

Marlborough St Mary's

News 6 - May 2017



As we come to the end of term 5 I would like to congratulate the pupils and staff in Year 6 and Year 2 who have been working so hard on the SATs tests. Whilst it is too early for results, I have seen how hard the children have prepared and really taken to heart this term's value of Perseverance. Teachers and teaching assistants on both sites have worked tirelessly through the term to support the children and enable them to do the very best they can.

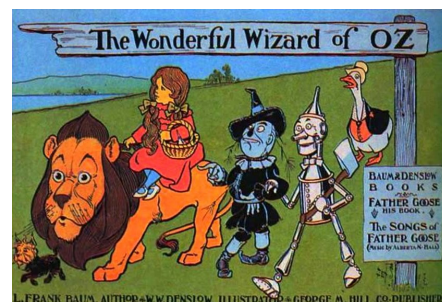


Alongside the hard work this term there have been lots of opportunities for excitement. The topic of invaders has proven to be popular, with Viking raids and Anglo Saxon cookery in KS2 and lots of pirate fun in KS1.

Our new topic next term will focus on all things theatrical and children across the school will be involved in drama, puppetry, play scripts and entertainment. On the first day of the new term the new topic will be

introduced with a performance of the Wizard of Oz by a visiting theatre company.

Don't forget to make a date in your diaries for the Summer Fete, which will take place on the KS1 School site on Saturday 24th June. This is always a fantastic event and a great opportunity to have a last look round the infant school before the building is demolished over the summer.



STAFF NEWS

Next term we will be saying goodbye to Aimee Joslin who is leaving to spend more time with her family. Ms Joslin has been working with children in Starbase and will be much missed by everyone at Marlborough St Mary's.

DUCKS

A female duck decided to lay a clutch of 9 eggs in the flower planter outside one of the classrooms, even though there has been quite a bit of activity around the nest with the children going out to play. She decided to stay put and all 9 eggs hatched into beautiful ducklings and on Friday they were all returned to the river.



SPONSORED SWIM

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Sponsored Swim on Saturday 13th May.

46 children took part in the swim and they swam 1,796 widths and 354 lengths which is a total of 26,815 metres.

Thanks also to the Friends of St Marlborough St Mary's and the members of staff who helped to make the event a success.

Please now remember to collect your sponsor money and return it to school by Tuesday 6th June.



ART CLUB

Following the Art Club run by Miss Ambrosini, we are pleased to say that the following children were successful in the Oexmann Art Award competition:

Highly Commended:

Lily Moir, Millie Turnell, Eleanor Holford-Wright, Summer Chaney, Elise Haines and Rubi Nichols.

Alf Twisk was the overall 3rd prize winner.

All entries are being displayed in the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes until 29th May and the children were all given free entry tickets to the exhibition.

Congratulations everyone!



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

KS1: Seher Cetin, Coco Allsop, Eden Sanders, Meggie McGrath, Freya Angel

KS2: Rojin Goksal, Neriya Nahmias, Benjamin Strefford, Popy Hurst, Ted Rosedale, Harriet Guarnieri



YEAR 2

Now the children in Year 2 are approaching the end of KS1 we would like them to become a little more independent. We are asking parents to leave their children at the classroom door, so they can hang up their coats and make their own way into the classroom. Of course, you are still welcome to pop in if you have a message you need to share with the class teacher.



SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

We are collecting vouchers on both sites – please remember to bring them in.

The deadline for us to place an order is 30th June.

NET AWARE SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE FOR PARENTS

The NSPCC has published figures which suggest parents don't know if their children are old enough to use social networks and therefore launched an updated Net Aware site for parents and carers.

The site, run in partnership with O2 includes:

- tips showing how to help your child block or report someone targeting them;
- a guide to 39 of the most popular social media sites,
- apps and games used by children and young people including information about new apps like Pokemon Go, Periscope, IMVU, and Live.ly.

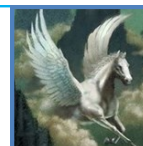
DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP AT KS1

We have received complaints from several Ducks Meadow Residents concerning parents using their driveways to turn round when bringing their children to school.

If you do drive your child/children to school, please park in the George Lane Car Park and walk to school from there.



