



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



# Weekly Newsletter

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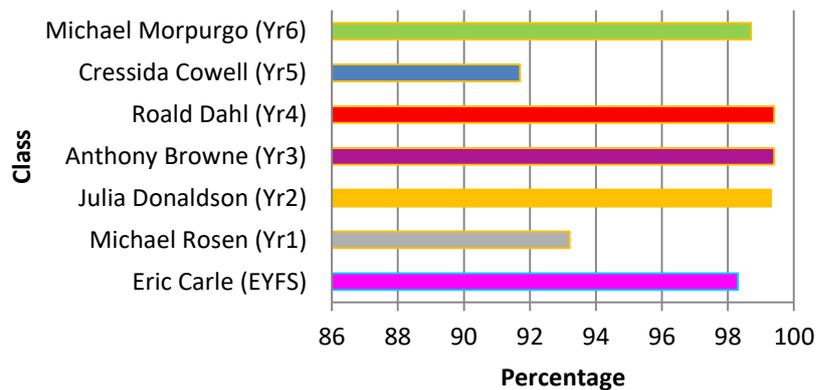
## P4C question:

Would you rather play a villain or a hero in a movie? Why?

## Attendance

Well done to **Yr 3 & Yr4** who both received **the £10 in assembly on Friday**. Their attendance for the week was 98.4%

## Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 97.2%

## Open Door

Please can I remind parents that my door is always open if you feel unhappy about any aspect of school life – Social media is not the forum to air “gripes or concerns”. Thank you.

## Bags to School

Thank you to everyone who filled a bag with their unwanted/outgrown clothing. The school received a cheque for £72!

## Children's University



Last week, Precious, Daisy, Ellie-Mae, Oskar and Victor attended Norwich City's football ground for their Children's University Graduation ceremony. What a great picture of you all. We are all very proud of your achievements. Well done!

## **Childrens University**

A Children's University Passport is a learning passport with your child's name and unique registration number. They can be bought from the school for £5 and you and your child will look after it. Teachers and other adults will help to write the learning hours gained in clubs at school and show you how to keep a total of hours at other places, like libraries and museums. As well as encouraging our children to become active learners and aspire to a lifelong love of learning, a Children's University Passport also gives the holder free entry into each of the following museums: Norwich Castle Museum, Time and Tide Museum, The Bridewell Museum, Gressenhall Museum, Stranger's Hall, King's Lynn Museum, Ancient House, Museum of Thetford Life, The Tolhouse Museum, and Elizabeth House Museum. In addition, all libraries have special Norfolk Children's University activities including the Summer Reading Challenges.

If anyone is interested in becoming part of the Children's University programme, please speak with Miss Vincent in Y4 class.

## **Christmas Artwork – Calling All Potential Picassos!**



We know we have lots of budding artists at Magdalen Gates School and, very kindly, one of our school Governors, Father Marc, has offered the chance for one of our pupils' art work to be displayed on the front cover of Mary Magdalen Church's Christmas card. This is a great opportunity for all pupils, from all our classes, to design a fabulous Christmas themed piece of work. You need to be fairly quick with your colouring pens though – Father Marc needs all entries to be handed into the office by FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> November. Please remember to put your child's name and class on the back of your entry. We really look forward to seeing some great pictures heading our way.....



## **First Admissions September 2018**

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you will need to register your preference for the school you wish your child to attend from September 2018. Parents are encouraged to apply online at [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) and all online applications will be acknowledged by email. Further information is available at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/admissions) or by phoning 0344 8008020. Paper application forms can also be obtained by telephoning the same number. Parents must apply by Sunday 15th January 2018. Late applications will not be considered until all on-time applications have been allocated.

## **Christmas Performance Information**

### **EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Production – Mrs Callaghan KS1 Leader**

The children are busy practicing the songs for our Christmas Production "Prickly Hay".

There will be 2 performances - 9.30am on Tuesday 12th December and 1.45pm on Wednesday 13th December. Prior to the event, parents and guardians of those EYFS/KS1 children involved will have the opportunity to purchase a maximum of 2 tickets for one of the performances. These tickets will be £1 each and can be bought from the office on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Any spare tickets will be available to purchase on Monday the 11th December.

### **Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol – Mrs St Ruth KS2 Leader**

The year we will be having our traditional Carol Concert, performed by the pupils of Key Stage 2 classes, on Wednesday 6th December at 6pm in the PE Hall. The pupils will be singing Christmas Carols, performing poetry, and playing musical instruments. Tickets will be available to buy for £1 from Jill in the office, from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.



## **Ghana Visit – Miss Phayre Yr1 Teacher**

Over the half term holiday, Mrs Rix and myself were lucky enough to visit Ghana. We were part of a group of leader and teachers visiting the Country through the British Council's "Connecting Classrooms" project.

