



# Marlborough Primary School Newsletter - 23rd January 2015



Equality within diversity    Inclusive and enabling  
Creative and curious    Resilient lifelong learners

*learning to be, learning to know,  
learning to live, learning to learn*

Dear Parents,  
We are now well into the routine of school again and we thank you for your continued support and for ensuring that your child is here each and every day on time and ready to learn. This week the whole school enjoyed the first class assembly of the school year from Year 6 who have really set the bar high for everyone else. Thank you to all the parents who attended this week to support their children.

Best wishes,  
Ms Finan  
Headteacher



## Parking outside school gates

It has been reported that some parents are parking outside the school gates on Draycott Avenue at the beginning and end of the school day. Apart from this being on zig-zag lines, which is prohibited, you are also blocking the entrance to the school car park which is used by a parent who needs to access the disabled parking bay. If you have to come to school by car, please find a safe place to park and make sure you are not on zig-zag lines, blocking entrances or double parking.



Since September 2014, Year 5 have been taking part in an exciting multi media project called 'Mozart in London' with Classical Opera. On Friday 13th February, Year 5 will be involved in a performance which marks the end of this project. The performance will include film and will take place at the Museum of London at 4pm. Classical Opera are very keen for as many people as possible from the school community to attend and so invite you to come and see the Performance. If you would like to attend with your child you will need to take your child out of school early on that day in order to arrive for a 4pm start. The performance will last for an hour. Please ask Ms Finan for permission if you wish to take your child to the performance.

## Shelter Box

We now have three Shelter Boxes and you can track these by going to [www.youngshelterbox.org](http://www.youngshelterbox.org) and looking for these box numbers:



YSB0006167    YSB0006169    YSB0006170  
Children who bring information to school about where our Shelter Boxes are, will be asked to present their findings to the whole school in an assembly. So get busy! What does the website tell us about our boxes and do you know exactly where in the world the boxes have gone and for what reason?

## MATHLETICS

Well done to all the children who earned a certificate for using Mathletics this week. Over the last two weeks, the children have spent an amazing **177 hours** on Mathletics! Spend more time on Mathletics to improve your maths skills and earn another certificate. Children earning a gold certificate will be awarded a special 'Mathlete' badge.

## 2015/2016 Term Dates

Attached to this newsletter are the term dates for the 2015/2016 academic year. Please ensure you are aware of these dates.

## Kensington Palace Project

Following on from our project with Kensington Palace last term, some pupils and parents in Year 1 have been lucky enough to go to a series of workshops. There are workshops on Mondays, where children and their parents are making a story blanket, and there is a set of storytelling and puppet making workshops on Wednesdays. Once the workshops are finished, the families will go to Kensington Palace on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February to see the results of their activities.



We have been extremely lucky to be involved in these free events, and we know that many more families have been disappointed because there were only limited spaces. We are very pleased that nearly all Year 1 children had an adult who came with them to Kensington Palace last term at least!



### Attendance

If your child is off sick it is essential that you provide the school with a reason for the absence via voicemail on the day and follow this up in writing when they return. If you do not provide a reason we will write to you **once** to request this. If this reason is still not provided then your child's absence will be unauthorised. After more than 4.5 days unauthorised absence you may be liable to be fined by the Local Authority.

### Friday morning parents meetings

On Friday 30th January at 9.30am Kate Mezik is coming to talk to parents about the service she works for which is called FACES. FACES stands for Families and Communities Employment Service. Kate will explain what her service is and how she can help you. This will be of particular interest to parents who wish to get into employment and need support in doing so or who are experiencing difficulties with housing, budgeting or debt, challenges managing difficult behaviour in the family, gang violence or crime as well as if you are experiencing depression or relationship issues. If you wish to attend, you can just turn up.

On Friday 13th February Belinda Evans will be running a session for parents about E-Safety This is for all parents even if you have attended a similar session before.



### Y5 Hat Making Workshop

Year 5 took part in a Hat Making workshop on Wednesday as part of their Mozart project. The children used templates to cut out, make and decorate their very own hats for the opera production. It was a great experience for everyone involved!



### Dates for the Diary

#### January

27th Y5 Film Making Workshop  
29th Y5 Singing Workshop  
30th Y4 Multi-Skills Session

#### February

2nd Smoothie Bike Ride  
4th Reception Stay & Learn and Phonics Meeting  
9th-13th Be Safe Week  
10th Safer Internet Day  
11th Y5&Y6 Primary Games Festival (Sportshall Athletics)  
16th-20th HALF TERM  
23rd Inset Day - School Closed

### Class Assembly Dates

Class assemblies are held on a Wednesday morning at 9:10am.

#### January

28th Y4AW

#### March

4th Y1VD  
11th RLB  
18th Y5  
25th Y4JAP

#### February

4th Y3BM  
11th Y2TM

#### May

6th Y3SOC  
20th Y2KH

#### June

10th Y1LR  
17th RBB  
24th Nursery

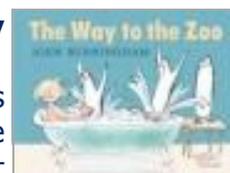


### Books to engage even the most reluctant of readers!

Here are a few suggestions of books your child would love. You may want to read some of the book to your child so you can enjoy it together.

#### **Age 3+ The Way to the Zoo by John Burningham**

Award-winning John Burningham tells a touching story of a little girl and the special friends she makes in the night time.



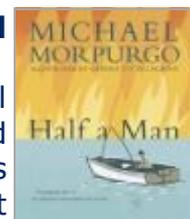
#### **Age 5+ Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr**



A giraffe in Paris! The idea sounds ridiculous but this beautiful picture book tells the true story of how the Pasha of Egypt sent a young giraffe called Zeraffa as a gift to the King of France.

#### **Age 7+ Half a Man by Michael Morpurgo**

Former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo captures the devastating and long lasting impact of war in this stunning and beautifully produced short story.



#### **Age 9+ Knightley and Son by Rohan Gavin**

In this wonderful adventure story, Darkus Knightly puts his mind to trying to find out why weird things are happening around him.



#### **Age 11+ The Boy with the Tiger's Heart by Linda Coggin**

Can three children and a bear keep themselves free from the authorities who are determined to track them down?

