



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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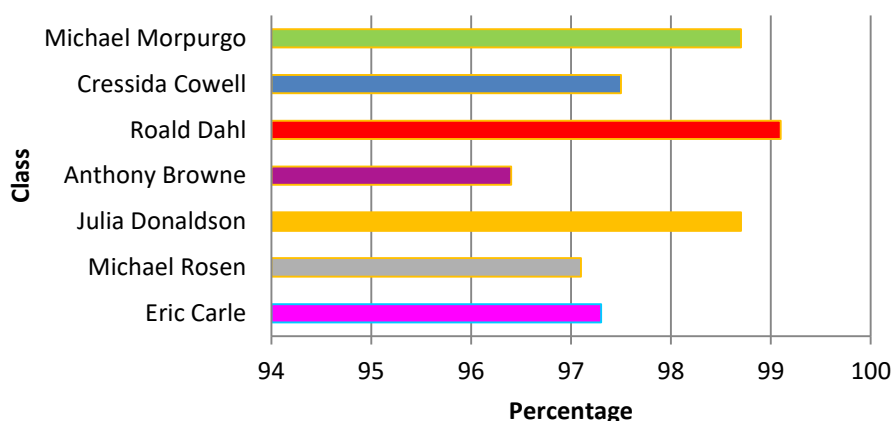
P4C question:

What is the smallest thing in the world?

Attendance

Well done to **Year 4** who received **the £10 in assembly on Friday**. Their attendance for the week was.....

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was:- 97.8%

Attendance and Attainment Quote

"From 190 days of learning, pupils can make progress and achieve more results through better attendance. The school is closed for 14 weeks a year. Plan your holiday then. If a school can improve its attendance by 1% this can result in a 5-6% improvement in attainment"

A Great Start!

It has been a pleasure to see how well all the children have settled into their new classes this academic year, especially our Reception Class, who have now been in school for just a few weeks. I have spent time in each classroom and I'm outside every lunchtime, chatting to the children. I work alongside the school's superb team of staff to make sure that all the children are working incredibly hard, following our school rules and playing well with each other. Despite this great start, occasionally things do go wrong – and we would ask you to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns or worries.

We look forward to another enjoyable and successful Mag Gates year for all members of our school community.

Calling all Parent/Carers

The school runs a lunchtime Gardening Club but, unfortunately, Ms Nicholson (EA in EYFS) is struggling to do this on her own. She would really appreciate it if a couple of our parents would volunteer to help out for half an hour, one day a week during lunchtime. Can anyone please spare 30 minutes so we can keep this club running? Please speak directly with Ms Nicholson in EYFS or leave a message with the ladies in the school office. Many thanks.

School Parliament 'Terrifying Tuesday' – Tuesday 31st October – Halloween Character or non-uniform



Our School Parliament is organising a special Halloween Day on Tuesday 31st October (just after half term). Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite Halloween character (no scary clowns, please) or in non-uniform. There will also be a **Pumpkin-Carving Competition** – please bring in your ready carved/decorated pumpkin on the morning of Tuesday 31st October and School Parliament members will direct you to the main hall.

Good Luck

We say a temporary goodbye to Karen Orford as she leaves for the start of her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and can't wait to meet her new family member.

After School Club Management

With Karen on maternity leave, the out of school club will be run by Kerri Jefferson, Rachel Bond and Francis Dodson. All currently work as Deputy Managers. Please speak directly to these members of staff should you have any queries or concerns.

EYFS & KS1

Parents may like to know what day their child visits the KS1 library. This may help parents ensure that their child has their library books in school on that day.

EYFS Tuesday afternoon

Yr1 Monday afternoon

Yr2 Thursday afternoon

We would also welcome any donations of suitable/age appropriate children's books that parents may have at home.

Monster Phonics Parent Portal

The Reception and Key Stage 1 children are enjoying learning phonics with help from some friendly monsters. We are following plans from a scheme called "Monster Phonics". There is a website with a parent portal which will give you access to some really useful resources www.monsterphonics.com

The login details that you need are - User name magdalengates Password Superbug16

Tapestry

We are in the process of updating passwords for families with children in more than one year. This may mean you cannot access Tapestry at the moment, but we are hoping a letter will go out later this week. Thank you for your patience.

We know that there are still a few parents who have not signed up - Please contact your child's teacher direct – all we need is your **first name, surname and email address**.

Ghana Trip

Over half term, Yvonne Rix and Miss Phayre will be travelling to Ghana as part of the Connecting Classrooms project run by the British Council. Our school has been partnered with another primary school in Kumsai where they will be helping to set up a project to encourage more girls to become interested in reading.

Old £1 Coins

Just a reminder that the old £1 coins ceased to be legal tender from yesterday and therefore the school is now unable to accept any of these.

