

January 2024


Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S Hall

January

At the start, January always seems a long month ahead. However, in the blink of an eye we are in the second month of 2024, almost at half-term. January always starts with talking about talking 'dreams and goals' and exploring the value of 'ambition'. In our assemblies, children have been encouraged to think about their future plans; how they can grow their minds and how they can make a difference. At Marshland, we have the next generation of teachers, games designers or dancers and developing these puts us in a very exciting and privileged position.




Stars of the Week for December




Class	12.1.24	19.1.24	26.1.24
Mrs Edginton - FS2	Isaac	Elizabeth	Ranya
Miss Stewart - Y1	Tiffany	Jorja	Daisyanna
Mrs Latham - Y2	JJ	Tia-May	Blake
Mrs Speakman - Y3	Jacob	Teodor	Laila-Jade
Miss Gardiner - Y4	Caiden	Deicen	Jacob
Mrs Stables - Y5	Travis M	Tia and Travis K	Dayton
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	CJ	Evie-Louise	Robbie

Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout January. The children always receive a special pencil and a gold pin badge for 'Star of the Week'. They enjoy celebrating each others' achievements, especially the kindness award (including Smudge the cat) and the hot chocolate for showing a commitment to reading at home.



Year Six SATS Week

Every year, our children sit Statutory Assessment Tests in Year Six. This year the tests take place during the week beginning **Monday 13th May**. These tests are important—to the academy and to the children. They are used as a benchmark as the children move into Year Seven.

We are doing all we can at Marshland to get the children ready, and at the same time ensuring their wellbeing is looked after and they have access to other areas of the curriculum. **The children need to be in school.** They cannot learn, they cannot get ready for their tests and they cannot enjoy their last few precious memories of Marshland if they do not attend. **Please support us by ensuring your child attends every single day.**

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Science

Science is one of the strengths at Marshland and the children really do get a rich, exciting curriculum offer. Mrs Stables (Y5 teacher) leads science at Marshland and she has worked hard on planning and resourcing the lessons with all the class teachers. As a result of this hard work, we are working hard to achieve the Primary Science Quality Mark. To support this, we have a new science club which the children are really enjoying. This week, the children had the opportunity to make duck calls, exploring sound - can you imagine the noise!

Attendance

[Spring Wk2.pdf](#)

We thought we would share with you again the 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.**

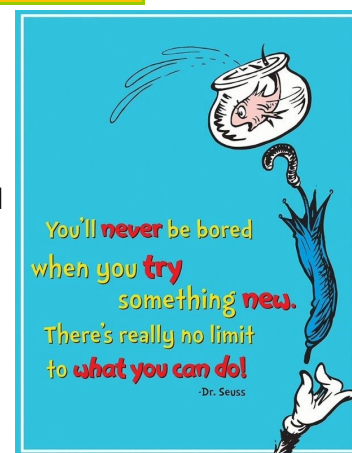
Class	w.e. 12.1.24	w.e. 19.1.24	w.e. 26.1.24
Mrs Jowitt - F1	92.2%	94.2%	94.2%
Mrs Edginton - FS2	82.1%	88.6%	95.7%
Miss Stewart - Y1	96.1%	93.2%	91.6%
Mrs Latham - Y2	97.0%	85.2%	94.3%
Mrs Speakman - Y3	84.4%	98.1%	98.8%
Miss Gardiner - Y4	96.7%	97.9%	92.1%
Mrs Stables - Y5	99.1%	97.9%	98.6%
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	99.0%	96.2%	93.8%
Whole School	94.1%	93.8%	94.6%

Careers-Related Learning



One of the ways in which leaders are enhancing the curriculum offer this year is looking at ways we can develop opportunities for our children to be exposed to a range of careers and job opportunities. Last week our children in Y5 and Y6 listened to a presentation from an RAF Pilot and got the chance to ask questions.

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Nursery

At the start of each term, we always take a small number of new children into our nursery. Admittedly, we had a few tears to start with, but they have really settled in and are showing increasing confidence and independence.

If your child is three, or is about to turn three, please get in touch about starting Marshland nursery. We offer a flexible approach to sessions and each child who is three, receives a free lunch.



Marshland Mini-Police

Continuing with the idea of 'ambition' the Y5 children have had another session with South Yorkshire Police, developing their skills and knowledge as Mini Police. This session looked at communication and using the phonetic alphabet. They were Foxtrot Alpha Bravo!

Not only do these sessions teach the children new skills, it also develops their sense of pride in the community. We are shaping future citizens and helping them to be collaborative, responsible and respectful. We are very proud of their engagement in this scheme.

Useful Dates

On Monday 24th June, Marshland will be closed to all pupils. This is because we have managed to organise a staff development day. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible.

Other useful dates are:-

9th February	-	Boggledy Book Fair
12th February—17th February	-	Half Term
20th February & 21st February	-	Parent Meetings
27th February	-	Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

Hope you have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

The Marshland Team



South Yorkshire Autism Pre Diagnosis Support - What Matters to you?

We would like to hear from young people (5-18) and their families from South Yorkshire, who are currently awaiting an autism assessment or have under gone an assessment within the last 12 months. We would like to know what support you found beneficial or what could have been better for you.



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