

December 2023

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S Hall

December

November and December have been busy months at Marshland Primary Academy and again, we have welcomed some new families to our school. Our Ofsted report has finally been published and we are now in a position to say that we are a GOOD academy. We always knew this, but adding the validation from Ofsted makes it very special. If you haven't done already, please take some time to read the report; after all, it is about the school your children attend. Leaders have already started to make sure we act upon the targets identified in the report. We are making sure children get matched reading books and also, that all children get to solve problems in their maths lesson.



Stars of the Week for December

Class	01.12.23	08.12.23	15.12.23	22.12.23
Mrs Edginton - FS2	Stefanut	Leon	Roman	All of F2
Miss Stewart - Y1	Maya	Bryce	All of Y1	All of Y1
Mrs Latham - Y2	Charlie	Brooklyn	Poppie- Mae	All of Y2
Mrs Speakman - Y3	Nicoleta	Henry	Enzo-Kai	All of Y3
Miss Gardiner - Y4	Armando	Elsie	Alfie	Daisy
Mrs Stables - Y5	Amelia	All of Y5	Travis M	Harvey
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	Ameara	Ksawery	Kye	Ruby-Anne

Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout December. You will have noticed on Twitter that we have brought back hot chocolate for our 'reading at home' rewards and we have started to see our older children read more. We have also taken the Doncaster Kindness Pledge, which came with a cuddly cat which Marshland children named 'Smudge'. The children are nominated for a 'kindness award' and get to keep the cat for a week. Well done to Romie, Arthur, Ruby-Anne and Tiffany for winning the 'Kindness Award'.

Fund Raising

We have had a couple of events over the term that have been planned to raise funds to support us with our educational visits. We held a disco, a film night and a Christmas raffle. Costs have gone up so much, especially when we need to hire transport, but the educational visits are such an important part of the curriculum; they are what children remember.

We really are grateful for your support in helping us to raise money to make sure our curriculum offer is the very best it can be. We can't do it without the little extras!

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Remembrance—Kindness ad Respect

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As always, the children and staff at Marshland Primary Academy took some time throughout the beginning of November to remember those that lost their lives in wars and conflicts. Mrs Marshall and members of the school council (and a big sister!) went to the Remembrance Service in Thorne on Sunday 12th November and laid a wreath for us all. In the weeks leading up to this, our children sold a range of poppies and poppy memorabilia and raised a MASSIVE £263.86 for British Legion, which is one of the highest figure across the local primary schools. Well done to everyone and we are proud of the kindness and respect everyone has shown.

Attendance

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We thought we would share with you a report that we look at together weekly. This shows us patterns in attendance and the groups of children we need to target. 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. 1.12.23	w.e. 8.12.23	w.e. 13.12.23
Mrs Jowitt - F1	86.4%	94.2%	96.1%
Mrs Edginton - FS2	98.6%	92.1%	96.4%
Miss Stewart - Y1	96.3%	100%	97.9%
Mrs Latham - Y2	92.4%	89.0%	87.6%
Mrs Speakman - Y3	98.8%	91.3%	98.1%
Miss Gardiner - Y4	95.0%	96.8%	96.8%
Mrs Stables - Y5	97.3%	92.9%	86.4%
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	96.9%	93.1%	97.3%
Whole School	95.5%	93.7%	94.7%

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.

'At the heart of it all is the child'

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White Ribbon Day



White Ribbon Day is the internationally recognised day when everyone shows a commitment to end violence against women and girls. You might have seen people wearing white ribbon pins or badges.

Venn Academy Trust held their second annual football tournament and Marshland children took part. Although we didn't win, we played very well and the children showed a great sense of commitment and a good level of team spirit. Everyone got a medal—well done team Marshland!

Writing Competition

We are working with 'Positive Footprints' this year which is a service that supports us with developing career education in our curriculum. We held a writing competition and the children had to write letters to apply for different jobs for Santa; they thought about being reindeer trainers, toy packers and sleigh builders. It was a very difficult choice to make, but these children won the awards.



And finally

It has been a busy term, but it has been a long one. The children are feeling tired but this last week they have really started to enjoy the Christmas magic. We have partied, danced, played games, eaten Christmas food and worn a whole host of Christmas clothing and accessories!

Christmas is a magical time, but for some it can be a difficult time. Look out for everyone, check in with friends and family and enjoy spending time together. Your children aren't children forever—enjoy this wonderful time and cherish making memories.

We wish you all a very special Christmas and hope Santa is kind to each and every one of you. All the best for the New Year and we will see you all back on **Tuesday January 9th 2024!**

Thank you as always for your continued support and have a fabulous break!

The Marshland Team