

Marlborough Primary School Newsletter
Friday 23rd October 2020

Special Mentions Assembly

Thank you to those families who joined us today for our Special Mentions Assembly. We are looking forward to celebrating with more children next Friday and every Friday.

This week our congratulations goes to: **Ellene, Felicity, Gent, Vadim, Izzy, Shore, Rhapsody, Hannah, Kin, Marwan, Lazar, Halimah, Zisis, and Mariam** for receiving a special mention. We are very proud of you all and for all you have achieved.

House Points

Very well done to **Kings** who are our winning house this week. Together they earned **144** house points.

TT Rockstars

Times tables are an integral part of Maths learning. To support and encourage children in Years 3,4,5 &6 to learn and retain their times tables knowledge we have started 'Battle of the Bands' through our TT Rockstars programme. This week it was Year 3s turn to battle it out. I am delighted that the winning class this week was **4JF**.

After half term it is over to Year 5. I wonder which class will win the 'Battle of the Bands' trophy?

Secondary Transfer

To all our Year 6 families please make sure you submit your secondary school applications by next **Friday (30th October)**. Please place schools in order of preference and use all 6 options. Make sure you submit a form for state school options even if your preference is for a school in the independent sector. If the deadline is missed your child will be allocated a place in a secondary school that has spaces and not a school of your choice. Please email Ms Keck sally.keck@marlborough.rbkc.sch.uk if you need any support next week.

Parent Reps

We are still looking for Parent Reps for some classes. **3FS and 6TA** are still in need of representation. Please email Ainsley if you would be like to be a rep. You would be very welcome. As part of our parent rep group we would also like to represent our families that have children with special educational needs. This will help us to make sure any events planned are inclusive for all our pupils, as well as ensuring that all parents and carers feel supported and represented in our community. Please also email Ainsley if you would like to join the group. It would be fantastic to have an SEN representative from Early Years, Key stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2, Upper Key Stage 2 as well as Anstruther House. We have a rep for Lower Key Stage 2. Our next meeting is Friday 20th November at 9.30am on Zoom.

Flu Vaccines

You should have received an email or letter from the NHS regarding your child/children being eligible for a free flu vaccine. The school will be accommodating NHS nurses on Tuesday 24th November so that vaccinations can be done at school. If you would **or would not** like your child to have a flu vaccine at school that day, please fill in the form that will be sent to you on the week commencing Monday 9th November, letting us know. Please note no child will have a vaccine without permission from you.

Healthy Snacks

For any children in years 3 to 6 who have a packed lunch we sent out guidance last week on what can be included so that your child has a healthy, nutritious lunch at school. We have attached it again for your reference. Popcorn seems to be a sticking point so to clarify, plain, homemade popcorn is allowed. Other popcorn is not due to the sugar/salt/additive content. We really appreciate your support with this. Thank you .

Fundraising for the School

The current pandemic is preventing us from doing some of the usual school events or even introducing new events in order to primarily raise additional funds for our wonderful school, as well as get together as a school community. Parent Reps are working hard behind the scenes to find new, creative ways to help. One way that has been discovered is raising money quickly and easily through online shopping.

If any of you shop through Amazon you can help raise money for the school. This can be achieved by activating 'Amazon Smile' first. If you then choose **Marlborough Primary Trust Fund Charity**, Amazon donates a small percentage of the sales made directly to us. Money will automatically be generated for the school whenever you shop at Amazon, without any extra costs to yourselves. What a brilliant way to raise money! There are some other portals that we will be able to use in the very near future too, so watch this space. Please feel free to tell your friends and families too. All the money raised this way will be used to enhance and widen the experience for your children at school.

We all wish you a safe, happy and healthy half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Best wishes,

Ms Keck

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Head of School