

March 2023

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What has been going on?

It's quite hard to believe that today is our last day ... and tomorrow is April!. We have had a very busy spring term at Marshland, filled with exciting learning opportunities. Foundation Stage One have learnt lots of new nursery rhymes, Foundation Stage Two have re-written The Gingerbread Man (with baked goods), Year One have found the royal corgis around the UK, Year Two have met lots of new animals (with their favourite being a new-born lamb), Year Three have become historians and have investigated Ancient Egypt, Year Four have made poo to help them understand the digestive system, Year Five have studied coastal erosion at Hornsea and Year Six upcycled fabrics to design and make their own phone case. Wow! So when you ask your child 'what have you done at school today?' and the answer is 'nothing', it's not exactly true. Please look at our website for the plans for the summer term.

Stars of the Week for January



Class	27.2.23	6.3.23	13.3.23	20.3.23
Mrs Aston - FS2	Antoni	Grace	Alishia	Bryce
Miss Farrar - Y1	Alfie	Carter	Romie	Romy
Mrs Latham - Y2	Violet	Denva-Wray	Leyton	Lucy
Mr Whitehead - Y3	Nigel	Jacob	Blanca	Kasey-Leigh
Miss Gardiner - Y4	Mickey	Bethany	Chloe	Olga
Mrs Stables - Y5	Oliver	Leon	Evie	Dayll
Mrs Marshall - Y6	Niamh	Tilly	Heidi	Henley



Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout March. We celebrate all different reasons for the 'Star of the Week'. Some of our children in Key Stage Two are particularly driven to get a 'pen licence' and this has led to real improvements in handwriting. As always, we are very, very proud of our children.

Educational Visits

An important part of our curriculum is the educational visits. These are great and bring learning out of the classroom; first-hand experiences are very important to us and help ensure the children learn and remember. But they are expensive. Over the summer term, we are going to try and plan some fundraising activities to help raise money so that we can make these trips more affordable. When our children remember Marshland, it is these experiences they remember (oh, and the lunches!)

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School Lunches

You will have had information about the changes we are making to our meal providers. We are moving away from our current providers 'Dolce' and bringing it inhouse so that our kitchen staff are part of Venn. There are many benefits to this change but one of the biggest differences is the cost. If you are not entitled to free school meals **you will be able to buy a hot meal and a pudding for £1.50 a day**. The new menus have been planned around what our children like to eat and we have hot puddings back on the menu. On a Friday, the children are able to vote for their favourite pudding (and we are convinced this will be chocolate crunch and custard).

Attendance

We have started to see a continued improvement in our attendance, especially in the number of children who have an attendance figure of less than 90%; those who are classed as persistent absentees. I have met with a number of parents and for some, this has been a very informative meeting as there has been a discussion about exactly how attendance impacts on learning. **We really do appreciate your support.**

Class	w.e. 3.3.23	w.e. 10.3.23	w.e. 17.3.23	w.e. 24.4.23
Mrs Jowitt - F1	94.9%	95%	91.4%	90.5%
Mrs Aston - FS2	96.3%	89.7%	89.5%	97.8%
Miss Farrar - Y1	92.2%	94.3%	93.1%	97.8%
Mrs Latham - Y2	93.8%	96.1%	100%	96.3%
Mr Whitehead - Y3	100%	96.5%	94.1%	91.8%
Miss Gardiner - Y4	93.8%	97.5%	94.7%	88.1%
Mrs Stables - Y5	96.9%	96%	90.3%	92.7%
Mrs Marshall - Y6	95.6%	91.6%	94.7%	91.9%
Whole School	95.5%	94.6%	93.2%	94.3%

Year Four Times Tables Check

Learning time tables is part of the Marshland's improvement plan. Year Four have a statutory test in June and the children are getting great results. If you get any spare five minutes with your children over the Easter break, encourage them to practise their tables, saying them out loud. 'One times three is three, two times three is six, three times three is nine, etc.'

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Your Place

[YOUR FAMILY TRIAGE - POSTER \(All Areas\) \(1\).pdf](#)

Please find a link to a poster advertising Your Place. This is a service based at the Vermuyden Centre in Thorne that offers help for a wide range of issues you might be having as a family. They can help if you have any money worries, they can point you in the right direction if you are experiencing problems with housing and they are able to offer support with anti-social behaviour. It is a drop-in service or you can give them a ring or send them an email. Every family is different and every family needs support at some stage. I wish I had access to support like this when my children were young.



Comic Relief

COMIC RELIEF

A big thank you to everyone who helped us raise funds for Comic Relief this month. We got £110 in total which is really great—thank you!

World Book Day

World Book Day was a huge success at Marshland Primary. I do hope you have seen some of the photos on Twitter. The children and staff looked amazing and this year, we decorated each class's door. We also decorated 'book spuds' and the children were very creative with their book characters. Reading is very important to us at Marshland and it was a great day celebrating this.



Say Hello!

Some of you have met our newest member of office staff—Mrs Dodds. The office gets so busy so we have appointed Mrs Dodds to support with the administrative tasks in there.

Have a fabulous Easter break everyone. Be good, look after each other and stay safe. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the time with your amazing children.

Mrs Sarah Hall

'At the heart of it all is the child'