

we are equal, we include everybody, we ask questions, we are creative, we are learners

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Advent - the weeks leading up to Christmas. We have already begun to get ready at MPS. This week there are lots of features about parents who have been busy in school over the past two weeks. Thank you for everyone who brought decorations for our tree. It is looking quite magical in the hall!

Jessica Finer

Headteacher



**Our
Fabulous
Christmas
Tree!**

Makerspace Parent Workshop



Thank you to the families who came along to the Makerspace workshop last week led by the Institute of Imagination. We had a great time learning about 'tinkering' and making new things from our old electronic toys.



Choir at Peter Jones

Yesterday the School choir (children and staff) sang in Peter Jones. Thanks to Katrine Reimers, our wonderful singing teacher, for coaching us all, to all the parents who came to support us and to Peter Jones who invited us into the store to sing for their customers and gave us a voucher to spend. If any parents would like to join the choir in January please speak to any member of staff. We would love some of you to be part of it!



Y5 Virtual Reality Space Incursion & Cake Sale

Last week, Y5 got to travel into space through the means of virtual reality. On their journey, they explored all eight of the planets in The Solar System and learnt lots of interesting facts about them. They demonstrated their knowledge in an exciting team quiz. It was a very busy day travelling through space...but luckily they were back in time for dinner! Y5 also spent a day making and designing cosmic cookies for the cake sale. They raised £70 and all the cookies were sold in a flash.



Diary Dates

December

- 4-8th** Computer Science Education Week
6th Y6 Visiting the RAF Museum
6th Nursery & Reception Stay & Learn followed by Phonics Workshop
8th Upper School Clubs Celebration at 2.45pm
15th Y6 Blitz Learning Exhibition for parents after school
20th **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM**

January

3rd **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Parent Gym

The last session of the term took place this week and Ms Finer presented the parents with a certificate and drew the raffle. Thank you for your commitment to the program and for creating a supportive group of parents.



Parent Yoga

Thanks to Hella for her calming yoga session she ran for parents this week. Parents donated £5 to take part so we now have £40 more than we had to spend on books for the library. Hella will start a 10 week programme on Wednesday 10th January at 9.15am. There are 20 spaces. Please sign up at the office. £5 per session

Gig for Grenfell

There will be a fundraiser at Marlborough school for the schools most affected by the Grenfell fire on Saturday 2nd December at 7.30pm. The Angels of Chaos choir will be performing and entry is by donation on the door. Numbers are limited so places need to be reserved by emailing gig4grenfell@gmail.com

Please note that this event is more of an adult evening than an event for children. Please look out for the posters around the school. If you can't come but wish to make a donation please visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jessica-finer

Christmas Dates

December

- 11th** Y1 Nativity at 2pm
12th Y2 & Y3 Christmas Songs at 2pm
13th EYFS Nativity at 2pm
14th Y4- Y6 Christmas Songs at 2pm
15th Christmas Jumper Day
15th Christmas Lunch
18th Christmas Fair at 3.45pm
20th School Closes at 2pm



Online Safety

You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube. These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig, or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on the videos become violent or disturbing. One, for example, shows Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist.

The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children look for genuine children's videos.

To protect your child when they are using YouTube...

- Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen
- You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch
- Report content to YouTube that you think is inappropriate using the flagging function
- Turn on 'restricted mode'

Y6 Revision Packs

Revision packs are available for all Y6 children at the office. The cost of the pack is £10.00. We advise all children to purchase a pack to help with their SAT's revision.

MEND Parent Workshop

This week parents from Y1 and 4 came along for a workshop with their children in school as part of the MEND project (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition and Do it!)