HOUSE NEWS

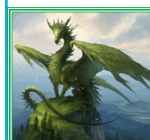


After a closely fought competition on both sites, this term's house competition winners are

KS1 Gryphon

KS2 Dragon

As a reward, children in Gryphon House at KS1 and children in Dragon House at KS2 had a film and popcorn afternoon.



NEW SCHOOL



The new school is firmly on target to open in September and excitement is building among pupils and staff. Most of the children and staff have now been to visit and everyone is delighted with the bright, spacious building. The press visited the school at the beginning of last week. The articles can be viewed on the following links <http://www.marlboroughnewsonline.co.uk/news/all-the-news/6725-new-marlborough-st-mary-s-school-on-target-and-ready-to-open-in-september> and

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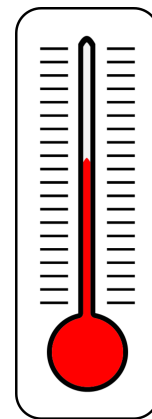
We are aiming to raise £75,000 towards equipment and improved facilities for the new school. Fundraising is going really well, with contributions from businesses and individuals in the community. The total so far has reached just over £15,000. Amazing!

A reunion has been planned on the 1st July for past pupils and staff of St Peter's School.

The event will be held at the Junior School on Saturday afternoon from 1 - 4pm.

Refreshments will be available and there will be an opportunity to look around the school.

Please let friends and family know if you think they would like to come.



CHARLIE'S CHARITY

Thank you to Mrs Lavis and Mrs Haines who have successfully applied to Charlie's Charity for a grant to purchase 30 new footballs for the school.

HOMERUN

We have been selected to receive a smartphone app called HomeRun. This is an exciting new digital service encompassing all things relating to the school commute. Look out for more information.



FRIENDS OF MARLBOROUGH ST MARY'S NEWS

Summer Fete - Saturday 24th June
12-3pm, Infants Site.

Thank you to all that attended the Curry & Quiz Night, early indications are that we raised over £1000.



DIARY DATES

- 26th May - End of Term 5
- 5th June - Teacher Training Day - School closed to pupils
- 6th June - Start of Term 6
- 6th June - Kwik Cricket Tournament
- 19th June - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral
- 20th June - Class Photographs
- 26th - 28th June - Braeside for Year 4
- Monday 3rd July - Sports Day
- 6th & 7th July - Induction Days at St John's for Year 6 Pupils
- 7th July - Teacher Training Day - School closed to pupils
- 18th July - Leavers' Service KS2 St Mary's church 9.15am
- 19th July - End of Term 6 (Pick up children at 1.15 KS1, 1.30 KS2)



Marlborough
Hockey Club

Hockey Training Sessions for Boys Aged 9-14

Thursday Evenings 6.30 – 7.30pm

18th & 25th May

8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th June

£3.00 per session

Marlborough College Astro Pitches

Fun intro to hockey for those boys who would like to give hockey a go!

Whether you have played a little at school or never had a go at all before, then come along and see if this is the sport for you!

You will need: gum shield & shin pads; sticks can be provided if required.

Parents/Guardians – Whilst you wait why not join our Back2Hockey group; Same Time, Same Place!!

Any Questions: mhcsecretary2016@gmail.com

LUNCHES

Please could Parents and Carers remember to return their lunch menus promptly..



PIRATE EVENT

As 'Pirates' is the topic at KS1 this term, you may be interested in this Pirate event on Friday 2nd June - Sunday the 4th June in Swindon Town Centre.

<http://www.swindontowncentre.co.uk/news/piratefest2017/>

Ahoy! Batten down the hatches as Swindon Town Centre will be buzzing with free entertainment and activities for all the family to enjoy.



SPORTS DAY - Monday 3rd July

Marlborough College Athletics Track

This will take place in the morning, with KS1 first, followed by KS2. There is no reserve date.

Summer term

As it is now summer, please ensure that children are adequately protected from the sun with hats/lotion.



Calling all budding artists at
Marlborough St Mary's Primary School
to enter the
Marlborough in Bloom Family Art Competition

Theme: Create a Butterfly

Your work of art can take any form...
a picture, a collage, a sculpture, a toy dressed as a butterfly

Closing date for entries to be handed in to school: 12 June

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in infants and juniors

Entries will be proudly displayed in High Street windows on
Marlborough in Bloom Judging Day

Marlborough in Bloom Family Art Competition
is kindly sponsored by

Carter Jonas, 93 High Street, Marlborough SN8 1HD