



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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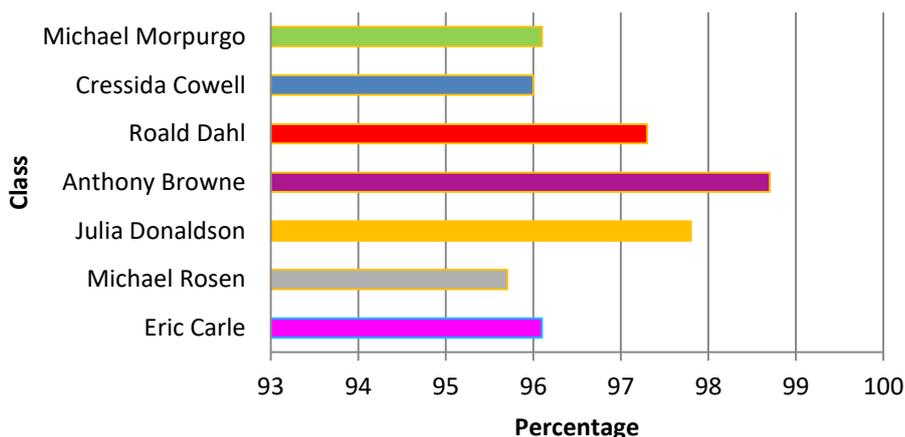
P4C question:

If you could wake up tomorrow having gained any one quality or ability, what would it be?

Attendance

Well done to **Year 3** who received **the £10 in assembly on Friday**. Their attendance for the week was 98.7%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 96.8%

Vocabulary Is SO important!

In our English lessons we are constantly helping our children to develop a wider set of words that they can use and understand. This will help children to understand their learning in more depth, express how they feel, manage social situations and resolve conflicts more easily. There is also plenty of evidence to show that the better a young child's vocabulary, the better they will do in education later on. In school, we will focus more lessons on learning and applying new words, through explicit teaching as well as language games. Around the school we will be feeding in new vocabulary every day as well as ensuring children have the key words they need. Above all, we will be encouraging a love of words in our school community - and we'd love you to be involved, too! At home, families can get involved in making words a priority - above all, by talking about new words you have come across in your day.

World Book Day

The children looked fantastic on World Book Day! Thank you to everyone for supporting this event and for all the fantastic pictures posted on Tapestry.

Science Week

British Science Week takes place nationwide from 9-18th March.

If you are free this weekend, then visit the Forum and take part in an exciting Science Treasure Hunt around the city. <http://www.sciencelive.net/event/303/>

At our school, we will be celebrating Science Week with a Science Fair on Monday 26th March where parents will be invited to watch KS2 children presenting science investigations on their own! Class teachers will be having extra science sessions in that last week of term with a focus on this year's theme of Exploration and Discovery.

Tapestry Update

Thank you to the parents who came along to the Tapestry event last Monday. Everyone who attended has been entered into the prize draw. For those parents who were unable to attend, we have copied the PowerPoint presentation which you can pick up from the school office. There's still time to be entered into the draw as any parent/carer who 'likes' or comments on a post on Tapestry by Friday 23rd March (please note new date) will be automatically entered.

Mrs Welch is continuing to hold her open Tapestry surgery on Friday mornings from 8:30am to 9:15am. Please pop along to the school office where she will be happy to give advice or try and resolve any Tapestry query you may have.



Easter Coffee Morning

A reminder about the Easter Coffee Morning. Parents/family members are invited to come along to our Easter Coffee morning on Tuesday 27th March at 9am. Yummy cakes on sale and we will be holding an Easter raffle – we would love **donations of Easter Eggs!** Remember all money raised is used to support our wonderful children.

Funky Beats Performance

Well done to our amazing Funky Beats and Mrs Coulthart who performed for the children at Mousehold Infant last week.

Sport Update/Sport Relief

A date for your diaries! Friday 23rd March, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Sport Relief, a fantastic charity which helps people in the UK and Africa.

We have used our PE funding to pay for our new after school sports clubs. We now offer KS1 multi-skills and KS2 dance, football and netball. They have been a huge success so far and the children have really enjoyed them. We will be opening the clubs up to all children again after the Easter holidays so that different children have a chance to attend. Look out for more information in the weekly newsletters.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Once again we saw a really good uptake on parents making their appointments within the first few days of the booking system 'going live'. A big thank you to all those who have already made their appointments. For the parents who have not yet booked a slot, please take a couple of minutes to make your appointment. 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.

If you have any difficulties in making your appointment, please phone or come into the office as we can manually book you an appointment. Remember, if you are unable to attend on the designated days, please contact the teacher direct as they will endeavour to arrange an alternative date with you.

