

March 2024

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## March

It might be a little cold, but spring is definitely arriving and it makes such a difference having lighter mornings and nights. We have had a busy start to the month. Our Musician of the Month for March is Mozart and we have already looked at two of his pieces of music—a piano piece and an opera. The children really enjoy listening to music and it is important to make sure we widen their experiences as much as possible.

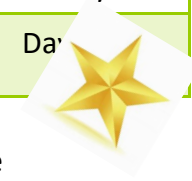


In our assemblies, we have also considered how important it is to look after our environment and linked this to the story 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoe Tucker. The story made us think about the fact that even one person can make a really big difference—and she did!



## Stars of the Week for February and March

	2.2.24	9.2.24	23.2.24	1.3.24
Mrs Edginton - FS2	Blake	Freyja	Lucy	Theo
Miss Stewart - Y1	Henry	Lilli	Rocco	Antoni
Mrs Latham - Y2	Arthur	Sebastian	Junior	Romy
Mrs Speakman - Y3	Lucy	William	Enzo-Kai	Everyone
Miss Gardiner - Y4	Mihai-George	Lily-Rose	Daisy	Ellie-Mai
Mrs Stables - Y5	Travis K	Sofia	Everyone	Bethany
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	Leon	Elliyarna	Ella	Da



Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout February and at the start of March. The children always receive a special pencil and a gold pin badge for 'Star of the Week'. We also have 'Science' awards, linked to Mrs Stables science club, and the breakfast club staff present 'Breakfast Club Star Awards'. We have a lot to celebrate and be proud of!

## 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. Your child might have mentioned a reading program called **Reading Plus**. It would be great if you could support them with this at home. It is a new resource and we are already seeing the impact.

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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. Some of the lessons are the type of lessons that the children will never forget! For example, the

children in Y4 have been investigating melting with ice and chocolate—with the added bonus that they got to taste the melted chocolate afterwards. Y3 children aren't just playing with balloons outside ... they have been investigating how seeds are dispersed and the balloons represent an example of this.



## Attendance

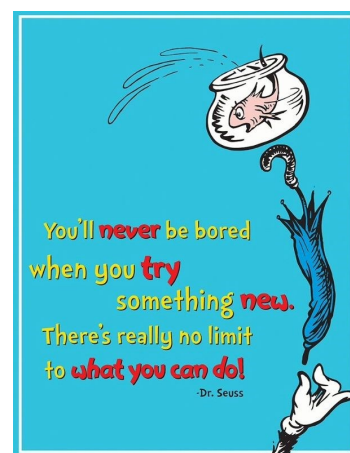
We thought we would share with you again the report that we look at together weekly. This shows us patterns in attendance and the groups of children we need to target. We are particularly keen to reduce the number of children who have an attendance rate of less than 90%. Mrs Marshall has already met with some parents—thank you for working with us. **We really do appreciate your support.**

Class	w.e. 2.2.24	w.e. 9.2.24	w.e. 23.2.24	1.3.24
Mrs Edginton - FS2	84.3%	79.3%	88.7%	84.0%
Miss Stewart - Y1	85.3%	95.5%	89.5%	94.2%
Mrs Latham - Y2	92.4%	86.7%	88.1%	90.5%
Mrs Speakman - Y3	92.5%	97.5%	92.5%	90.4%
Miss Gardiner - Y4	84.7%	89.0%	96.0%	97.1%
Mrs Stables - Y5	92.9%	97.1%	91.4%	92.9%
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	91.2%	96.5%	90.8%	93.5%
Whole School	89.1%	94.1%	93.9%	93.8%

## 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. Recently, our Y5 children took part in a Teams meeting with two palaeontologists. The children really enjoyed the session.



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### what3words

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We have been asked to share information about the what3words app. This is an app that provides you with 3 words which gives your exact location. The whole world has been split into three metre grids and using the app on your phone, it lets people know where you are. The app works with and without the use of the internet signal and is used by the emergency services, taxis and takeaways, etc. If your child has a phone, this could be a really useful way of making sure you know where they are. The location for one of the squares for Marshland Primary is [button.scorching.sleeper](#)

### 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 investigating crime scenes.

The children had the opportunity to wear protective clothing, they learnt all about finger prints and how they are used and they also used magnifiers to look at evidence. We have our own CSI Marshland Team.



### Worried About a Child

We often have parents come to talk to us to say they have seen something that worries them. An example of this, is children playing outside, late on an evening, with no adult supervision. If you do have a worry or see something that worries you, please use this link [Contact Children's Services - City of Doncaster Council](#) which has a phone number and an online form to complete.

### Useful Dates

Thursday 14th March—Non-uniform Day—please donate chocolate for our Easter raffle

Friday 15th March—Comic Relief—donations of £1

Wednesday 20th March—FS1 Emergency Dress up day

Thursday 21st March—FS2 Porridge Breakfast Day

Thursday 28th April—School close for the Easter break

Tuesday 16th April—School re-opens

Monday 24th June—Marshland will be closed to all pupils

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.



Please scan the QR code from your mobile device to share your views



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