

October 2023

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Autumn Term One

It continues to be a great for the staff and children at Marshland Primary Academy, although it is quite hard to believe we are at the end of Term One. There have been a number of trips out to support learning, especially for the subjects history and science. We have welcomed some new children and families, and everyone has settled in very well.

We return to school on Monday 30th October. The following week is parents' appointments. This is an ideal opportunity for you to come in, meet the teachers and look at your child's / children's work—we know you will be very impressed! Letters will be sent out once we return after the half-term break.

Stars of the Week for October

Class	29.9.23	6.10.23	13.10.23	20.10.23
Mrs Edginton - FS2	Theo	Adalind	Darbi	Blake
Miss Stewart - Y1	Ivy	Binta	Summer	Marni
Mrs Latham - Y2	Liliana	Theo	Romie	River
Mrs Speakman - Y3	Leyton	Denva-Wray	Violet	Laila-Jade
Miss Gardiner - Y4	Kasey-Leigh	SkylaMai	Jace	Elli-Mai
Mrs Stables - Y5	Everyone!	Travis	Lexi	Dolly + Everyone!
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	Nicole	Keira	Suzanna	Reenie-Mai

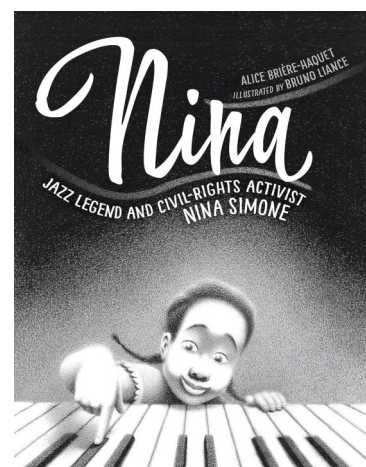
Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout October. You will have noticed on Twitter that we have brought back hot chocolate for our 'reading at home' rewards. The children are always telling us about who listens to them at home and we are always grateful for any opportunities you can give them. We continue to use Club Doncaster, and they issue PE Star Medals for the week. The 'Golden Wall' is developing nicely, showing how we are all very proud of everything we achieve together.

Musician of the Month

The musician of the month for October was Nina Simone. We used the piece of music 'My Baby Just Cares For Me' in our assemblies and it was the type of music that children wanted to move to.

We also looked at the book 'Nina' which is a black and white illustrated book about Nina's ideas as a civil-rights activist.

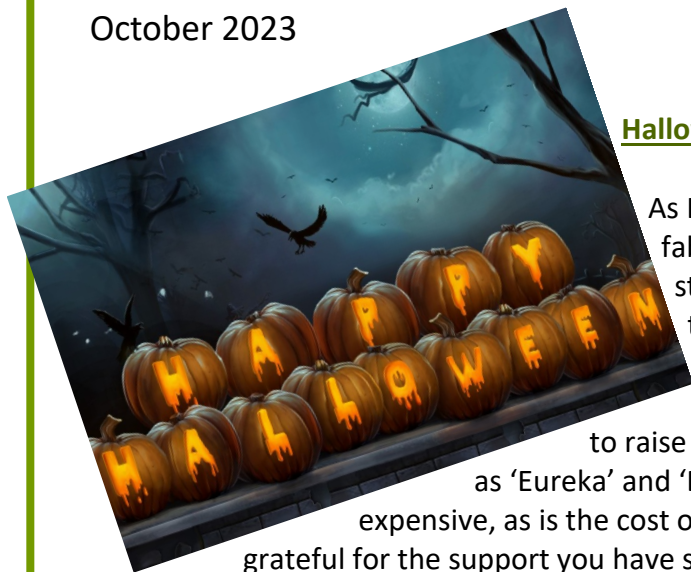
[Home Information Sheet - Nina Simone.pdf](#)



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Halloween

As I write this, the children in years One and Two are having a fabulous time at the Halloween Disco. Events such as these stopped as we returned back after lockdown, but we thought we would start them up again this year. The children love them the staff seem to be enjoying themselves as well! We are hosting events such as these to raise money to support our budget for trips. Visits to places such as 'Eureka' and 'Eden Camp' are essential to our curriculum, but they are expensive, as is the cost of coaches to get the children there and back. We are really grateful for the support you have shown when paying for a Halloween Disco ticket. Any money raised, goes towards our trips fund.

Attendance

We have started to monitor attendance from the very first week. We have already given out sausage sandwiches and extra breaktime. Mrs Marshall is leading on attendance this year and we are hoping to secure the improvements we started to make last year. We are particularly keen to reduce the number of children who have an attendance rate of less than 90%. Mrs Marshall has already met with some parents—thank you for working with us. **We really do appreciate your support.**

Class	w.e. 29.9.23	w.e. 6.10.23	w.e. 13.10.23
Mrs Jowitt - F1	99%	91%	90.6%
Mrs Edginton - FS2	98.5%	88.5%	88.1%
Miss Stewart - Y1	90%	89.4%	94.2%
Mrs Latham - Y2	94.5%	81%	90%
Mrs Speakman - Y3	97.5%	91.3%	93.1%
Miss Gardiner - Y4	97.8%	91.4%	92.6%
Mrs Stables - Y5	98.7%	96%	93.3%
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	93.8%	92.7%	94.8%
Whole School	95.7%	90%	92.4%

Jewellery

We would really appreciate your co-operation in keeping children's jewellery to a minimum. There is no need for them to be wearing necklaces and bracelets. We risk these items getting snapped as children play outside, and they can also be a safety risk. This is the same with earrings which is why we ask that children only wear a single pair of studs in their ears. Hoop earrings are not allowed in the academy.

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Our Academy



We wanted to show you a lovely photograph that was taken this week of Marshland. There is a blue sky, the garden is looking lovely and you have been brilliant in supporting us with the pumpkin competition, which is something new this year.

We often use the word 'proud' but it is photographs such as these that remind us what a special place Marshland is and that is because of you and your children. Thank you!

South Yorkshire Mini Police

For a third year, we have partnered with South Yorkshire Police and we are running the Mini Police Programme with our Y5 children. This week was the introductory session with PCSO Ben Wilson. The children all received their uniforms and took part in a range of introductory tasks. They really enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to working with the police to become more aware of how they can improve the Moorends community.



And finally

I have left the newsletter to the last day, hoping our Ofsted report will be published...

As you know, we have recently had an inspection from Ofsted. First of all, thank you for the support you gave from talking to them on the playground and completing the questionnaire. The result is confidential at the moment, but once it is finalised, you will receive a copy before it is published.

Again, we are proud. The report identified many strengths and the inspector gave us some clear ideas on how to take Marshland further. They were particularly impressed with the children and their relationships with others and with staff. We can't wait to share the report with you—we are all very pleased with the outcome.

Thank you as always for your continued support and have a fabulous half-term!

The Marshland Team