

March 2024

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S Hall

March

March has been a very busy month at Marshland. We are constantly working hard to make progress and achieve the best we can. We have been having some career conversations over the month; individuals have shared their exciting careers and the experiences of the job. These jobs have included bakers, palaeontologists and pilots. It has also been Science week, where we have enjoyed some science investigations and some science live assemblies. KS2 even got to see a calf being born!

At Marshland we understand how important it is to read at home. We set a reading challenge, which many children rose to. Well done to all those children and their adults who supported this.

Stars of the Week for March



Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week throughout March. Please look at our X page (formerly Twitter) @MarshlandPrima1 to see the range of awards we share in our Celebration Assembly each Friday.



Class	8.3.24	22.3.24	29.3.24
Mrs Edginton - FS2	-	Roman	Elizabeth
Miss Stewart - Y1	-	Hattie	Maya
Mrs Latham - Y2	Theo	Carter	Lottie
Mrs Speakman - Y3	-	Denva-Wray	Violet
Miss Gardiner - Y4	Oscar	-	Blanca & Kasey
Mrs Stables - Y5	Jules	Shayom	Skyla & Tia
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	Lilianne	Summer	Elliyarna

Statutory Assessments

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.



The summer term also sees statutory assessments for our Year One children as they have to sit a Phonics Screening Check. Year Four children have to take a Multiplication Tables Check. Both these assessments take place in June. We are doing everything we can, but your help would be really appreciated. Your child will have homework and we welcome your support. Working together will make sure we get the best results possible!

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World Book Day



A BIG thank you for the support you showed as we celebrated World Book Day at the beginning of this month. We had all sorts of costumes, our potato competition saw some amazing creations and the classroom doors really showed off the children's love of books.



Attendance

At Marshland we want to see our children in school and learning. Obviously children get ill, but it is important that we ensure we instil a good work ethic to ensure they attend as much as possible. 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. If you are struggling to get your child into school, please come and talk to us. ***We really do appreciate your support.***

Class	w.e. 8.3.24	w.e. 15.3.24	w.e. 22.3.24
Mrs Edginton - FS2	84.3%	79.3%	88.7%
Miss Stewart - Y1	85.3%	95.5%	89.5%
Mrs Latham - Y2	92.4%	86.7%	88.1%
Mrs Speakman - Y3	92.5%	97.5%	92.5%
Miss Gardiner - Y4	84.7%	89.0%	96.0%
Mrs Stables - Y5	92.9%	97.1%	91.4%
Mrs Chapman/ Mrs Marshall - Y6	91.2%	96.5%	90.8%
Whole School	89.1%	94.1%	93.9%

Fund-Raising

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been busy fund-raising at Marshland Primary Academy. You were overwhelmingly kind with your chocolate donations and we put these together in Easter hampers for our raffle. So far we have raised over £200!!

We are all feeling the impact of increasing costs. This is particularly the case for our educational visits. The coach hire is one of the most expensive parts of any trip and we really think that these trips are such an important part of our curriculum—they are what the children remember. Therefore, we want to keep the trips going and any fund-raising we do will really help. Thank you!



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Looking after the community



Recently, our school council have met with the local council to share ideas. They gave their views on the new Memorial Park in Thorne.

At Marshland we try and instil in our children a sense of pride in their community as it might be the place they grow up as young people and as adults. We use strong community links in our curriculum and events like these visits, help us further.

Cyber-Bullying

There is no getting away from the digital world that our children are exposed to and it can be a fascinating resource for them to use. We are in an online world which as adults, we would struggle to be without. As children, the world is ever-changing and can need careful navigation.

[Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying.pdf](#) This link provides very useful hints and tips for us as parents. It looks at the concept of cyber-bullying; what this is and how this can be reported. The QR Code also provides a link for Parent Guides on how to keep children safe online



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

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 28th March—School close for the Easter break
Tuesday 16th April—School re-opens
Monday 24th June—Marshland will be closed to all pupils

Hope you are having a lovely Easter. Your support over the spring term has been amazing—we couldn't do it without you. Enjoy your wonderful children and we will see you all in April.

The Marshland Team

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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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Closing date 31st July 2024