Ghana was an incredible experience! The visit taught us so much about how other cultures live and teach, both of which are very different to how we live and teach in England. We visited New Tafo Primary School where we observed and taught a series of guided reading lessons. The children enjoyed learning about how we teach English in the UK, through stories and books. They were also very pleased with the selection of resources we provided them with, such as colouring pencils and textbooks.

On Thursday last week Mrs Rix and I held an assembly so we could tell all our pupils about our adventure. We talked about our experience of teaching in Ghana, travelling through the country by road - quite risky with suitcases flying off the roof as the roads were so bad! the different foods we ate and the lovely teachers and pupils we met. We also dressed up Jacob and Star in African shirts and we both wore the dresses that were made for us in Ghana. We have also suggested that we would like our School Parliament to think of ways to fund raise so we could perhaps buy a computer for the school.

**Newsflash!** - Lennon in Yr5 has already stated he would like to raise money for the school in Ghana by shaving his hair off! He is hoping to raise £50. Let's make this happen! If any parent/carer would like to donate they are able to do so by following this link –

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ben-mills-2?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=QVaVabnVB](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ben-mills-2?utm_id=2&utm_term=QVaVabnVB)

## **Magdalen Gates Open Day**

We had over 50 visitors visit the school at our Open Day last Thursday. This was a great chance for our local community, prospective parents and pupils to see all the children and our hardworking staff in action. It was so lovely to hear many of them commenting on the behaviour of the children and the great learning atmosphere of our school.

## **Trainers & Track Suits**

Please could you ensure that your child has a track suit and outdoor trainers available in school for use during the winter months. PE sessions will continue outside during the winter and the correct kit is essential for full pupil participation.

## **Uniform**

We have had a number of parents becoming frustrated (rightly so) about lost uniform and coats. PLEASE can we ask that all parents label every part of their child's uniform as it makes it much easier for us to track down missing items! Thank you

## **Reading Challenge Update – Elaine Anderton SENCO**

If you have recently been in the school hall, you will have noticed the 'We love reading' board filling up with photos of children who are reading/have read a really good book that they would like to recommend to others. Look out for teachers on there too.

Currently we don't have any children from Key Stage 1 and yet I'm sure that there are lots of books being read to and by your children. If you know of one they have really enjoyed, get them to come and see me with the book.

With Christmas approaching, you may wish to look at the children's recommendations for inspiration for stocking fillers!

## **Parents Hearing Pupils Read**

We would love to welcome more parents into school to hear children read and, if this is something you might be interested in, please pop into the office and see Wendy.

## **Severe Weather**

As the weather is predicted to become much colder in the forthcoming weeks, please ensure your child is suitably dressed for playtimes. We will endeavour to keep school open at all times but please do listen to Radio Norwich and Heart FM, if the weather becomes very severe, regarding school closures.

## **Christmas Dates**

With just 6 weeks to go until Christmas, we know parents' diaries can get busy with all the extra added festivities to fit in. Remember to read your weekly Newsletter for detailed information on what's happening up to the end of this Autumn/winter term. Keep an eye on the diary dates too!

Dates for December:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> 9am Christmas coffee morning with raffle and prizes – we hope to see lots of parents, and we always welcome younger siblings and extended family for these informal coffee morning events
- 6<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
- 8<sup>th</sup> DECORATION DAY at school – Go, go glitter!  
3:10pm - Magdalen Gates Christmas Fair
- 11<sup>th</sup> EYFS and KS1's Christmas Lunch + crackers!
- 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity (Morning performance)  
12:30pm KS2's Christmas Lunch + crackers!
- 13<sup>th</sup> Norwich Christmas Foodbank – optional non uniform in exchange for a packet/tin of food, helping a Norwich charity for local people in crisis  
1:45pm-2:45pm EYFS/KS1 Christmas Nativity (Afternoon performance)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Termly attendance trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day – stick on your silliest sweater for optional, non uniform, charity donation event for Save the Children
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9am Christmas DVD in the hall for all pupils  
3:15pm School Closes for Christmas

## **Diary Dates**

Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6	12-1pm	Height & Weight - School Nurse
	Yr2 & Yr3	12-1pm	Parents for lunch
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3	9:15am	How Hill Residential
	EYFS/KS1	9am-3pm	Movement and Dance workshop
	Yr4	12:30pm	Parents for lunch
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5	9:30-12:30pm	Cinema City visit – Beauty & The Beast
	Yr5/Yr6	12:30pm	Parents for lunch
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	All years	All day	CHILDREN IN NEED –Non school uniform – Donation Charity Event
	Yr3	TBC	How Hill Residential – return
	Yr2	9:15-3pm	Sealife Centre, Gt Yarmouth - visit
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	All years		Road Safety Week

Attachment - Startrite Online Discount voucher & Crib Festival Flyer