



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Weekly Newsletter

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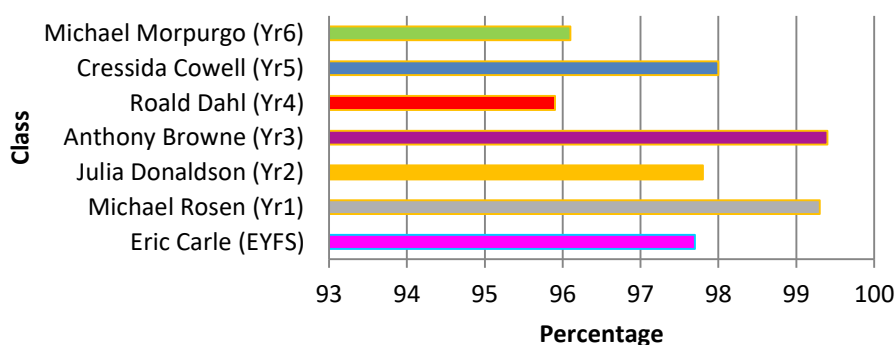
P4C questions: by Yr6

We have all been excited about philosophy – As a class, we couldn't choose a single P4C question but we got it down to 3! 'Are there groups of people who deserve to go first?' 'Do you have the right to marry whoever/whatever you want?' 'Is there ever a time when it is right to be selfish?'

Attendance

Well done to **Year 3** who received **the £10 in assembly on Friday**. Their attendance for the week was 99.4%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole school attendance was 97.7%

Social Media

Please don't forget, if you have any concerns, issues or comments about school, we are always available to speak to you. You can contact a member of staff in the following ways:

- Speak to your child's class teacher or the Headteacher at the start or end of the school day
- Email school at office@magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk (messages are forwarded to members of staff)
- Call the school office on 01603 622675 (we will return your call as soon as it is possible to do so)
- We ask that you please use these channels of communication, rather than using social media to discuss school matters.

Bake for books:

Thank you to everyone who baked/bought cakes for the bake for books last Friday. We raised a massive £59.10 to put towards some new books for KS2.

Library books: Over the last few weeks there have been lots of activities that have been happening during the allotted time for some class Library sessions. This has unfortunately meant some children haven't been able to change their books. If any child wishes to change their book after missed sessions, Miss Austrin is available from 12.30pm Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes for EYFS/KS1 and from 1pm Tuesday-Friday for KS2.

Attendance Trips

Data for the termly attendance trip will be taken from 4th January to 21st March. If your child has an attendance of 97% or above they will be invited to attend a trip to CurveMotion at Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday 28th March.

An invite/parental consent letter with more information will be sent home, **this Thursday**, for all those eligible. Please make sure you check bookbags etc.

FOMG Easter Competition – 50p per entry

The FOMG have come up with a great Easter competition to help with fundraising for Magdalen Gates. Here is a chance for all of our pupils to design a fabulous egg. The winner will receive a special chocolate egg and there are runner-up prizes too. Attached to this newsletter you will find a template that you can use, or you can create your own. All entries will need to be handed back into school by this Friday – so get the crayons, felt tips, paint, collage materials out! We look forward to seeing some fabulous, flamboyant egg designs.

EAL Support for Parents

Should any of our EAL parents have any questions or concerns, Mrs Lynn and Mrs Girvin will be available to talk to at the evening catch-up parent/teacher meetings being held this Thursday from 3:30-6pm.

Mrs Lynn would also like our EAL parents to know that she will also be available on Monday 26th from 9am to offer advice on supporting literacy in first and second language.

Message to Parents regarding Musical Instruments

Would you like your son/daughter to learn the piano, flute, clarinet or saxophone? Victoria, our peripatetic music teacher, has been able to secure a second day at Magdalen Gates starting in the summer term. It's fabulous that so many of our pupils are learning a musical instrument.

If you require more information or would like to sign your son/daughter up for lessons please contact me direct at Victoria.arnull09@bathspac.ac.uk or you can telephone me on 07772652587. Some of my current students will be playing in the music assembly at school this Friday from 9am. Parents/carers extended family are more than welcome to come along.



