

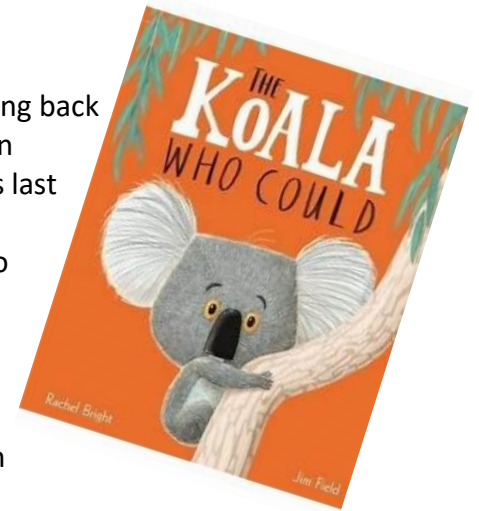
January 2023

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S Hall

### What has been going on?

January has been a busy month at Marshland and we have enjoyed getting back into a routine after the Christmas break. In our assemblies, we have been exploring the values of 'ambition', 'independence' and 'confidence'. This last week, we shared the story 'The Koala Who Could'

by Rachel Bright. This is a delightful story about a koala called Kevin who lacked confidence to come out of his tree. In the end, he had to, and we discussed the end of the story and the line '... life can be great when you try something new'. We also looked at the value of 'ambition'. Every child was able to say what their ambitions are ... we have a lot of future teachers at Marshland, which means many of our children want to go on and study at university. We are very proud.



### Curriculum Planning

There have been some really exciting lessons this term so far. We are particularly proud of the history and geography lessons we have planned for our children. An example of these lessons, is the study of Greece in Y4 which involved the children 'making' Crete in their lessons. Please look at our Twitter page to see the learning that has taken place—it really is very exciting!

### Stars of the Week for January

Class	9.1.23	16.1.23	23.1.23
Mrs Aston - FS2	<b>James</b>	<b>Ruby-May</b>	<b>Marnie-Jade</b>
Miss Farrar - Y1	<b>Charlie</b>	<b>Liliana</b>	<b>Jose</b>
Mrs Latham - Y2	<b>Jacob</b>	<b>William</b>	<b>Teodor</b>
Mr Whitehead - Y3	<b>Alfie</b>	<b>Daisy</b>	<b>Mihai-George</b>
Miss Gardiner - Y4	<b>Tia-Mae</b>	<b>Jayden</b>	<b>Harper</b>
Mrs Stables - Y5	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Keira</b>	<b>Ella</b>
Mrs Marshall - Y6	<b>Logan</b>	<b>Tilly-Mae</b>	<b>Henley</b>

Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout January. We have seen some fabulous home learning this month, especially with the children in Y1—the castles they have built at home have been excellent!

### Earrings

Please remember, children should wear a **plain stud** to school if they have their ears pierced. We are seeing an increase in the number of children who are wearing sleepers/ hoops and these simply are not safe. **We will ask children to take them out.**

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### Support for Parents and Carers

**UNIFORM** If you are unsure whether you are eligible for free school meals, it is worth checking on DMBC's website. Not only does this entitle your child to a school meal, it opens up opportunities for **free** holiday clubs and meals. Even if you are out of work for a couple of days, you can apply and this entitlement stays with the children for a number of years. If you need support to access the online application, please contact the school office. [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

**UNIFORM** We have a uniform shop on a Thursday afternoon. This allows you to come in and make a donation for school uniform. We also welcome any donations, so please pass us any school clothing that your child/ children will no longer wear. And finally, don't forget our FareShare shop on a Thursday afternoon—with free tea and coffee.

### Attendance

We have started to see a decline in our attendance which really isn't great and we need to start to build it back up again following the chicken pox outbreak at the end of December. We have introduced an additional stage to our process and this is a meeting in school to talk about the impact absence has on your child's learning. If this does not lead to improvements, we are working with our Educational Welfare Officer, and although issuing fines is not what we want to do, we will do this if your child's attendance does not improve. **We must see improvements.**

Class	w.e. 09.01.23	w.e. 13.01.23	w.e. 20.01.23
Mrs Jowitt - F1	85.1%	89.9%	93.9%
Mrs Aston - FS2	96.3%	94.4%	94.4%
Miss Farrar - Y1	90.2%	92.4%	91.8%
Mrs Latham - Y2	87.5%	96.9%	96.3%
Mr Whitehead - Y3	85.4%	96.3%	98.8%
Miss Gardiner - Y4	91.7%	97.5%	98.8%
Mrs Stables - Y5	98.6%	96.7%	97.5%
Mrs Marshall - Y6	98%	100%	99.4%
Whole School	92.4%	95.8%	96.4%

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. There is an increasing number of children being collected in an afternoon before the end of the day. This means that your child misses some or all of the last lesson in an afternoon and if this is regular, they will always miss that lesson. Children should only be collected early if **they have an appointment that cannot be made out of school hours.**

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### Mini-Police

Marshland Mini Police had another session recently and looked at the importance of communication. Their next session is in March when we look at crime scene investigation!

You will know that we had a break in recently. They accessed the building through the link corridor and then vandalised resources in the dining room and the kitchen. This upset us all as we work so hard to care for the academy and look after everything in it.

If you ever do hear or see anything suspicious then please report it to the police.



### Inappropriate Language

Children learn in so many different ways and it is up to us all to set an example. You can therefore appreciate how disappointed I was to receive a complaint about the language on the playground as children wait for breakfast club... **from the adults**. We ensure our children do not do this in the academy **so it is therefore not acceptable for adults to use inappropriate language on our playground**. If this continues, and people continue to be upset, you will be asked to refrain from using this resource and will be expected to bring your child/ children to school at 8:45.



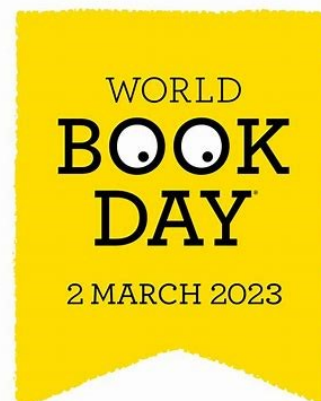
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Your opinion matters at Marshland. Thank you for all the responses we received during our 'Celebration of Learning'. We are working hard at putting things right.

### World Book Day

This is always a very popular day at Marshland and although we do consider doing something different each year, we always go back to children dressing as book characters—because it is just what the children want! **World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March**. There will be different activities throughout the week, but please support us and if your child wishes, they can dress as a book character for the day. If they do not want to dress as a book character, it is normal school uniform.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sarah Hall

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