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MARSH GIBBON
— CE SCHOOL —

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

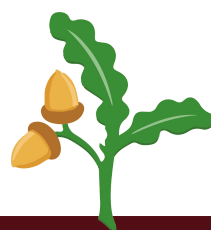
The children have had another great week of learning this week with some additional events adding to the excitement. The 32 Key Stage 2 pupils who have been rehearsing twice a week in the Young Voices Choir went to Birmingham arena on Wednesday and sang alongside 6000 children in an amazing performance. They did a fantastic job and represented the school beautifully.

We would like to express our thanks to all the staff who gave up their time to teach and accompany the children, so that they could experience this wonderful event. Huge thanks to all the parents who supported this event and for taking the time to reach out and offer thanks to the staff . The children have already expressed how much they would love to attend next year. Watch this space!

It is great that we are able to offer these additional opportunities and enrich children's education beyond the essential curriculum as the children really benefit from these experiences.

Please see below photos and recounts from some of the children who attended Young Voices.

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Chloe Y6

On the 25th January we went to Young Voices. It was one of the most memorable times I've ever had. It was amazing. We sang 10 different songs. During some of the songs we did dance moves too. It was one of the best times of my life!

Isla R Year 5

On Wednesday 25th January, 32 children from Marsh Gibbon participated in a concert, Young Voices in Birmingham with another 6,000 children from across the country. We went on the bus with Grendon Underwood school and their staff. The amazing staff we went with were Mrs Brown, Mrs Bramwell and Miss Cuin. We thank them very much. After we arrived, we had a 3 hour rehearsal then ate our dinner. At 7 o'clock, we started our show. We had an incredible time singing and dancing, we beat boxed with professionals and danced with Urban Strides, and what's more, we sang with Heather Small! Exhausted, we arrived back at school at 10:45pm to be collected by our parents. We are so grateful to everyone who made this a reality and can't wait for next time!

Bailey Y6

Young Voices was amazing. I had the best time ever. It was all set up for us and the best of the 10 songs had to be 'Rockstar!'. I just loved it all. All the other other songs were perfect. Rockstar just stood out for me. I was amazed by Urban Strides.

Brooke Y6

Young Voices was fun and loud. I really liked it when it went dark and everyone was shining their lights.



Poppy R Y6

Young Voices was brilliant! It was an amazing experience. There were 10 songs that we had to learn and some dance moves too. We all had torches to light up and to shine after every song. There were also people who taught us how to beat box. My favourite song was 'Sing from your heart'. I loved all of the actions we had to do too. There were also famous people there too such as Heather Small and she sang with us and Urban Strides dance group.

Verity Year 5

On Wednesday 25th January, 32 children took part at a concert in Birmingham. We all had a fantastic time singing and dancing.

Altogether, 6,000 children from different schools participated. We actually went on a coach with Grendon Underwood school. The concert was VERY LOUD! We departed at 12:00 and had a 3 hour rehearsal. At the end of the rehearsal we ate our tea. Everybody had an amazing time like seeing the Beet Boxers, the professional Urban Strides and the singers. The performance to our parents started at 7pm and finished at 9, we got back to school at 10:45. Thank you to all who made this happen. We really appreciate it.

Tom Y6

Young Voices was amazing. The practice was 3 hours long and the whole thing lasted for 2 hours. It was great. I wish I could do it all over again. My most favourite song was 'Proud'. Hopefully everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

Millie Y6

On the 25th January, the school choir went to Young Voices. There were so many people and we sang 10 songs. The experience was amazing. When the lights went off the little lights all shone like stars. Even Heather Small was there. The Beat Boxers and Urban Strides were so much fun.



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Marsh Gibbon CE School is committed to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of all its pupils and recognise that it is the responsibility of all school staff, governors and volunteers to ensure that the [Safeguarding Policy](#) is put into practice.

Mrs Brown is the Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection. If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of a child in our school please make an appointment immediately. All disclosures will be treated in the utmost confidence. Mrs Williams, Mrs Bramwell and Miss Trafford are the Deputy Designated Seniors Leads. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us should you need to raise a concern.



Mrs Brown
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Williams
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Bramwell
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Trafford
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Morning routines

This is a gentle reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am in order for children to get settled and ready for when their school day starts at 8.55 am with the prompt taking of the register. Please ensure that you stay with your child until the gates are opened.

As time is tight at morning drop off, if you need to inform the class teacher of anything, or wish to discuss anything further, please contact the office who can pass the message on or to make an appointment.

