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What has been going on?

February went by in the blink of an eye! We can see the signs of spring and the longer days and lighter nights are definitely welcomed. At the start of this half-term we started our unit of work in our Personal, Social, Health and Emotional lessons on 'Healthy Me' and have revisited again the idea of staying safe and healthy online. Our children know how to do this; they know about NOT giving their details out to anyone they don't know, they know how to report adults to an adult and they understand that it is important to be kind. For parents, this is a useful website [Social media | NSPCC](#) It is worth noting that for Tiktok, Snapchat and Instagram, the age rating for these social media sites is 13+. Please ALWAYS check your child's phone and/ or tablet.



Twitter

We have some amazing pictures and tweets on Twitter. Please follow us on Marshlandprima1 so you can see the learning opportunities we have to offer.

Stars of the Week for January

Class	30.1.23	6.2.23	20.2.23
Mrs Aston - FS2	Summer	James	Ivy
Miss Farrar - Y1	Poppie-Mae	Tia-May	River
Mrs Latham - Y2	Kyron	Enzo	Bella
Mr Whitehead - Y3	Cara	Denver	Skyla-Mai
Miss Gardiner - Y4	Lexi	Amelia	Jules
Mrs Stables - Y5	Summer	Nicole	Layla
Mrs Marshall - Y6	Lily-Eva	Evelyn	Leon

Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout February. Some of our 'stars' are children new to Marshland and we are very pleased to have them as part of the Marshland family.

Dress Code and 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.** Please also be mindful of your child's PE kit. This needs to be plain sports kit, without bright colours or slogans. Children in Y1—Y6 all do PE on a Monday and should come dressed in their kit.

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Communication for Parents and Carers

We use ParentMail as a way of communicating with parents and carers. This is a really effective way of sending messages through to you, especially if we have an attachment to send. Our previous text service limited us to the number of words we use.

Recently, we have started to check when any letters or emails have been opened and a number of families are not reading any of the messages we send. This means that important information is not being shared and you are not getting to share what is great at Marshland.

Please make sure you have the notifications for ParentMail switched on on your phone. In addition to this, please make sure we have your correct phone number and email address. There are times when we need to contact parents or carers urgently and we can't do this without phone numbers.

Attendance

We keep talking about attendance ... **and it seems to be working.** Thank you for your support in this matter. We have met with a number of families to talk about how we can support you to improve attendance. Unfortunately, we have also sent a number of letters out giving a 15 day warning for an educational penalty notice (fine). We will take every action possible to make sure that children attend because if they are not in school, they cannot learn.

Class	w.e. 27.1.23	w.e. 03.02.23	w.e. 10.02.23
Mrs Jowitt - F1	86.3%	97.9%	98.1%
Mrs Aston - FS2	86.5%	93.8%	92.2%
Miss Farrar - Y1	90.2%	92.7%	88.2%
Mrs Latham - Y2	90.7%	94.1%	100%
Mr Whitehead - Y3	94.4%	97.4%	98.8%
Miss Gardiner - Y4	92.3%	96.1%	95.6%
Mrs Stables - Y5	93.7%	99.1%	100%
Mrs Marshall - Y6	94.5%	98.8%	98.9%
Whole School	91.8%	96.3%	96.6%

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 continues to be a 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.**

Are you eligible for free school meals?

Please check using this link [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

'At the heart of it all is the child'

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Behaviour Hub Programme



For the past 18 months, I have been working with the Department for Education on their Behaviour Hubs programme.

This involved a range of training and a partnership with a school in Newcastle. The programme really made me look at how we promote positive behaviour at Marshland and over those months we have really worked hard to develop a fair system of rewards (which is our Dojos and the infamous Dojo shop). We have also continued to ensure are children are proud of their

learning, their achievements and their behaviour.

I was delighted to get our certificate through the post a couple of weeks ago!

Vaping

Children learn in so many different ways and it is up to us all to set an example. In the last newsletter I mentioned the use of inappropriate language and this time, I would like to draw your attention to 'vaping'. This is not allowed in school grounds. I also urge you to talk to your children about this as well, as it is not something that any child at Marshland should be doing. We want to do all we can to keep our children safe and well.

Your Opinion Matters



[Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#)

Your opinion matters at Marshland. Please click on this link to share your views.

A BIG Marshland Welcome

Marshland is growing! We have recently shown new families who have either moved into Moorends or who have chosen to change their child's school. Parents come and visit, like what they see and then we settle the children straight away into their new class. What impresses the new families the most is how well-behaved, polite and welcoming our children are. So, thank you! They are making sure Marshland continues to grow and thrive and be that small school with a big heart and even bigger ambitions!



Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sarah Hall