



Marlborough Primary School Newsletter - 27th February 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,
Welcome back from the half term break. The start to the half term has been very busy!
Staff were here on Monday for a training day. All the Midday Meal Supervisors had a full day of First Aid training from the British Red Cross service while the rest of us had Fire Awareness training. The staff also got together to start to think about what our 'end of Marlborough as we know it' events and projects might look like in the summer term. We are beginning to get very excited about the possibilities!

You should have had information about Bug Club - this is a new initiative to support reading and is an online programme that we are introducing. We will be reviewing Bug Club at the end of the term and welcome feedback from parents, carers and children. We look forward to seeing you in school throughout this half term.

Jessica Finer
Headteacher

Staff changes

We said goodbye to Mr Pilgrim this week, who has now returned to New Zealand. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him well. He will be very much missed at Marlborough. We welcome Ms Kanuric to Marlborough who has taken over Mr Pilgrim's role as a cover teacher and has been here this week learning the ropes from Mr Pilgrim.

Storytelling Session

Reception parents are welcome to join in the storytelling session which will be held on Monday 16th March at 12.45pm.



Y5 Mozart in London Performance

On Friday 13 February, the Museum of London had the honour of hosting the world premiere of *The Sick Traitor*, a Marlborough Year 5 production.



The theatre was full of spectators as the curtains parted to unveil the fabulous opera. The performance was a show stopper, an epic masterpiece!

The children's hard work and effort over the past six months truly came together in a sublime and touching performance. We could not be more proud of our future opera stars, each and every one of them.



Friday morning meetings

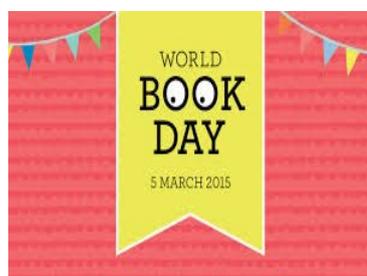
James Griffin from the NHS will be visiting the school on Friday 6th March to talk to parents after Special mention assembly about issues which can affect our general well being such as stress and anxiety. All welcome.

Dropping off your child in the morning and collecting them at the end of the day

The following information is in order to clarify to all parents/carers where responsibility lies when dropping off and collecting your children. In the mornings we ask that all nursery and reception parents come onto the site and take their children to the classroom door and see children into the classroom. For all other year groups once the children are on the school site or you have said goodbye to them on the site then the children are our responsibility. At the end of the day when your child is handed to you by the teacher/adult your child is then in your care. Please keep your children close to you at the end of the day and exit the site promptly. There are many people in the playground at the end of the day and children can easily get separated from you which is very distressing for young children. If you are not collecting your child at the end of the day you need to complete a form in the office. Please note that if you wish your child to go home alone we only allow this for Y5 and 6 children and need you to give written consent for this - forms are available from the office.

World Book day Thursday 5th March

We will be marking World Book day next week in school. Children will be given book vouchers which they can use towards buying a book. Perhaps you could mark World Book day at home by visiting the library, making sure you use Bug Club that day, having family time to read a book together or even tidying up all your books in your bedroom!



Comic Relief - Make your face Funny for Money

On Friday 13th March children are invited to dress up in clothes which are the colour of the rainbow (block colour only - so you just wear red or just yellow) for Comic relief and to bring in £1 to have their photo taken - making their funniest face ever, of course! We will collate all the photos into a huge school photo collage that we can display in school. So get busy practising which funny face you are going to pull!



Scarlett Fever Update

Please read the following below which was sent out to schools this week.

There is an above-expected increase in the number of people developing scarlet fever affecting a number of parts of the country including London.

Scarlet fever (scarlatina) is a very infectious disease which causes a high temperature and a rash on many parts of the body. These days, it is usually a mild disease, but without treatment, the infection can spread to the ears and throat, and, rarely, it can lead to meningitis, pneumonia, bone infection, blood poisoning, kidney damage and heart damage.

Early symptoms of scarlet fever can include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12-24 hours, a red, 'pinhead' rash can develop, often first appearing on the chest and abdomen and rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. The rash can give the skin a sandpaper-like texture (which can also help in identification in people of Black and Asian ethnicity in whom the rash can be more difficult to see). Flushed cheeks and paleness around the mouth can also sometimes be seen.

Parents who think that their child may have scarlet fever should telephone NHS 111 (just dial 111), or their GP surgery, for advice. They should not take their child out unless advised to do so by NHS 111 or their GP surgery. The infection can be spread in schools and nurseries through direct physical contact between children and staff and through contact with surfaces such as table tops, taps, toys and handles.

Children, young people and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be excluded from nursery / school / work for 24 hours after beginning antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice, particularly thorough hand washing, remains the most important way of preventing and controlling the spread of this infection.

Schools and nurseries that suspect that they may have one or more children with scarlet fever will also be able to provide a letter for cascade to staff and parents if this is necessary.

Science Week

The whole school will be taking part in a Science Week during the week of Monday 23rd March. The theme for the week is Science: It's All Around Us. During the week all the children will be visiting either the Science Museum or the Natural History Museum. There will also be school based workshops which will be run by real scientists! In class the children will be learning about different scientific discoveries and also swapping classes to do experiments. The week will end with a dress up day on Friday 27th March.



March

4th Y1VD
11th RLB
18th Y5CZ
25th Y4JAP

May

6th Y3SOC
20th Y2KH

June

9th Y1LR
17th RBB
24th Nursery

Always children

Today the following children were chosen as the Always Children for February and attended a healthy tea with Ms Finer.

RBB	Mumtaza	Y3BM	Chloe
RLB	Atalina	Y3SOC	Erik
Y1LR	Marius	Y4AW	Lily
Y1VD	Noah	Y4JAP	Joseph
Y2KH	Sidrah	Y5CZ	Ahmed

Attendance Update



The attendance so far this term is 94.75. We need to make a big improvement to reach our overall 96% target at the end of the year. The total number of lates since September is a staggering 810! This is a shocking figure which requires drastic improvement. The school gates open at 8:50am and anyone arriving after 9am is late! Let's work hard this term to reduce our lateness figures.

Diary dates

March

3rd	Y6TJM visiting the Globe Theatre
5th	World Book Day
9th	Y4AW & Y4JAP visiting British Museum
9th	Y3BM & Y3SOC 'Way to go' Theatre Workshops
9th	Y5 'Chicken' Theatre Workshop
11th	Y4AW Road Safety Video
13th	Comic Relief 'Make your face funny for money'
16th	Reception Parents Storytelling Session at 12:14pm
16th-20th	Book Fair
18th	Y4AW Road Safety Video
23rd-27th	Science Week
27th	Science Week Dress Up Day
30th	Y4AW Filming for Road Safety Video

Parent consultations

Next week is Parent Consultation week. Hopefully you will all have made appointments to speak to your child's class teacher. If you haven't it is not too late to make an appointment. Teachers can be flexible about times if it is impossible for you to make the times we have given you and we can always have phone consultations if needed.

Year 3 - History of the River Thames in Chelsea

This week Year 3 visited various locations around Chelsea to investigate how changes made to, and alongside, the Thames have impacted people and the geography of London. We learnt about the lost Westbourne River that flowed under the Kings Road and Joseph Bazalgette's Sewers which were built during the Victorian times to stop the 'Great Stink' of 1858.

