



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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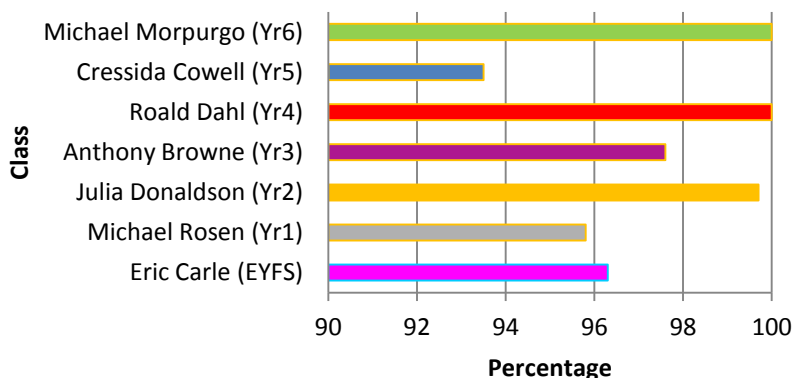
P4C question:

What makes something beautiful?

Attendance

Well done to both **Yr4 & Yr6** who received **£20 each** in assembly on Friday. Their attendance for the week was **100%**

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 97.6%

Decoration Day

Date for parents' diaries– Friday 8th December. Come and immerse yourself in glitter and Christmas! Parents are welcome to pop into school at any point during the school day!

How Hill

A massive thank you to the staff who accompanied the children to How Hill last week – the children had a wonderful time 😊.

Governor Learning Walk - Father Marc

The purpose of a Governor's learning walk is to support the Governing Body in carrying out its key responsibilities of monitoring and evaluating the work of the school. During my time I visited several classrooms for about 20 minutes to look at the classroom environment and samples of the pupils' work. I witnessed some amazing dance moves from Yr2! I got to talk to Mrs Anderton, the School's SENCO, about how they are encouraging and supporting the children. I was very impressed with the maths intervention. It was a really encouraging experience and I hope to take part again in the near future.

Another Reminder Re: Payment of Lunches

I'm afraid to have to mention this AGAIN, but Mrs Starling is still having to chase parents who are not paying for lunches in a timely manner. Just to reiterate - lunches need to be paid for in advance and **NOT in arrears**.

Important – Competition - Christmas Artwork

We would like to mention again the very kind offer by Father Marc, one of the school governors, who has given our school the chance for a 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. Father Marc needs all entries to be handed into the office by FRIDAY 24TH November. Please remember to put your child's name and class on the back of your entry.

KS2 Carol Concert

Please note that the KS2 Carol Concert will be on **Thursday 14th December** at 6pm and NOT Wednesday 6th December as previously stated. The concert on the 6th is for members who have musical instrument lessons with Victoria Arnall – more details of this next week.

Christmas Coffee AM – Friday 1st December

All parents are invited to pop along for a cuppa and a festive cake ☺ - all donations are going towards new play equipment for the schools playgrounds.

Fire Drill Feedback

An interesting time to do a fire drill – 8.45am, just as the bell has gone. We were all very impressed with the response from our children and parents! Thank you for understanding why parents were not permitted to access the school grounds once the fire alarm had gone off.

Attendance Trip

As stated in the Parents Attendance Information sheet (sent out at the beginning of term), the school sets annual attendance targets each year. This year our target is 97% - Attendance trips will now only be offered to pupils who have achieved this target over each term.

Your child's attendance data will be taken from 6th September through to 7th December. If they have 97+% attendance then they will be invited to travel by coach to see the Christmas Circus at Gt Yarmouth Hippodrome on Thursday 14th December. Last year this trip was allocated to the 99-100% attendance children and all the children (and adults) who visited had an amazing time. We are genuinely pleased to be able to offer this Christmas Circus spectacular to more pupils for this term's attendance reward. There will be dancers, swimmers, acrobats and a large dance group, special effects, amazing lighting and even dare-devil bike riders from Brazil.

Pupils who are eligible for this trip will be bringing home a parental/carer consent form on Friday 8th December so please check bookbags and coats! - A lot of administration and effort is made by staff to ensure all trips run smoothly and it is important that parents are reminded that without this parental consent form being returned to the office by 9am on Tuesday 12th your child will not be able to attend.

School Events and Photographs

Parents are welcome to take photos and videos at school events but I must remind parents that school-based photos must NOT be published on any social media website.

Flu Nasal Spray - Monday December 11th

The nasal vaccine is available to all children in Reception and Years 1, 2 3 & 4 at school as part of the national Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme. The flu vaccine for children is given as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up the nostril. Not only is it needle free (a big advantage for children) the nasal spray works even better than the injected flu vaccine, with fewer side effects. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. Flu can be very unpleasant for children. They have the same symptoms as adults, including fever, chills, aching muscles, headache, stuffy nose, dry cough and sore throat lasting up to a week.

Some children develop a very high fever or complications of flu such as bronchitis, pneumonia and painful middle-ear infection. On occasions, they may need hospital treatment.

On Monday 27th November pupils from Reception to Year 4 will be sent home information from the School Nursing team along with a consent form. **Please read the information carefully** and follow the instructions. Whatever your decision, the School Nursing Team require all forms to be returned **back to the school** before their visit date on December 11th.

Pupil Premium Review

The Pupil Premium section of our website has been updated with a review of our Pupil Premium strategy – Do have a look.

Safeguarding

Remember: If you are concerned about a child or vulnerable adult in Norfolk and want to speak to someone, contact us on 0344 800 8020.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/report-concerns>

PE Kits

PE will be outside as much as possible – weather permitting. Please ensure that your child has appropriate kit – i.e. tracksuit bottoms and tops please.

Diary Dates.....

Fri 24 th	9am	Yr3 Assembly
Mon 27 th	9:20am	Yr6 Maths Cafe