“As parents/carers are key partners in their child’s education, I am expecting that every parent/carer has an opportunity to speak with their child’s teacher. I do ask for parents’/carer’s co-operation with making these important parent/teacher meetings. Thank you” Miss Fahy



Advance Notice

After Easter, we will be moving to a cashless system for school lunches. This will mean that all lunches will need to be ordered and paid for online in advance. This will mean that we will not be able to offer any type of “spare lunch” for any child. Further details to follow.

Feedback from Governors’ Development Day – 7th March 2018

A big thank you to the staff and children for allowing us to watch and listen to a whole range of activities throughout the day. You were all truly inspiring.

Our development day is an annual event and the day allows us time to review our roles, responsibilities and duties as governors and ensure we provide the right balance of support and challenge to Ms Fahy and her team. We are lucky in that we have an experienced Chair of Governors who knows the school really well and is able to keep us focused on the things that matter and make a real difference to our children. Today proved that we are certainly on the right lines.

The six of us attending, saw a whole range of exciting opportunities and activities ranging from EYFS in small groups working on different tasks, all the way through to year 6 working on their Haiku poetry plans. We saw learners who were really engaged and loving the content of what they were doing. Year 1 were exploring the results of their trip to Cromer museum and were refreshing their knowledge of the Jurassic period. Year 5 were using the appropriate technical terms in looking at how best to plan their Marie Curie stories. Year 4 were engaged in a great debate about what clues does a shoe say about the wearer and using that to create a story. We also saw year 5 in Music and PE. The creative ideas and confidence displayed by all the children was very rewarding to see and hear. Both the learning environments seen in Year 2 and 3 are a great stimulus for the children and it certainly helped with the way they worked. In fact, the evidence of work and pupil voice is displayed right across the school, which gives a rich flavour of what is happening on a day-to-day basis.

We were lucky to be able to sit with the children at lunch and listen to their stories about what had gone really well in the morning and what they were looking forward to after lunch and they were certainly tucking in to their pizza, baked potatoes and jelly!

It is certainly worth repeating that we feel really blessed in having such a great school to be governors of: an open and honest group of staff, confident and hardworking children with a real thirst for learning. If any of you feel that you would like to join the governing body then please get in touch. *Mr Sean O’Neill*

Language of Month

This half term we are celebrating Russian as our Language of the Month.

Yr5 & Yr6 Swimming Gala at Riverside

We came 3rd in the swimming gala held last Friday! Well done to all the children who participated.

News from Mandy Lollipop

Sadly, Mandy reports that there have been some recent incidents of very poor parking around the school, including blocked pavements, cars parked on yellow lines and obstructing the driveways of our local residents. Could all car users please be considerate of where/how they are parking. We are aware that traffic wardens will be patrolling our area and incorrectly parked vehicles may receive a parking fine.



If your child is dropped off/picked up by other members of your family, or perhaps your child uses a taxi, ***please could you pass the message on.*** Thank you.



Spotlight - Satveer Wahiwala

I have been working as a Special Needs/Educational assistant at Magdalen Gates for nearly 12 years...the longest I've stayed with any work placement! This is largely to do with the atmosphere within the school, a diverse yet welcoming community.

Throughout working here at school, I have become especially interested in the emotional well-being of children and this interest was further supported by my colleagues. In my new position, I am a Social, Emotional and Mental Health Support Worker. I get to work with children on a one-to-one basis as well as in groups, for example during toast time and with the Care Rangers.

I regularly participate in various courses such as Mental Health first aid training and Attachment and the implications on learning and behaviour in order to gain knowledge that maybe used to support our children. I endeavour to make children have a pleasant and positive experience at school.

Diary Dates – March 2018

Wed 14th	Yr6	9-12:30pm	Trinity on Tour – Open Venue
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thur 15 th	Yr5	AM	Walking tour
Fri 16 th	All parents	8:30-9:15am	Open Tapestry session – for info/advice/help
	Yr6	9am	Yr6 Assembly – parents welcome
	EYFS & KS1	1-3pm	Easter afternoon
	Yr1-Yr6	3:15pm	School reports home
Mon 19 th	Yr5	9-12:30pm	Yr5 Parent Teacher meeting
	EYFS	1-3:20pm	EYFS Parent Teacher meeting
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Boosters

This week have you checked your child has:

- Read some of their book?
- Practised their timetables/number bonds?
- Learned their spelling pattern?
- Practised their handwriting/letter & number formation?

All these skills, if practised daily/weekly, will improve over time and help your child's education