



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



# Weekly Newsletter

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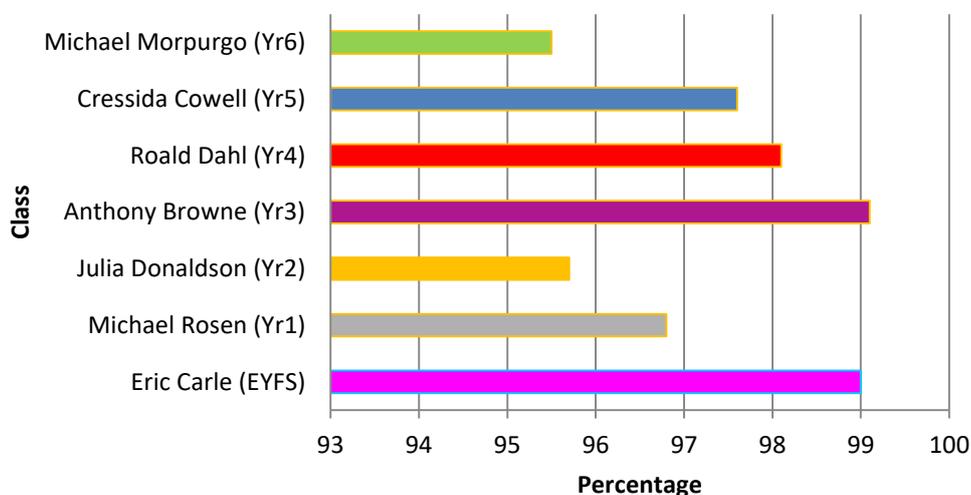
## P4C question:

This week the question is.... If dropping litter is a bad thing, would it be better if I was to bury my chocolate wrappers in the ground like the Council does?

## Attendance

Well done to **Year 3** who received **the £10 in assembly**. Their attendance for the week was 99.1%

## Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 97.4%

## I love my job assembly

We would like to thank Imogen Church for visiting Magdalen Gates Primary last Monday for a truly fantastic "I Love My Job Assembly". What a fascinating lady - the children really enjoyed listening to her!

## EYFS Teeth brushing

Children in Eric Carle class have been learning about healthy teeth and bones. We know that we need to drink lots of water and milk and we do this every day in our snack café. We have also started a tooth brushing programme after lunch every day.

## Tapestry Festive Challenge

Holiday Tapestry Challenge - Ms Fahy challenges the whole school to do some cooking with their family this holiday season.



I would love to see what you make! Please upload a photo onto your child's tapestry journal. All children that take part in this challenge will be entered into a draw with a chance to cook something special at school in the new year. There will be a winner from KS2 and EYFS/KS 1. Class teachers will be happy to help you if you do not know how to do upload photos – Please do ask.

## Attendance – Leave of Absence

Parents/carers have a duty to ensure that children attend school regularly. No one is saying that holidays are not enriching experiences, of course they are, but schools are in session for 190 out of 365 days a year, leaving 175 days a year in which parents can take their children away on holiday.

The ladies in the office are often asked by parents if they should still fill in a leave of absence form if they know the request will be unauthorised. The answer is a most definite YES. We contact parents/ carers on a daily basis if we do not know the reason for absence of a student. It is very important you let us know why your child is absent even if the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. A leave of absence form should always be submitted before your child's intended absence. Our school has to abide by the Education Departments rule that every child's absence must be correctly coded.

School Attendance - Our current attendance stands at 97.4%

If we were to recalculate the attendance percentage without any of the unauthorised holiday requests that the school has received since September, the whole school attendance figure would stand at 97.9%

Lost learning of 102 sessions – 51 days.

## Class Updates

**EYFS** - The children in Eric Carle Class have enjoyed a busy few weeks. Our highlights include making bonfire soup with flame coloured vegetables. We enjoyed eating the soup around a smokey campfire. We have all had a chance to use our woodwork bench and have made some fantastic calendars – Mrs Callaghan

**Yr1** - Year 1 have been learning all about toys past and present. We had our visit to Bridewell Museum where we got to discover the old toys people would have played with and even got to make one of our own. In English we've also written about our favourite toys and sent them on adventures inspired by Traction Man. Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit from a retired Magdalen Gates teacher who brought in many of her lovely old toys to share with our class.

**Yr2** We have been busy travelling the seven continents of the world - next stop Australia! We have been writing the next chapter of Blown Away from Amy, the monkey's point of view, and learning all about fractions in maths. The nativity rehearsals are going great and we can't wait to perform it for you - Miss Collison.