Focus on Literacy Sessions

Want to know how we teach Literacy at Magdalen Gates? We have a one hour drop in on Monday 26th March, where you can come and learn with your child, at their desk! This might include learning a new spelling strategy, or writing imaginative poems, reading and discussing a story, or even taking part in some great drama activities. We hope lots of our parent/carers will be able to come along to this event. If you would like to attend, please let the school office know before the end of this week.

Term Dates September 2018-July 2019

For parent's information (and also so families can plan ahead for holidays and travelling) we are attaching the academic calendar for 2018-2019. Important to note that Magdalen Gates will *NOT* be following all of the published dates so special attention is drawn to the below dates:-

- Tuesday 4th September 2018 – School Closed
- Wednesday 5th September 2018 – School Closed

- Thursday 18th October 2018 – School Open
- Friday 19th October 2018 – School Open

- Monday 17th December – School Closed
- Tuesday 18th December – School Closed
- Wednesday 2nd January 2019 – School Closed
- Tue 23rd April 2019 – School Closed
- Wednesday 24th July 2019 – School Closed

Mad Hair Day – THIS FRIDAY!

Be creative with your hair this Friday – 23rd March and raise some funds for Norfolk children’s charity Break. Spiral your ponytail, donut your bun or unicorn your fringe. Become a three-horned monster, have a head full of spiders, use hundreds of clips, flowers or bows – you could even make long hair into a beard! Whatever you do – make it FUN!

School Parliament Update

Last week we reminded KS2 who our parliament ministers were, and what their roles are. We debated any current issues for each department and some great suggestions were given. These have been forwarded to Miss Fahy. The feedback from the Head will be given to the parliament members shortly so we can put some of the suggestions into action.

Remember if you have any suggestions for our parliament, they are there to help. This is your school - your voice is important to us.

Spotlight - Emma Annison



I started volunteering at the school and found I loved it so much I ended up coming in nearly every day. I enjoyed working with the children so I decided to put my experience into practice and completed my Level III in Childcare. I joined as a member of staff in 2013. I now spend half my week working as an Educational Assistant, helping and supporting the pupils in all areas across the school, and the rest of the time is spent on reprographic work that is needed in school. This varies from day to day, but includes photocopying, labelling, laminating, printing, helping the teachers with resources needed for class and, importantly, ensuring everyone receives a weekly newsletter! I thoroughly enjoy supporting the children on the many external visits the pupils participate in too. You can also find me at Breakfast and After School Club.

Diary Dates

Tue 20 th	Yr1	9am-12pm	Yr1 Parent Teacher meeting
	Yr5	10am-12pm	Cathedral Green Man tour
	EYFS	10:30-3pm	Stay and Play session
	Yr2	1-3:30pm	Yr2 Parent Teacher meeting
Wed 21 st	Yr5	9-12:30pm	Yr5 Parent Teacher meeting
	All	10:30am	Young Carers’ meeting
	Yr4	1:30-3:30pm	Yr4 Parent Teacher meeting
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster session
Thr22 nd	Yr6	9-12:30pm	Yr6 Parent Teacher meeting
	KS2	10:30am	Assembly with James Edleston UK Parliament
EYFS, Yr1,2,3,5,6		3:30-6pm	Parent Teacher evening meeting
Fri 23 rd	All	All day	Mad Hair Day & Comic Relief Day – non-school
			Uniform – charity event – donation
	All	8:15-9:15am	Open Tapestry Surgery. Come & speak with Mrs Welch with any queries/questions on Tapestry

Mon 26 th	All	9am	Music Assembly - Parents/carers welcome
	Y4	4:30-6pm	Yr4 Rescheduled parent teacher meeting
	All	-	Curriculum letters home to all parents
	All	9-10am	Focus on Literacy – see above for details – All welcome
Tue 27 th	Yr1	9-3pm	Trip to Hickling Broad
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster session
	All	9am	EASTER COFFEE MORNING – all welcome
Wed 28 th	KS2	12pm-2:30pm	Cross Country event
	Invite	All day	Attendance trip to CurveMotion
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster session
Mon 16 th			School Closes for Easter
	All	8:45am	School re-opens
	Yr2	AM	Edith Cavell workshop
	Yr6	3:15-4:30pm	Yr6 Booster session

Attached - Easter Egg Competition template
Academic calendar 2018-2019