



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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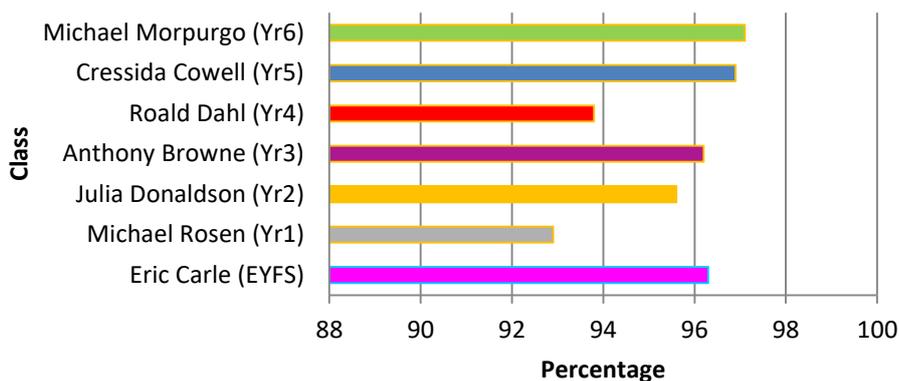
P4C question:

What if nobody ever got told off?

Attendance

Well done to **Year 6** who received **the £10** in assembly on the last Friday before half term. Their attendance for the week was 97.5%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 95.7%

Welcome Back from Jo Duesbury – Chair of Governors

Welcome back everybody. How quickly the holidays fly by. I hope you have all enjoyed some quality time with your children. I thought I would take this opportunity to remind parents about our role. The Governing Body, which is made up of volunteers from a variety of backgrounds, has a strategic role in the school. The key functions are:

- To ensure the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction
- To set policies for achieving the aims and objectives
- To work with the headteacher to set targets to ensure a quality education
- To carefully monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achieving the goals
- To support and challenge the school around both educational performance and financial performance

The Governing Body is committed to providing constructive challenge to the school in order to evaluate the standard of education the pupils receive. Each member recognises the trust parents place in the school they send their children to and will engage actively through regular meetings and visits to ensure each pupil can achieve their absolute best in a positive environment.

Please do come and chat to me when I am in school or contact me via the School Office or Miss Fahy if you would like to. We look forward to some lovely spring weather and great outside activities.

Library Books

Our wonderful librarian Jenny has mentioned that several of our library books are being damaged and returned to school in a really disappointing condition – *please could all parents remind their children how “precious” books are.*

Friendship Disco - Friday

The first FOMG event for 2018 is a Friendship Disco this Friday, from 6:30pm to 8pm. Please remember that children attending need to be accompanied by an adult over 18yrs.

Tickets on sale from Jill in the office – Adults £2, Children £1, Pre-School 50p, family ticket £5

Parent Teacher Meetings

We would like to invite all parents/carers to attend individual Parent/Teacher meetings (dates below). These meetings are a valuable chance to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss how your child has settled in, review their progress and to consider next steps in their learning. It is also an opportunity for parents to raise any concerns with the class teacher that they may have regarding their child. After positive feedback from the parent consultations in October we shall again be using the online booking system.



- Monday 19th March Yr3 Miss Sivananthan & Miss Vincent 9am to 12:30pm
- Monday 19th March EYFS Mrs Callaghan 1pm-3:30pm
- Tuesday 20th March Yr1 Miss Phayre 9-12pm
- Tuesday 20th March Yr2 Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Bennett 1pm-3:30pm
- Wed 21st March Yr5 Miss Bramble 9-12:30pm
- Wed 21st March Yr4 Mrs St Ruth 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Thur 22nd March Yr6 Mr Wood 9am-12:30pm
- Thur 22nd March All All teachers – 3:30pm-6pm

Appointments will be available to book from Monday 5th March. Parents will receive a text informing them when the booking process goes ‘live’.