**Yr3** After an exciting 3 day residential at How Hill, Year 3 are continuing to learn lots about the journey a river takes. In English we are starting to innovate a story based on Frog and Beaver by Simon James and in maths we are beginning to focus on multiplication and division after working really hard on written methods in addition and subtraction – Ms Sivanathan

**Yr4** – This half term we have been learning all about the Anglo Saxons. We read Beowulf which was a very meaty read and we are writing our own quest stories based on this very famous text. In art we have created our very own paper mache Anglo Saxon warrior helmets and we have made Anglo Saxon jewellery out of clay.

**Yr5** - We have had so much fun learning about the gory Aztecs this half term. We have created information quizzes and are now in the process of writing our horribly entertaining information songs. We have also managed to squeeze in a cheeky trip to make pizza and watch beauty and the beast as part of the into film festival! Miss Bramble

**Yr6** - We have been enjoying making some anime characters as part of our main Japan topic. Our next step will be to cut them out and use them to create a small animation! This is in addition to our hard work on newspaper articles, fractions and various other interesting subjects – Mr Wood

### **Extension of PE After School Clubs**

We have two exciting new after-school sports clubs starting in January! These will be run by Norwich City Community Sports Foundation. One club will be for KS1 pupils and the other will be for KS2 pupils. More details will be given in the coming weeks.

### **Missing Kits – Message from Mrs Rix**

Last week we saw lots of children arriving for their P.E lesson without their kit.

Unfortunately, one class in particular had a **quarter of the children** not taking part due to an absence of the correct clothing. This is very disappointing, as it is a curriculum requirement that all children must participate in Physical Education. P.E is an excellent opportunity for team building, adopting physical skills and teaching the importance of being fit and healthy. As it is getting colder, children will need a sweatshirt/track suit top as well as shorts/jogging bottoms, T-shirt and a pair of trainers/plimsolls. Mrs Rix has recently sent home a letter to all the parents of all children who have recently not been able to participate in PE – Full PE Kits MUST be in school - Thank you.

### **Tapestry Update**

Firstly I hope that you have all enjoyed reading about the children's activities in school and all the wonderful learning they have been doing. Thank you for the comments, posts and photos you have all been leaving, we have really enjoyed reading these and would love to receive even more comments and your own posts and photos please!

Although many parents have successfully set up their accounts on Tapestry, there are still a few accounts which have not yet been accessed and some have not been activated.

We would really like **every parent/carer** to have access to their children's accounts.

### **Tapestry has so many benefits!**

\*It enables parents to see what their children have been doing in school, which is useful to start conversations about school (especially for those children who when asked: 'what happened at school today?' reply with 'nothing!').

\*It enables parents to contribute comments to each of the observations.

\*It gives us the opportunity to learn more about each individual child through photos and comments showing learning that has taken place at home.

\*It helps children to feel proud of their achievements and to be able to share and celebrate these at home as well as at school.

If you are experiencing difficulty either signing up for or accessing Tapestry, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can activate the account or troubleshoot any issues. To contact the school regarding Tapestry, please either email the office or fill in the Tapestry issue forms (available from the office). Please include your name, email address, child(ren)'s name(s), which year(s) they are in and a short summary of the issues you are experiencing. We will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible to rectify the situation.

Please use the same methods to contact the school if you are able to login to your account, but are experiencing problems using Tapestry and we will be able to advise you how to use and access each aspect of Tapestry.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing even more comments and photos soon!

### **Christmas Fair**

Please don't forget we have our Christmas Fair this Friday! If you have not already done so, please return the pint pots back to school ASAP. The FOMG ladies would still love ANY DONATIONS of gifts for the tombola, including alcohol and cakes. Thank you.



Seven Wonders of the World – Lego exhibition in Norwich – On at The Forum from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. This awesome family-friendly exhibition features 500,000 LEGO bricks to take visitors on a journey of discovery of amazing sites from around the world. This would be an amazing opportunity for all Lego lovers.

### **Diary Dates....**

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr5 & Yr6	1:30pm 2pm 6-7pm	Swimming gala at Riverside Christmas Choir singing at Nansa Victoria Arnall's music students – concert at The Minister Church of St Nicholas, Church Plain, Gt Yarmouth
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	All Years	All day  3:15pm	DECORATION DAY! Parents welcome to come and join in the fun throughout the day School's Christmas Fair
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS, Yr1, 2 3 & 4 EYFS & KS1	12pm	School Nurse visit for nasal flu vaccine School Christmas lunch

**Attached – NANSA flyer for Christmas Choir singing**

**LUNCH MENU – Please fill in and return BY THIS WEDNESDAY!!!**