times per week**. Please remember to sign the yellow reading diary when you have read with your child.





Children's Mental Health Week

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week was 'Let's Connect'. The children talked about making meaningful connections and how we can often achieve more together. It is important to support each other when it's needed.

The children each made and decorated part of a paperchain, then worked together to connect them. They successfully made a long paper chain and it was lovely to hear the discussions between them as they worked out how to do it, and to see how they supported each other during the whole process.

The children used the text 'The Invisible String' to understand that we are always connected with those we love, whether they are with us every day, or whether they live far away. Our connections are strong and we can have meaningful connections with many people.





It has been great to hear children across the school talking about Mental Health and the importance of talking to each other, being aware of how others are feeling, and who to go to if they need support at school.





TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



Who will be the next top three players?

House / Av Answer

ASH

13

BEECH

16

MAPLE

10

WILLOW

13

Y1

0%

active play

No players

Y2

39%

active play

Georgia
351

Y3

32%

active play

Chloe
446

Y4

100%

active play

Lucy
729

Y5

9%

active play

Benjamin
612

Y6

9%

active play

Jack
27

Most Correct Answers

Congratulations to our top three players over the last 14 days

Lucy
Y4

Benjamin
Y5

Chloe Y3



Celebration Certificate



Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:



EYFS

George, Theo, Jack M, Henry



Y1

Evie, Bodhan, Flavio, Lili



Y2

Koryn, Noah, Clara, ALice, Ella



Y3

Elsie B, Lucy, Thomas, Aubrey



Y4

Raya, Marisa, Lucy, Amelia



Y5

Imogen, Connor, Emily-Rose, Shyla



Y6

Luke, Kier, Laurel, Chloe, Bailey

DIARY DATES



FEB

- Mon 20th - Back to school
- Tues 21st Feb - Y3 Forest School (PM)
- Wed 22nd - Girls football match @ Kings Meadow
- Mon 27th - Girls football match @ MGS
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- Wed 1st - Y3 Swimming starts
- Wed 1st - Boys football match @ Fritwell
- Thurs 2nd - World Book Day
- Wed 8th - Girls Football match @ St Marys
- Thurs 16th - Boys Football match @ Bure Park
- Tues 21st - Parent/Child Learning Discussions
- Tues 21st - Full Governing Body
- Thurs 23rd - Parent/Child Learning Discussions
- Wed 29th - Easter Service at church 9.30am
- Fri 31st - Last Day of term



APR

- Mon 17th - INSET Day
- Tues 18th - Back to School
- Tues 25th - Girls football match @ Brookside

- 8th May Additional bank holiday
- 9/10/11/12 May Year 6 SATs
- 15th May 2023 Year 2 SATs
- 15th – 17th May 2023 Year 6 Residential Culmington Manor
- 18th May - School Photos
- 12th June 2023 Whole School Sports Afternoon
- 19th June 2023 Reserved Whole School Sports Afternoon
- 4th July 2023 Transition Afternoon

