



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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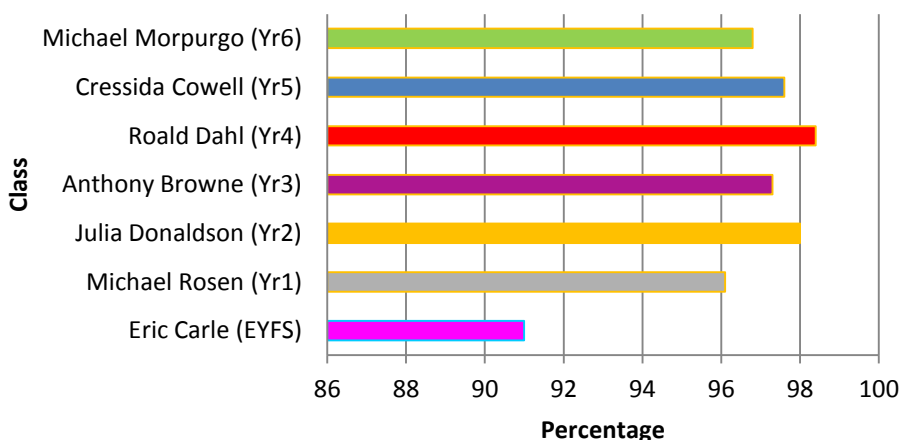
P4C question: Please remember we ask all parents/carers to take 5/10mins with their child to think and talk about the weekly P4C question – Miss Fahy

In Year 6, we have been thinking about various philosophical questions, such as "Is anything truly created or destroyed?" and "Can the future be predicted?" However, a simple one that we found particularly amusing was "What came first, the chicken or the egg?" Let us know if you have any thoughts about it!

Attendance

Well done to **Year 4** who received **the £10 in assembly on Friday**. Their attendance for the week was 98.4%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 96.5%

Tapestry

We still have some parents and families who have not yet signed up to Tapestry – Please see Jill or Wendy in the office if you require any help and they will ask Mrs Callaghan or Mrs Welch to assist you.

FOMG – Important Message regarding The Christmas Fair

Note for your diaries – the Christmas Fair is on Friday 8th December! Thank you to everyone who has donated gifts for the tombola etc., we would still greatly **appreciate any donations for the tombola & raffle** including alcohol for the wine and water stall. Please don't forget to bring in your pint pots which will be going home at the end of this week – much loved by the children. We need as many parents as possible to come and help with setting up the stalls and getting Father Christmas' grotto ready during the day on Friday 8th

REMEMBER - without PARENTS help the school would not be able to carry on with its no charge policy – We pride ourselves knowing we are the only school that does this!

Christmas DVD – Tuesday 19th December

Miss Fahy will be showing a Christmas DVD, please see me on the gate if you would prefer your child not to be part of this - alternative provision can be put in place.

Christmas Performances

All the classes are working hard on our Christmas Performances. This year there will be TWO performances for both EYFS/KS1 and ONE for KS2, to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to come and watch. Each performance will be limited to 100 people due to health and safety regulations. Siblings across the school will have the chance to watch performances at school before parents are invited to!



Christmas Performance Tickets for KS2 performance are already on sale



EYFS, KS1 on sale from Monday 4th December

All tickets £1 & available from Jill in the office

Pupil Showcase Musical Concert – 6th Dec

Fantastic news - 6 of our musical instrument players who have lessons with Victoria Arnull have been invited to perform at The Minster Church of St Nicolas, Church Plain, Great Yarmouth on Wednesday 6th December. They will be performing along with Victoria and 17 of her other musical pupils. The concert starts at 6pm and is absolutely **FREE** to attend. There will be delicious warm mince pies and cake too! There are flyers around the school so do have a look.

Recent EAL visit to the Library

On Monday 20th November both Mrs Girvin and Mrs Lynn took our Key Stage 2 EAL children to the Millennium library. They had a fantastic time exploring the books and other services the library offers. The children all behaved beautifully. The library even tweeted that they were a "credit to your school". Thank you to everyone who came along.

Carol Singing Christmas Choir

Our fantastic KS2 Christmas Choir has been practicing hard and have been invited to perform, at several venues, around the local area. They will be performing on:

- Wednesday 6th December @ NANSA Charity shop on Magdalen Street
- Tuesday 12th December Thomas Tawell – Home for the Elderly Blind, Magpie Road
- Wednesday 13th Woodside Care Home (14 members only) Woodside Rd, Norwich
- Friday 15th December Doughty's Golden Dog Lane, Norwich
- Monday 18th December The Great Hospital, Bishopgate

All performances are during the school day from 2pm until 3pm. If you would like to come along and listen to them sing then please join us on Wednesday 6th December at the NANSA charity shop on Magdalen Street. The children would really love to see some parents there supporting them!

Emotional Support for our pupils – Satvear Wahiwala

Some of you may be aware that Magdalen Gates School offers a Social, Emotional and Mental Health service to its pupils. This initiative began just over a year ago and has been a resounding success. Some pupils need help and support ranging from simply having someone to talk to, through to a level of counselling in a nonjudgmental and empathic environment. I can assure parents that this service is private and confidential and designed to help the pupils. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I also have a parent drop in option, Wednesdays 8:45-9:30am, if you happen to be in school and would like to speak to me.

Diary Dates:

Tue 28 th November	Yr2	1:30-2:30pm	Visit to Mary Magdalen Church
Fri December 1 st	All	9am	Christmas Coffee morning
Mon Dec 4 th	Yr4	9am	Anglo Saxon Workshop