



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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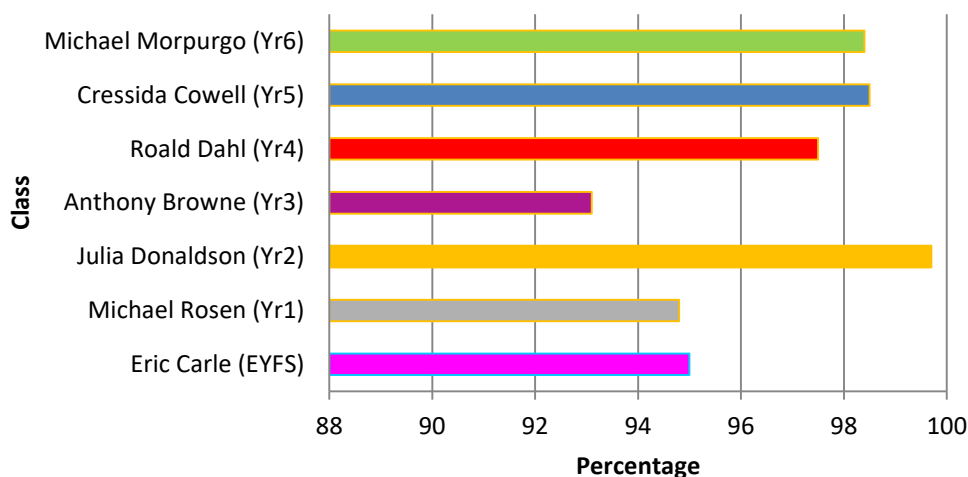
P4C question:

Would you rather win prizes or save lives?

Attendance

Well done to **Year 2** who received **the £10 in assembly**. Their attendance for the week was 99.7%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 96.7%

We work as a team

This is based on our philosophy of always supporting each other and living by our shared set of school values which encourage us all

- To provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for all
- To develop lively and enquiring minds through an enquiry based curriculum
- To develop learning opportunities beyond the classroom
- To develop healthy and positive attitudes to learning and living
- To promote positive parent-partnership
- To enable pupil voice and participation
- To enable pupils to benefit from professionally developing staff

Dinners – a New Year’s Resolution please

Please have your child beside you when you order school dinners. There is SO much waste because children don’t like what has been ordered for them. We know the dinners are free, but your child really does need to eat at lunchtime if they are to learn anything in the afternoon. There are a number of younger children who are eating nothing at lunchtimes – we can only encourage them to eat. Booking meals together will improve your child’s learning and reduce waste.

Online Safety

Please ensure that your children are supervised when using laptops/computers, phones or tablets and even gaming consoles. Children's discovery of the internet should be encouraged, but only when they're in a safe environment. It's important to activate the parental controls in order to filter out content your children shouldn't be seeing. Many parents put this off because they think it'll be difficult. It's easy and we can show you how and give you information. If you are struggling with knowing what safety measures you can put in place, please come and speak to either myself or Mr Wood in Yr6.

Tapestry Challenge

Miss Fahy and the teachers were very impressed with the cooking skills that we saw on Tapestry over the holidays. There was such a variety of things to eat, ranging from gingerbread houses, chocolate tiffin, spaghetti bolognese, reindeer cup cakes and mince-pies.

10 children from EYFS took part in the challenge and 11 from Key Stage 1, but a VERY disappointing number from Key Stage 2, with just 4 children taking part in the holiday challenge.

All children who took part in the challenge will be entered into a raffle and the winners will get a chance to do some rather "special baking" in school. There will be another whole school challenge for the February half term and we are hoping for MANY more entries from our Key Stage 2!

After-School Club – Car park

Please note that after 5pm, parents who need to pick up their child(ren) from Magdalen Gates After-School Club, may now use the school's car park. It is important that parents respect the fact that before 5pm we still have children attending clubs at school and making their way home, which they need to do so safely. Please do not attempt to enter the car park before 5pm. Thank you.

Science Cafe

A massive thank you and well done to all those who came along to support our Whole School Science Cafe last Thursday. The children had brilliant fun working in teams to build giant structures out of just jelly beans and spaghetti! Despite some difficulties (especially with the snapping spaghetti) lots of fun was had by all.

School Diversity Day - Norwich History

On Wednesday 7th February we are having our first ever Norwich History Day! This is very exciting, as each class will be learning about a different aspect of Norwich's diverse past. All classes will be going on trips and walks around the city to explore their topic. The children will be contributing by telling the rest of the school what new facts they have learnt about Norwich. We will also be inviting two guest visitors into school to deliver assemblies on the history of Norwich and the many varied, different parts of our City.

Ghana Update – Message from Miss Phayre

We are sending all the donated money over to the school in Ghana and they are very excited as they will be able to buy a new laptop and hopefully have some money left to put towards a camera. Thank you to **everyone** who has contributed, it will make a huge difference to the lives of the children. We would also like to say a big thank you to many of the staff at Magdalen Gates who, instead of sending Christmas cards to friends and colleagues this year, donated money to the school instead.

School Parliament Update

After such a generous gesture from Lennon in Yr5, who had his hair shaved (with donations going to the school in Ghana), we thought that during the next Parliament meeting we could sit down and discuss how we can continue to support the school in Ghana. We will also continue to consider how we can make **our** school the very best it can be.

Winnie the Pooh “Themed Lunch”



On Thursday January 18th there will be a slight change to the Edwards & Blake menu. Although there will still be a roast dinner for the main course, the sweet/pudding will be centred round Pooh Bear’s favourite food....honey. There will be TWO fabulous book collection prizes to be won in the famous “Magdalen Gates” lunch time draw and Ms Fahy has announced that a Winnie the Pooh DVD will be played....with Tigger too! Other themed lunches coming up include: World Book Day, FA Cup, the Queen’s Birthday and many more.

Spend a lesson with your child – Advance Notice

We would love to welcome parents into school to spend a whole lesson with their child – so you can actively see how much is learnt in just one lesson!

After half term, we will be having focus days in both Literacy and Maths and we would like to invite all parents/carers to spend an hour with their child seeing what Literacy & Maths is all about, maybe even picking up some tips too! The first session for Literacy will take place on Monday 26th March and we will advise the date for the Maths lesson soon, so keep an eye on the diary dates in your weekly Newsletter.

Parent View

A big thank you to ALL the parents who took 5 minutes to complete the Parent View. If you have not done so ...it is *really easy*. Please follow the link below.....Last week we had 32 responses, this week it stands at 48 – it would be lovely to hit our target of 65.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Safeguarding Survey

Don’t forget to hand back the safeguarding survey which was issued with the previous newsletter. If you have mislaid your survey form please pop into the office where the ladies will happily give you another copy. Your feedback is important!

Diary Dates – January 2018

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| Tue 16 th | Yr4 | All day | Visit to Tide & Time Museum, Gt Yarmouth |
| Wed 17 th | EYFS-Yr5 | AM | School Nurse Flu vaccine catch up |
| | Yr6 | 3:15-4:30pm | Yr6 Booster |
| Thr 18 th | All | Lunchtime | Winnie The Pooh themed lunch |
| Fri 19 th | EYFS | 1pm-2:30pm | Visit from Happy Smiles |
| Mon 22 nd | EYFS | AM | Visit to Tots Town @ Hethersett |
| | Yr5 | 9:20am | Story Cafe |
| | Yr6 | 3:15-4:30pm | Yr6 Booster |

Attached

Edwards & Blake lunch order form – Returning by WEDNESDAY of this week allows the kitchen to order the correct amount of food and helps to avoid wastage



Half Term Holiday Club Booking form