



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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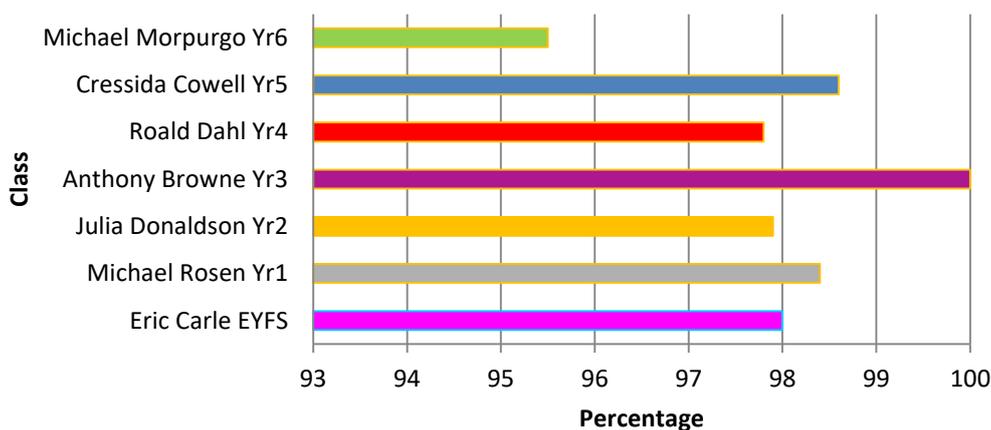
P4C question:

What is friendship and what is love. Are friends more important than family?

Attendance

Well done to **Year 3** who received **£20 in assembly**. Their attendance for the week was **100%**!

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was - 98.2%

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As this is the last Newsletter of 2017, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and send best wishes for a fantastic 2018.

It is only by working in close partnership with all members of the school community that we can continue to be such a happy and successful school - so please remember your support is valued and we welcome your views and comments. Don't forget, school reopens at 8.45 a.m. on Thursday 4th January 2018. As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Last Friday it was lovely to see many of our parents join us for the School's Christmas Coffee Morning. A BIG thank you to everyone who came and all the staff and volunteers who helped to make this such a success. We raised a total of £67.

Christmas productions

Reminder - Spare tickets for the school's Christmas performances are now on sale from Jill in the office. £1 each.

Please could we ask that all KS2 children are back in school ready for their Christmas carol concert at 5:45pm on Thursday.

Decoration Day & Christmas Fair

Wow! Last Friday was amazing. Thank you to ALL the pupils, staff & parents who came in over the school day to help create lots of Christmas crafts for Magdalen Gates much loved "Decoration Day". You all helped make the school sparkle with masses of glitter/glue and foliage.

Friday ended with The Christmas fair which even saw a visit by the man in red himself. Thank you once again to all the FOMG parents who have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to make this a success. Also a huge thank you to the parents who gave up time to come into school to help set up for the fair & to ALL who in some way contributed to raising money for our children by purchasing raffle tickets, making & buying of cakes, filling up pint pots etc.,

School Lunches - Important

This newsletter has Edward & Blakes new menu attached. We are also enclosing an order form for the first full week back at school (Monday 8th). Please note that Thursday 4th & Friday 5th order form was sent with last week's newsletter. It is especially important that the attached lunch order form is back by **WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK** - Kitchen staff need to order the food **before** the Christmas holiday starts. Thank you

Puppet Show

We received some lovely news last week about how Colin, Ines, Star and Missty all performed in the Heather Millan Showcase at the Puppet Theatre – all acting and singing like professionals! They were all fabulous and a real credit to Magdalen Gates. We love to hear about our pupils' out of school activities and the children love to see their names in print - Please remember you can drop me a line or speak to me on the gate of anything that you feel warrants a special Well Done in the School's weekly newsletter 😊

Music Concert – Message from Victoria Arnall

What a great success last Wednesday evening was! Thank you to all my students- Everyone played amazingly well, even though brrrrrr, the church was extremely cold! In the donations fund there was just under £100 and with the purchases in the refectory we helped raise a grand total of £150 towards the preservation of the Minister Church of St Nicholas in Great Yarmouth.

Six pupils from Magdalen Gates Primary took part in the Pupil Showcase concert alongside other musicians taught by myself. A truly delightful Christmas show with performances of Christmas carols and some fun songs too. I personally would like to say a great big "Well Done" to Colin, Bianca, Faith, Ruby-Willow, Hannah and Phoebe. I was incredibly proud of you. We were all grateful to "defrost" after the concert with hot tea and the promised mince pies we had heard about. We were not disappointed.

No Charge Policy

Message from Mr Bearman – Finance Governor & Jo Duesbury Chair of Governors

We have been extremely fortunate that for many years Magdalen Gates has had a policy of 'no charge' to any parent for school trips. We are very proud to say that we are the only Primary School in the City that does so. Needless to say this costs the school a lot of money, which comes out of our overall budget. The Finance committee of Governors met last week to consider a number of spending items for the 2018/19 financial year, including the cost of school trips.

One option was to ask for a parental contribution per trip but we feel it is important that every child has the opportunity to go on arranged school visits, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Due to efforts by the staff in keeping costs low for visits this year, the overall costs have been less than expected, so we are able to continue fully funding all trips for the foreseeable future.

"All the Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year" – Jo Duesbury – Chair of Governors.

Foodbank

Next Wednesday we are taking part in the Norwich Foodbank Christmas Appeal. Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for an item for the foodbank. The foodbank staff are always overwhelmed by our generous donations and they will again be very grateful - especially at this time of year.