If you have any difficulties in making your appointment, please come into the office ASAP after the bookings go live: staff can manually book you an appointment

If you are unable to attend on the designated days that the class teacher has available, please contact the teacher directly who will try to arrange an alternative, mutually convenient appointment to see you.

Please note that if your child has sessions with Mrs Anderton you will have an opportunity to book an appointment direct with her too.

“As parents/carers are key partners in their child’s education, it is the expectation that EVERY parent/carer has an opportunity to speak with their child’s teacher. I will be asking the ladies in the office to remind any parent/carer that has not made an appointment -which does mean they then have to take time out to ring parents when they could be doing other tasks - I do ask for parents’/carers’ co-operation with making these important parent/teacher meetings. Thank you” Miss Fahy

Community “Low Down” Board - Have you seen our new community board outside near the main entrance door? Do have a look. If any parent/carer knows of any interesting local event that other parents may find useful or informative, please let us know and we can advertise on the board.

Our Learning Behaviour

This half term the learning behaviour that we are focusing on is being a reflective learner. This means thinking about our work and how we can improve it; learning new things and knowing what has gone well and what the next steps are. We will be celebrating this in our weekly assemblies.

IMPORTANT TAPESTRY UPDATE FOR ALL PARENTS

We have some exciting Tapestry news for this half term!

- **Tapestry competition**

We are launching an exciting Tapestry competition. If you “like” or comment on a post on Tapestry between today and Tuesday 27th March 2018, your name will be entered into a prize draw! To increase your chances further, come along to our Tapestry evening as everybody who attends will have an additional entry into the prize draw. The winner will be chosen at random on Wednesday 28th March 2018.

- **Introduction to Tapestry evening – Monday 5th March 2018 - ALL PARENTS.**

We will be holding an introduction to Tapestry evening on Monday 5th March from 3:30-4:30pm to briefly show parents how to register, access and use Tapestry via your phone, tablet or online. Please let the office know if you want us to cover any specific areas. There will also be an opportunity for a few 1:1 sessions after the presentation, to help you with setting up your account if you have been having trouble signing up or accessing Tapestry. If you would like to book one of these 1:1 sessions, please see the ladies in the office. If you need help to sign up, you will need to be able to access your email account to verify your Tapestry account, so please bring these login details with you too.

- **Tapestry Surgery**

Our vision is for EVERY parent/carer to have access to Tapestry. To help to achieve this, Mrs Welch will be available each Friday morning to give technical support to set up, fix, change details on or assist with general enquiries about Tapestry. If you do not need a face to face meeting you can still email (or visit) the office leaving details of your name, child’s name and teacher/school year, email address (and a brief description of the problem/query) If you need further face to face help and are unable to attend the Tapestry evening, please book a Friday morning appointment with the school office. Slots will be available every week from 8:30 to 9:15am.

Mrs Welch and Mrs Callaghan look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on the 5th March.

Survey Monkey “PE Questionnaire”

School surveys can help in lots of ways. Participation and feedback by parents and pupils is important to us, as it provides an insight into what is going well, as well as showing us how improvements could be made.

In our strive to be better “paper environmentalists” we shall be doing the majority of our parent/pupil surveys online. The below link will take you to a very short PE/Club questionnaire that we are asking parents, together with their child(ren), to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XCNVBMH>

If you cannot access the internet either via your phone/pc/tablet or free at your local library, then you can still pick up a paper copy from the school office. The ladies in the office will then put your reply on manually. We would ask that the PE/Club survey is completed by **FRIDAY 2nd MARCH**. Thank you.

Bags to School – Collection this Wednesday morning ☺

Last call for any donations of old clothing. Bags to school is a free fundraising scheme for schools wanting to raise funds, using a resource EVERYONE has got in their wardrobe – unwanted clothes! You don't even need to use the bag to school that was given to your child before the half term, just fill up any plastic bag you have available, carrier bags, bin bags, large refuse bags! The more you bring in, the more the school raises. Bags to School will be collecting this week so please drop any bags you may have into the school office by Wednesday morning.