Medication

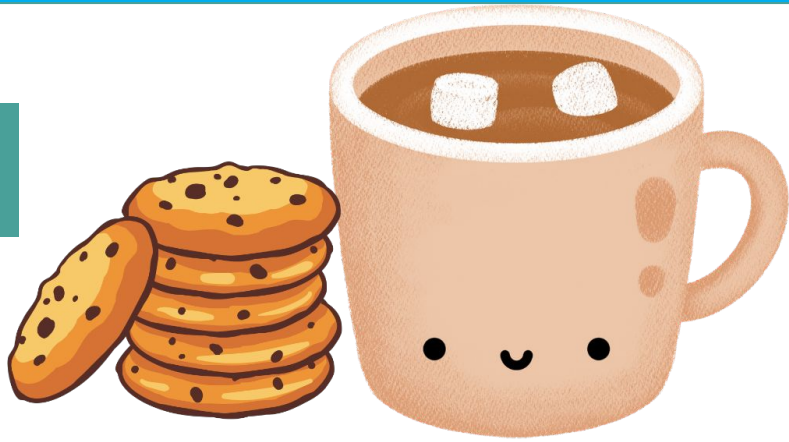
Children should not have any medication in their school bags this includes over the counter pain killers and cough sweets. On the rare occasion your child may require medication, parents and carers must come to the office, hand it to a member of the office staff and complete a medication form.



Smart Watches

Smart Watches – For safeguarding and data protection reasons, these are not permitted in school. Any child seen wearing one will be asked to remove it and it will be kept until the end of the school day

Hot Chocolate & Cookies Sale



The School Council is fundraising this year for our chosen wider world charity, UNICEF.

They will hold a Hot Chocolate & Cookies sale on:

Friday 10th February during morning break time

EY/KS1 10am

KS2 10:15am

£1 donation for a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie

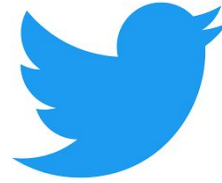
All proceeds to UNICEF's WASH campaign, providing children with clean water.

Thank you for your support :)

WASH

Help give kids a clean start on life.

Social Media



We have a [TWITTER](#) Feed and an [INSTAGRAM](#) account!

We're low on followers at the moment ...please do share the links with friends and family so that we can get our school name out there and show the brilliant things we get up to here at Marsh Gibbon. We are always looking to welcome new children to the school to be closer to our capacity of 210.



**Want to talk
about it?**

Making space for conversations
about life online



Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday 7th February it is Internet Safety Day. The theme this year is 'Want to talk about it?' Making space for conversations about life online'.

Safer Internet Day is an annual event which is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre and is celebrated in approximately 180 countries worldwide. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of Internet safety, promoting positive and responsible usage. All the children will be getting involved with different activities throughout the day.

Children will be leading an E-Safety presentation to the parents on Wednesday 8th at 2.45pm all are welcome.

BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

THINK
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KNOW

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and reading.

It is that time of the year for World Book Day! It takes place on Thursday 2nd March, however the children will be taking part in book-related activities throughout the whole week and as part of the celebrations, we are inviting all children to take part in the 'Marsh Gibbon Extreme Reading Challenge!'

We would like the children to think about different, exciting, fun and SAFE places you can enjoy a book.

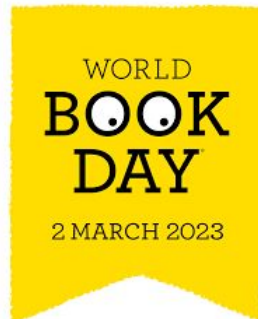
What to do:

1. Choose a book.
2. Find an unusual place to read it.
3. Ask your parent/carer to take your photograph.
4. Print out your photo and hand to your teacher, or upload to Google Classroom.

Please send your photos into the school office by Wednesday 1st March.

All the photographs which are sent to school will be used on display in school or, if we have your consent, on the school website. We have a list of children whose photographs are not to be used on the school website.

On Thursday 2nd March, the children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character. The children can bring in their favourite book to share with the rest of the class on the day. Please remember to write your child's name in the book. Have fun reading! Mrs. Bramwell



THERE IS ONLY
ONE THING
THAT COULD
REPLACE A BOOK:
THE NEXT BOOK.





Children's Mental Health Week

1 in 6 children and young people have a diagnosable mental health condition. We're proud to be supporting @Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week (6-12 February). Join us and help shine a light on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

This year's Children's Mental Health Week (6-12 February 2023) theme is 'Let's Connect'. @Place2Be's free school resources will help pupils and teachers explore how we can connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. Learn more: childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk



Celebration Certificate



Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:



EYFS

Rowan, Ivy-Rose, Jack D, Arlie



Y1

Christopher, Emily, Noah, Siena



Y2

Kieran, Fabien, Xenia, Harry



Y3

Wilfred, Lara, Franki, Stanley



Y4

Poppy, Ayrton, Clem, Felix



Y5

Lucy, Isla R, Albie, Emily-Rose



Y6

Louie, Bertie, Poppy V-L

DIARY DATES



JAN

- Tues 31st - Invasion Games Y1/2 (invite)
- Tues 31st - Governors - Mgmt Committee 7-8pm



FEB

- Tues 2nd - Governors - Teaching & Learning committee
- Wed 8th - E-Safety presentation 2.45pm
- Thurs 9th - Y3/4 Football Festival (invite)
- Fri 10th Hot choc & cookie cafe (£1)
- Fri 10th - Last day of half term
- Mon 20th - Back to school
- Tues 21st Feb - Y3 Forest School (PM)



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- Wed 1st - Y3 Swimming starts
- Thurs 2nd - World Book Day
- 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

- 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

