



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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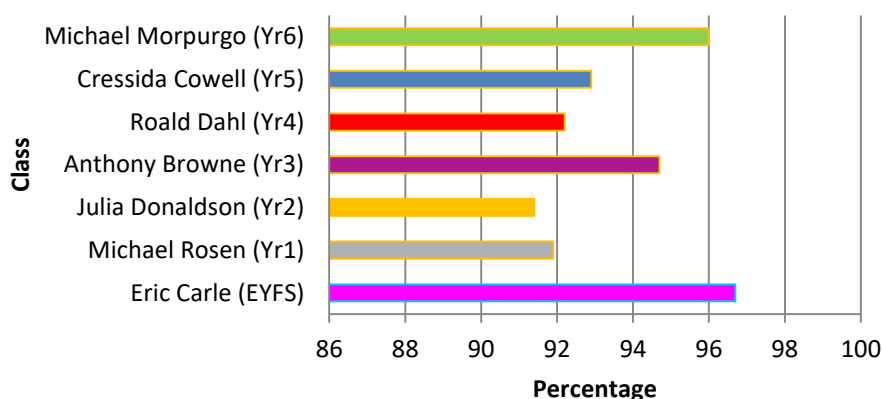
P4C question:

If anything could fall from the sky what would you like it to be and why?

Attendance

Well done to **EYFS** who received **the £10 in assembly**. Their attendance for the week was

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance between 15th December and 4th January 2018 was 93.7%

Welcome Back Everyone – Happy New Year

We hope you had a great Christmas break and that 2018 has started well for you and your family - Happy New Year! As always, we look forward to working closely in partnership with you and your child(ren). Please remember, we really value your input and appreciate being told of any circumstances which may be affecting your child at school. Please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher, or myself to discuss any concerns you may have. We also promise to keep you fully informed about your child's progress – or any other incidents which happen at school.

My Door is always open

Just a reminder that my door is always open for a chat if needed. Please do pop in and see me if you have any worries or concerns, I would much rather try to overcome them – than not know 😊

Message from Chair of Governors

Happy New year and welcome to 2018. We are looking forward to giving our continued support to Ms Fahy who does an amazing job in the delivery of Magdalen Gates Vision . We hope all parents/carers will work together with the school throughout this coming year to ensure their children receive the best we can offer together.

Welcome to New Staff

A very warm welcome to 3 new members of staff - Mrs Michelle Humphreys has already started teaching our Yr2 class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays and two new Educational Assistants, Miss Hannah Jewkes who is joining our EYFS team and Miss Joanna Kokkinopliti who will be assisting in Yr2.

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event last term. We raised £105.50.

Removal of sliding doors at the “big end”...

One of the most unique features of the school is our open plan setting – this is always commented on by visitors. Following feedback from external visitors and a recent health and safety walk by Governors – we have had sliding doors removed at KS2 – parents are most welcome to pop in and have a look.

Attendance Reminder

We all know that good attendance at school is vital for children to make progress – so firstly, I would like to thank all parents and carers who work hard in partnership with the school with regards to their child(rens) attendance.

The vast majority of parents ensure their children attend school regularly but, as similarly to the world of work, pupils should only be absent or late to school when they are ill or for medical or dental appointments (where these cannot be scheduled outside school hours).

As it is the beginning of a new term just a reminder of the following points: -

- If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason, it is vital that you telephone/email school on the first morning of his/her absence. We need to know the whereabouts of your child for their own safety. Children who are in school receive two marks for attendance each day, one for the morning and one for the afternoon. If your child is feeling unwell in the morning but recovers by lunch time please bring him/her to school for the afternoon session.
- **Holidays during term-time are not permitted** – and taking your child out of school may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority. If you need to take your child out of school for any reason, a leave of absence form must be completed and returned to school prior to your child's absence. Dates of school holidays were sent out last year and EYFS parents would have received one of these in the new packs given out - dates are also published on the school website so are always available for parents to view.
- If your child's attendance falls I will be arranging a meeting with you so we can discuss what the issues are and if the school can help in any way. You may be asked to provide medical evidence for any future absences your child has if your child's percentage is particularly low. Attendance is monitored weekly by the school and in conjunction with Norfolk County Councils Attendance Officer every 6 weeks.
- Sadly towards the end of last term punctuality slipped - If children arrive after the bell has been sounded at 8.45am they must come to the school office so that their attendance is noted in case they have missed registration. Every time your child is late they will be marked with a late code and if they arrive after close of registration at 9:15am they will receive a “U” code – this is an unauthorised absent code. Please remember that U codes count towards missing sessions – As noted below, one of the triggers for a fixed penalty notice is 15% unauthorised absences within a 6 week period (9 sessions)

Reminder - In law, parents/carers are committing an offence if they fail to ensure the regular and punctual attendance of their child at the school. The Local Authority operates a system where any pupil will meet the criteria for legal intervention if they have:

- 1. 10 consecutive sessions of unauthorised absence where some or all of the absence may be attributed to an unauthorised holiday in term-time OR**
- 2. 15% unauthorised absence over a period of 6 school weeks for reasons other than unauthorised term time holiday**

Medication in School & contact numbers

A reminder that we are VERY lucky to have staff that will administer medicines to children in school – this is NOT the normal in most schools! However, due to strict Health and Safety regulations, we can ONLY administer medicines that are prescribed and that are provided in the correct box with prescription dosage information. We also have to ask parent/carers to fill in a medication Careplan form. Without medication in correct boxes AND a correct form filled we will be unable to administer any medication and you will be asked to make arrangements to come into school to administer these yourself.

