

October 2022

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S Hall

### What has been going on?

October has been a very busy month, one that has passed by in the blink of an eye! We have had two visits out of the academy with Y2 attending The National Coal Mining Museum and Y6 attending Eden Camp. Both these trips helped our children with their history lessons. As always, our children showed excellent behaviour and were a true credit to Marshland and you, their families. @MarshlandPrima1 is our Twitter account name and you will see more photographs on there.

### Career-Related Learning

We have recently been trying to think about how our curriculum makes links to different careers, developing our value of AMBITION. In addition to these trips, the children in FS2 have had Pastor Kevin (Thorne Pentecostal Church) in to work with them and Y5 have had Mrs Fletcher (Venn Director of Curriculum) in to deliver a science workshop, investigating the best materials for space suits. I am sure you will agree, the curriculum offer we have at Marshland is exciting and relevant and continues to go from strength to strength.



### Star of the Week

30th Sept	7th October	14th October	20th October	Class
Binta	Grace	Maya	James	Mrs Aston - FS2
Athur	Poppie	River	Blake	Miss Farrar - Y1
Jacob	Harry	Whole of Y2	Violet	Mrs Latham - Y2
Lily—Rose	Ellie—May	Mihai—George	Daisy	Miss Robsinson - Y3
Jules	Mickey	Harvey	Olga	Miss Gardiner - Y4
Robbie	Hallee	Bailey	All of Y5	Mrs Stables - Y5
Leon	Emily	Maddison	Maisie	Mrs Marshall - Y6



Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout October. We continue to develop our Celebration Assemblies more so please make sure you keep looking at Twitter for the photographs.

### Monday—PE Kit

Please support us making sure your child attends Marshland on a Monday wearing their PE kit. This should be black shorts/ leggings/ jogging bottoms and a plain white t-shirt, **NOT** slogans or cropped-tops.

*'At the heart of it all is the child'*

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### Assemblies

Throughout this past week, we have been exploring the value of 'mutual respect' and have looked to some film clips linked to Black History Month. The link is below, if you wish to watch them for yourselves.

[KS1 History: Black British History - BBC Teach](#)

We also spoke about the festival of Diwali, which is celebrated by Hindus. This is a beautiful, colourful celebration full of lights and flowers, which starts on October 24th

Every Monday, we introduce a different song and these are displayed on a timeline. So far, the children have enjoyed 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow', 'Thank You For Being A Friend' and of course, what else would we listen to this week but 'Respect' by Aretha Franklin. Our music curriculum has also given the children the opportunity to look at World War II songs and our Y4 class have truly loved their unit of work on 'Mamma Mia'.

### FareShare Shop

Please remember that every **Thursday afternoon** we have a shop at Marshland, run by Miss Ashton. We are keen to extend this further and now serve free tea, coffee and biscuits. The rising costs are something we are all aware of and if you want to come and sit, have a drink and catch up with other families then you are more than welcome. Over time, we are looking to put on light teas, such as jacket potatoes or soup, with the children being involved in running this service. If you have any suggestions about other ways we can help, then please let us know.

### Attendance

There are new guidelines out about attendance.

[Working together to improve school attendance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) We must have your support with this—we can't do it without you! This does mean the children arrive on time and are collected at 3:15.

**Attendance for week ending 21.10.22—Whole School Attendance for this week is 92.7%**

Class	Percentage	R A G
Mrs Jowitt - F1	85.0	Red
Mrs Aston - FS2	81.4	Red
Miss Farrar - Y1	91.1	Amber
Mrs Latham - Y2	82.5	Red
Miss Robsinson - Y3	96.3	Green
Miss Gardiner - Y4	92.9	Amber
Mrs Stables - Y5	97.4	Green
Mrs Marshall - Y6	97.6	*Winners*

Green is 96% and above, Amber

is 90% - 95.9% and Red is below 90%

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## Reading

We have recently had a reading challenge at Marshland with 52 children completing this. 52 is the highest number we have ever had ... But it does mean that over 30 children did not read at home that week. Your child will be bringing a reading book and a reading record home from Foundation Stage Two through to Year Six over the half-term. This might be a 'colour band' book, a chosen book from the library or they might be a free reader. In addition to this, some children might have eBooks linked to our phonics scheme Little Wandle. Please do all you can to get them reading during the break.



Reading is a life skill; something your children will do every day of their lives and we want them to be the very best they can be. We will do all we can at Marshland and we are planning even more different rewards and initiatives, but when they come home with a book at the end of the day, we need your support. Please sit and read to your child, let them read to you, share a book ... or if your child is more independent, just sign to say you know they have read to themselves. Working together, we can improve reading. We have made some really good steps forwards—let's keep this going.



## Timetable

After half-term, you will be sent a link that has some key dates on it. We have tried to put things on there that we need your help and support with and it will be constantly up-dated and re-sent. The idea is to give you as much notice as possible as we know that these events sometimes need you to change your plans.

Please make sure we always have your phone number so that contact can be made and an up to date email address as this is our main way of communicating information to parents via the Parenmail app.



## Your Opinion Matters

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Your opinion matters at Marshland. We will carry out a survey after half-term but there is also the parent view survey that is available to you.

Have a fabulous half-term with your amazing children!

Mrs Sarah Hall