Christmas Jumper Day – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

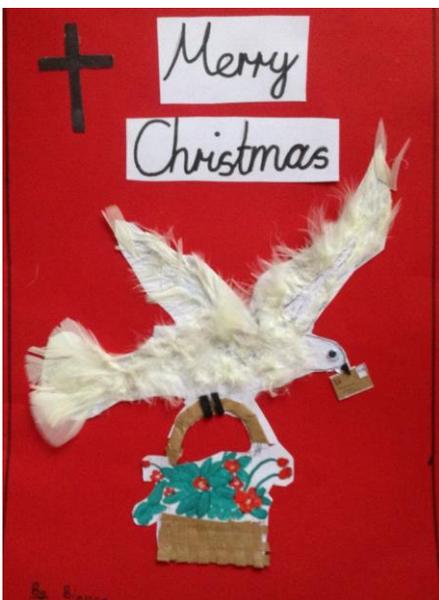
Need we say more! If you would like to donate some pennies towards **“Making the world better with a sweater”**. Stick on your silliest jumper and come into school next Friday to show your friends. All money will go to “Save The Children” charity.



PE Participation Sheets – Message from Mrs Rix

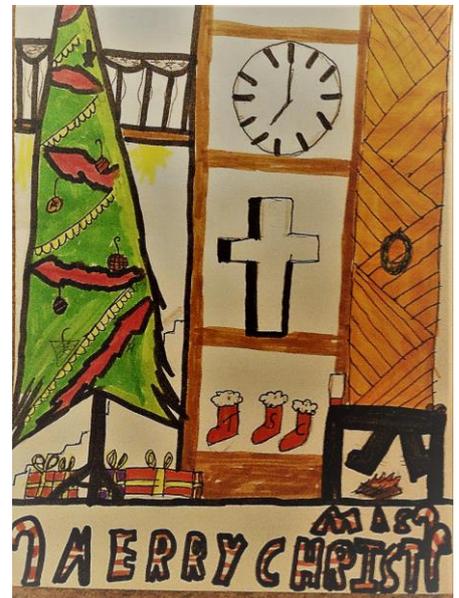
As informed last week we have recently introduced a non participation form for PE. Pupils are required to fill this in when they have not come to school with the correct kit – or with no kit at all. This is not a punishment. It is an alternative to children not joining in. It allows us to also keep a record of the children that are not participating and also ensures that they are still learning about the subject area by watching and observing the lessons. Obviously it is much better for the pupils and a school requirement that all pupils are actively taking part in PE and we would hope that all parents/carers will support us with this.

Christmas Card Competition Winners



Wow! We had lots of entries to Father Marc’s special invitation for a piece of one of our pupils’ artwork to be displayed as the front cover on Mary Magdalen Church’s Christmas card. Father Marc collected all of the artwork and, along with some of his friends from the local community, came to the hard decision on who the winner would be.

All the cards were wonderful and Father Marc wanted everyone to know that he could see how much time and effort had gone into the entries.



After much thought and deliberation Father Marc decided that there would have to be 2 winners and they are.....

Bianca and Toby, both from Year 6! Amazing pieces of art work – Congratulations to you both.

Father Marc would like to thank all the children at Magdalen Gates who submitted their art work.

As this newsletter goes to press both entries are at the printers ready to roll!

Termly Attendance Trip – Circus

If your child came home with an invite letter to the Great Yarmouth Christmas circus please can you ensure this is signed and returned straight back to the school office by tomorrow (Tuesday) at the latest. NO PHONE OR TEXT REMINDERS WILL BE SENT – We will also be unable to take any child that has not bought their consent form back due to it simply being left in their book bag/school tray or coat pocket.

As we will not be back for lunch all children attending this trip will need a packed lunch. All EYFS/KS1 children will be offered a free school packed lunch on the day. However, if you would prefer your child to bring their own packed lunch for the trip then please ensure you let Jill in the office know ASAP.

Children in KS2 who are entitled to free school dinners will receive a school packed lunch on the day.

Diary Dates

Tue 12 th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Parents	9:30am	Nativity play for parent/carers
	KS2	12:30pm	Christmas lunch for KS2 children + crackers
Wed 13 th	All	All day	Charity Event – Come to school in non uniform in exchange for a packet/tin of food for Norwich Christmas Foodbank appeal
	EYFS/KS1 Parent/Carer	1:45-2:45pm	Nativity play for parent/carers
Thr 14 th	By Invite Only	9:20-2:30pm	Attendance trip to Gt Yarmouth Hippodrome Circus Spectacular
	KS2 Parent/Carer	6pm-7pm	KS2 (Yr3, 4, 5 & 6) Carol Concert
	All		Curriculum letters home
Fri 15 th	All	All day	Charity Event – Christmas Jumper Day!
Mon 18 th	All		Traffic Light attendance cards home
Tue 19 th	All	9-10:30am	Christmas DVD in hall *
		3:15pm	SCHOOL CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



JANUARY 2018

Thur 4 th January	ALL	8:45am	SCHOOL REOPENS
Mon 8 th	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster sessions – 1 st session
Wed 10 th	All	9am	Young Carers meeting
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster sessions
Thur 11 th	All	2-3pm	Whole School – All parents/carers welcome!
Mon 15 th	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster session

*** Christmas DVD – Please see Miss Fahy if you do not wish your child to view this.**

Attached

Edwards and Blake new Menu and Order form –Please return ASAP.