Could we also ask that we are kept fully informed about all your child's medical requirements – for example if they use an inhaler? All inhalers should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class – and it is essential that expiry dates are checked to ensure that they will be effective if required – it is not staffs responsibility to check on this.

I also need to remind all parents that we must be provided with your latest contact details – such as your latest mobile phone number. These seem to change so often and we are sometimes unable to contact parents/carers in an emergency.

Whole School Cafe _Spectacular Science! – Message from Mrs St Ruth

On Thursday 11th Jan at 2pm, we are holding a whole school Science Cafe. The pupils will work in mixed-age teams, with the task of building giant structures, using only jelly beans and spaghetti! Guaranteed to be a sweet and sticky, fun-filled cafe! As always, there will be tea, coffee and delicious cakes so please come along to support this event!

Class Website Pages and Curriculum Information Letters

You will receive a copy of a curriculum letter for your child(ren) by the end of next week. The letter will contain details about the subjects and areas that your child will be studying this term along with information about homework. The class pages on our school website have been updated too. Please do have a look and see what your child(ren) have been up to!

School Uniform

I am incredibly proud of our school uniform and towards the end of last term, a number of children starting to come to school wearing their own clothes rather than the expected school uniform, I am happy to accept that on occasion there may need to be a slight change but I do insist that all pupils coming to school wear the correct polo shirts, sweatshirts and trousers.

Any pupils not wearing correct school uniform will be spoken to by Miss Collison and parents/carers will receive a text to inform them that their child was not wearing the correct school uniform.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a KEY priority for our school and we are VERY proud of our provision. Please find attached a safeguarding survey – we would welcome any feedback/comments/suggestions.

Parent View

Our pending visit from OFSTED is overdue and imminent – the Leadership and Governors do not lead the school the way we do for Ofsted but your views and feedback via Parent View is a really important part of the inspection process. Please can I ask, if you have not already completed a response on Parent View that you allocate 5 minutes to do so – it is really easy. To date we have 32 responses – the target is 65!

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

Dinner Money Reminder

There are still persistent offenders who pay in arrears – Please can we remind – once again – that ALL LUNCH MONEY MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE – YOUR CO-OPERATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED

KS1 – Play Panel

We would like to thank Anguish's Educational Foundation for the donation which enabled us to install the amazing play panel on the wall in KS1's playground area. We are sure this is going to be very popular with the children. Do go and have a look...



Learning Achievement Certificates – Message from Miss Collison

This half term we are going to be focusing on risk taking as our learning behaviour. This means becoming brave in taking risk even though we may get something wrong, learning through trial and error and showing resilience whilst learning. Like last term there will be a certificate awarded in Friday's assembly to someone from each class who has taken a risk with their learning – really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone.

Diary Dates – January 2018

Wed 10 th Jan	All	9-10am	Young Carers meeting
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster Session
Thr 11 th	All	2-3pm	Whole School Science Cafe
Mon 15 th	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster Session
Tue 16 th	Yr4	All day	Visit to Time & Tide Museum @ Gt Yarmouth Evacuee Workshop
Wed 17 th	EYFS-Yr4	9am	School Nurse – Flu nasal vaccine catch-up <i>NB - If your child is in EYFS, Yr1, 2, 3 or 4 and you have now decided you DO want your child to have the vaccine there are a few spare School Immunisation forms in the office. These need to be returned before 17th January</i>
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr 6 Booster Session
Thr 18 th	EYFS	9am	Road Safety
Fri 19 th	EYFS	1-2:30pm	Visit from Happy Smiles
Mon 22 nd	EYFS	9-12pm	Visit to Tots Town @ Hethersett
	Yr5	9:20-10:20am	Story Cafe
	Y6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster Session
Wed 24 th	EYFS	9am	Height, Weight and Vision & Hearing check
	Yr4	10-12:30pm	Visit to Norwich School for Sensational Science event
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster Session
Mon 29 th	KS1	9-10am	Sit and See Session – main hall
	Yr5	All day	Visit to Eco Centre @ Swaffham
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster Session
Wed 31 st	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster Session

Attached

Safeguarding Survey – Please return to the school office ASAP. Thank you.