



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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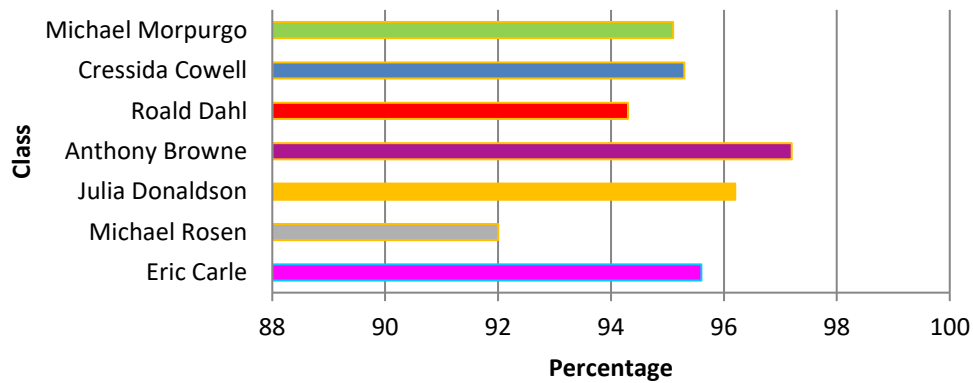
P4C question:

What do you think is the best age to be and why?

Attendance

Well done to **Year 3** who received **the £10 in assembly on Friday**. Their attendance for the week was 97.2%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 96.4%

Safeguarding Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our safeguarding survey, the feedback and results were incredibly positive.....

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	Can't be used
If children have been away for a day the school wants to know where they have been?	10 (83.8%)	1 (8.3%)			1 (8.3%)
My child learns how to settle disagreements by listening, talking and compromise	2 (16.7%)	9 (75%)			1 (8.3%)
The school has a good system for supporting children if/when they have a problem	3 (25%)	8 (67%)			1 (8.3%)
Every child is treated with respect	4 (34%)	8 (66%)			
Children are valued equally	5 (42%)	7 (58%)			
The school contributes to the health of children	5 (42%)	7 (58%)			
Inclusion is viewed as increasing participation for all	5 (42%)	6 (50%)			1 (8%)
Safeguarding is a key priority for the school	7 (58%)	5 (42%)			
The school works hard to support vulnerable pupils	5 (42%)	6 (50%)			1 (8%)
The school provides sufficient information about Safeguarding	3 (25%)	8 (67%)			1 (8%)

Reports + Parent/Teacher Meetings

School reports will be sent home on Friday 9th March – all parents will have the opportunity of speaking with the class teachers at the parent teacher meetings week commencing 19th March.

Please also find attached a user manual for information on how to use the online Parent Teacher bookings which will go “live” next Monday.

Bags to School

Thank you to the parents who donated for the Bags to School collection. Although we did not raise as much as last time we still managed £40 towards school funds. Thank you to all who donated.

Parents for Lunch

It was fantastic to see so many parents join us in school last week for lunch. We hoped you enjoyed the opportunity to join your child(ren) for lunch.

SRE Policy

Please find attached a copy of our school SRE Policy which was reviewed and approved by the Governors Learning and Teaching Committee recently. Please see Miss Fahy if you have any questions or comments.

G8 AS U R Event - by Satveer Wahiwala

GT8 AS U R is a relatively new scheme which in short “empowers children and communities to stop bullying before it starts”. It was the whole positive approach in celebrating differences and not focusing on negativity that really appealed to me. Although this was a pilot scheme there is evidence to suggest its positive impact and after speaking to the children it was evident that they felt like they could relate to the various characters and their emotion’s that are part of this programme. Although this was aimed for KS1 they are in the process of developing the next stage “CANDO” for KS2 which focuses on mental health. They even have Lego Professor Paul Ramchandani on side, he is involved in examining the importance of play within children’s development and learning. We are so pleased that we have managed to book in a fantastic team to come into school on the 27th & 28th February for a funday – I am sure the children will be telling parents/carers all about it!

World Book Day - Non school uniform

World Book Day 2018 is on Thursday 1st March. The children are invited to come to school **dressed as their favourite story book character**. This could be Little red Riding Hood, Harry Potter, The Gruffalo, Where’s Wally, The Cat in the Hat.....! Have fun creating (or hiring!) a fantastic costume with your child. There will be prizes for the 'best dressed' in each year group.