Sports for Tokens

Just before half term, all children were sent home with a Sports Equipment for Schools leaflet. Sports for Schools is a competition which involves schools and communities collecting tokens for a chance to win a share of a £20,000 sports kit cash pot. Special tokens are being printed in every edition from now up until the close of the competition on 14th April, in the Eastern Daily Press/Eastern Evening News/Gt Yarmouth Mercury/Lowestoft Beccles & Bungay Journal/Fakenham & Wells Times and the North Norfolk News.

We hope many of you have been saving the tokens already and we really would encourage all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to collect as many as possible. Please spread the word and help fill up the special collection box in the school office. For more information, follow the link:-

<http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/education/edp-sports-for-schools-voucher-2018-norfolk-eastern-daily-press-1-5379978>

EYFS Developments – News from Mrs Callaghan

The half term holiday has been an ideal opportunity for a team of creative carpenters to transform the EYFS outdoor space. The children will now be enjoying muddy cooking in the new mud-kitchen, imaginative play in our natural small world area and the chance to create large scale models in our builders' yard! The younger children in the school are looking forward to lots of play in their new area.

Introducing Magdalen Gates..... **GOLDEN TICKET**

A new **GOLDEN TICKET** award! Every week, one pupil from each class will be given a Golden Ticket. To be eligible to be chosen for a **GOLDEN TICKET** they must have achieved 100% attendance for the week and have arrived in class on time. They must also have shown *excellent* learning and *impeccable behaviour* in school for that week. With a **GOLDEN TICKET** even if your child's termly attendance is low, with one of these **GOLDEN TICKETS** your child will automatically be eligible to go on the termly attendance trip.

Phone E-Safety Leaflet

Here at Magdalen Gates we recognise that giving your child a mobile phone can be a difficult decision. On the one hand you want to be able to keep in touch with them and know they are safe, whilst on the other you might have concerns about what type of content they could be trying to access, or inadvertently accessing. It can be a fraught time, but with the correct up to date information, we hope that it will make it easier for you to make an informed decision.

We have put together some top tips for parents of children, pre-teens and teenagers to make things a little easier. We hope parents will take some time to read through the attached leaflet.

Spotlight on the Educational Assistants' roles within the school



My name is Yvonne Rix and my EA role is to support the children in Year 6 in the mornings with their work. I also have an intervention group where I support maths. We are currently concentrating on our times tables.

In the afternoons, I teach PE for Year 1 through to the Year 6's. I am currently finalising my PE Specialism Course (level 5) My job is to administer and plan lessons to cover all the national curriculum PE subjects. We have just finished the gymnastics module which most of the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

Diary Dates – February 2018

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Tuesday 20 th Feb	Yr2	12pm	Yr2 Parents for lunch
	Yr4	12:30pm	Yr4 Parents for lunch
Wed 21 st	All	9am	Bags to School collection
	Yr3	9am-10am	Story Café
	Yr1	12pm	Yr1 Parents for lunch
	Yr3	12:30pm	Yr3 Parents for lunch
	EYFS	1:30-2:30pm	School nurse revisit for Hearing/Vision
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster session
Thr 22 nd	By invite	12pm	Maths challenge at Langley Prep School
	Yr6	12:30pm	Yr6 Parents for lunch
	Yr4	3:30pm	Yr4 Eaton Vale Parents meeting
Fri 23 rd	All	6:30pm-8pm	FOMG Friendship Disco-Tickets from office
Mon 26 th	All	9-3pm	All classes Dance workshop
		3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster session
Wed 28 th	All	10:30-11am	Young Carers meeting
	Yr6	2-3pm	Yr6 Story Café
	Yr3	1:30-2:30pm	Halifax Money workshop
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster session
Thur 1 st March	All	All day	WORLD BOOK DAY – Come to school in your favourite book character

Attached

Children and mobile phones leaflet for parents