During the day, each class will be doing some fun activities linked to the World Book Day nominated books, and we are also running a 'Design Your Own Bookmark' competition for all pupils to take part in. We are looking forward to seeing lots of different characters come in to school on Thursday!

Language for this half term

The language for this half term is Russian – try asking your child what phrases and sayings they know.

Forest Schools

Miss Sivananthan and Ms Nicholson, have recently begun their training to become a Forest School Leader and Forest School Assistant. They spent their first day of training immersed in the beautiful woodland at Holt Hall and have several months of training ahead of them before they get their qualifications. They are both very excited about the prospect of bringing the Forest School ethos to Magdalen Gates.

Yr5 Mathematic Challenge

Four of our Year 5 mathematicians competed in a Mathematics event at Langley Preparatory School last Thursday. They participated in different mathematical tasks in 8 minute sessions gaining points all the time. The sessions challenged their problem solving skills and tested their lateral thinking. They were amazing and came a very impressive 6th place out of 29 competing schools! Well done Eleanor, Emily K, Vishva, and Harry from year 5, Miss Bramble is very proud of you! Thank you also Miss Cooper for accompanying and supporting the pupils so they were able to attend this event.

Bake for Books

Friday 9th March - KS2 will be hosting the first Bake for Books sale in 2018. All donations of cakes, biscuits and buns will be much appreciated.

WOW!

Inspired by Yr5's recent visit to Swaffam Eco Centre, Ines and Oskar spent one afternoon in the half term constructing a model wind turbine (picture across)



Don't forget to let the school know of any achievements that your child has accomplished so we can put this on our WOW wall. This can be anything from certificates, awards from clubs or groups out of school, ie choir, scouts, karate, swimming or tell us about an act of kindness that is above and beyond. Thank you – Miss Fahy

A couple of reminders:

- All pupils need to be at school for 8.45am
- No earrings apart from studs to be worn and no other jewellery please
- Full school uniform (no trainers) to be worn at all times
- Long hair must be tied back
- Pupils who go home alone are not permitted to stay after school to play football
- The pre-school gate or car park should not be used for access to the school
- Pupils should not be playing on the climbing apparatus before school – there is NO insurance to cover this.
- The school playground should be vacated by 4pm please

Spotlight on our Educational Assistant Role - by Sally Coulthart



I have worked a Magdalen Gates for just over 15 years and during that time I have had many roles. At the moment I am an E.A in Year 4 and H.L.T.A covering teachers planning time and training, throughout the school.

I lead the Sound Discovery synthetic phonics program and the after school Phonics Club. I am also a qualified Talk Boost and Catch Up practitioner.

I love singing and I run Funky Beats, a singing club for KS2 children. Singing in a choir is more than just a bit of fun. It's been scientifically proven that it is good for your health: from getting more oxygen into the blood, to increasing the flow of feel good hormones and improving mental health.

We had a wonderful time singing around the local community and at Asda raising money for Friend in Deed. It has been amazing seeing the children grow in confidence over the past year.

My passion, outside of school, is photography. I love taking pictures and many of them can be seen on the school website and entrance monitor.

Reminder about Tapestry

Our vision is for EVERY parent/carer to have access to Tapestry.

Don't forget the Tapestry competition which was launched in last week's newsletter. We would also like to remind parents about the important Tapestry session being held straight after school on Monday 5th March. We hope to see as many parents/carers as possible.

To help all parents/carers with any Tapestry query, every Friday between 8:30am to 9:15am Mrs Welch will be available to speak to regarding any issues you may have. This can be as routine as "What should I do now?" or troubleshooting queries for logging-in etc.,

Diary Dates

Tue 27 th Feb	All	-	GR8 As U R
	Yr6	12:30-3pm	Yr6 Quasar visit
Wed 28 th	All	-	GR8 As U R
	All	10:30am	Young Carers meeting
	Yr3	1:30-2:30pm	Halifax Workshop for Yr3
	Yr6	2-3pm	Story Café
	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thur 1 st March	All	All	World Book Day – non -school uniform – dress up as your favourite book character
	Yr2	9-12pm	Visit to Norwich Cathedral
Fri 2 nd	All	8:39-9:15am	Open Tapestry Surgery – come and speak with Mrs Welch With any issues you have regarding Tapestry
Monday 5 th	All	3:30-4pm	Introduction to using Tapestry Evening – ALL PARENTS WELCOME
	All		Parent/Teacher meeting – online booking goes "live"

Attachments

SER Information

Booking forms for After School club and Easter Holiday Club – please return asap

User manual for parent/teacher bookings