



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY

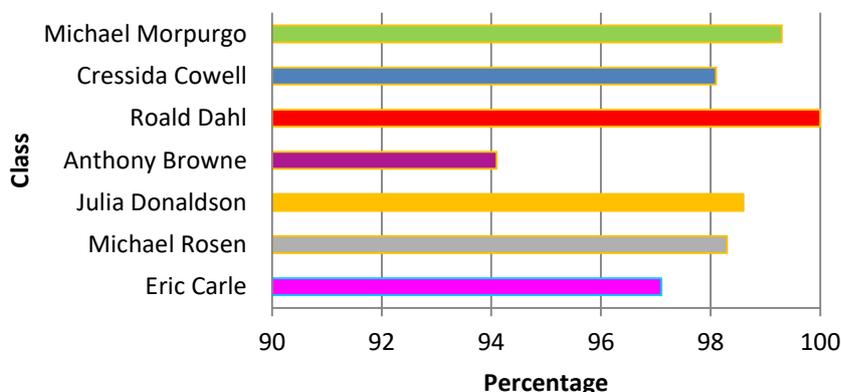


# Weekly Newsletter

17/09/2018

Well done to **Year 4** who received the £20 in assembly on Friday with **100%**  
Whole school attendance for the week was 98%

## Weekly Attendance Percentage



### Message from Chair of Governors

*Welcome back everyone - and a very warm welcome to children and parents of our new EYFS children. What a summer! I hope you all had a great time and managed to have some fun with your children and made some lovely memories.*

*I can't wait for the continued partnership with parents over the coming academic year. Please remember it is important to keep teachers informed of any difficulties your child is having at school or home.*

*To ensure your child(ren) receives the best education, we hope you will fully support the hard work the teachers do while they are at school. We want you to be involved - so please do come in to as many events as you can. We try to vary the timing of these so as many of our parents/carers can participate at some point.*

*I hope that many of you have now seen the painting and updated decoration that was completed in the summer holidays. It's certainly brightened the school up.*

*I'm certainly looking forward to another busy, stimulating and enjoyable year at Magdalen Gates! **Jo Duesbury***

### Welcome Back and Goodbye

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Orford (Karen) back from maternity leave who leads our Extended School Provision. A massive thank you to Rachel Bond and the Team for running the Breakfast and After School Club in Karen's absence. Miss Hunter, our Year 1 Educational Assistant has now started her maternity leave. We wish Emily and her partner all the best for the imminent arrival of their baby. Miss Jenny Austrin, our fantastic librarian, will also be starting her maternity leave this Friday too – we will have lots of beautiful babies to visit our school for cuddles soon.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

Under NO circumstances are children allowed on the outdoor gym before, or after school, due to strict health and safety regulations.

Parents are also reminded that we are not responsible for pupils after school and if issues occur between pupils or parents - then sadly the openness of the school at the end of school day will have to be reviewed.

### **School Improvement and Development Plan (SIDP)**

Please find a copy of a summary version of our SIDP – you can find a full version on the school's website. The School Improvement and Development Plan (SIDP) is a strategic plan for improvement. It brings together in a clear and simple way, the school priorities, the main measures it will take to raise standards, the resources dedicated to these and the key outcomes and targets it intends to achieve. We have a visual pictorial representation of our SIDP on display in the main foyer – please do come and have a look.

### **Edwards & Blake - Breakfast Promotion – INVITATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS**



For the very first time we are inviting ALL parents for a special breakfast with Edwards and Blake this **Wednesday 19th** September in the main school hall at 8.45am.

There will be a short presentation with information about new things happening with lunches for this coming school year and breakfast will be served. Jill and Wendy will be available with a laptop for any help

needed when ordering lunches on SchoolMoney. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about Free School Meals and forms will be on hand. You will also be able to discuss dietary needs and/or ask any other related questions. We hope to see you then.

### **Parent Skills Audit**

Do you have any skills, life events or hobbies which might inspire or engage our children? Could you share your experiences of living in other parts of Britain, the rest of the World or have parents/grandparents who could speak of times past in our local community? Or do you possibly have contacts which might help children learn about career or life opportunities and the skills they might need in the future? If you have, we would love to hear from you. As part of our work strengthening links with you, our parents, we are keen to find out how you could help us. *We know that you are busy....* but we also know that you have a range of skills, talents and hobbies that we would love you to share with our children.

Completing the attached form **will not** commit you to anything. However, it will enable us to see which parents could possibly visit school in order to share skills, hobbies and knowledge with a class or a small group. Please do have a look at the form attached with this newsletter and pop your reply back if you can. We would really love to hear from you.

### **Flu Immunisation – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**



Over the last few years all primary aged children have been offered the flu vaccination in a national roll-out programme. Year on year more parents agree for their child to be vaccinated with the majority of parents/guardians giving consent for their child to have the vaccine.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children, with sometimes serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. The flu vaccine provides individual protection to the child and helps prevent the spread of flu to members of their family and the wider community.

**All EYFS -Yr5 pupils were sent home with a flu letter and consent form last Friday. We ask that parents/carers please read the instructions carefully.** The flu vaccine consent form needs to be returned back to the school office by FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.

If you have any questions or are unsure if your child should have the vaccine please speak to your GP surgery.

Note: the nasal flu vaccine contains a highly processed form of gelatine (derived from pigs). Some faith groups may or may not wish the use of porcine gelatine in any products – this decision is solely for the child's parents/guardians.

### **Parent Survey**

The Leadership Team has considered all parents' feedback from the parental survey. The percentage of responses for strongly agree & agree were incredibly high for all of the questions. The highest positive responses were:

- My child is happy at school (99.0%)
- My child feels safe at Mag Gates (97%)
- My child makes good progress (97%)
- My child is well looked after (99%)
- I would recommend Mag Gates to other parents (97%)
- My child is well taught at Mag Gates (96%)

We discussed in great length any concerns that parents raised and we will be implementing the following actions:

- Homework challenges and Spellings will be POSTED on Tapestry EVERY Friday.
- We will ensure whole school Cafe's have a LEARNING focus which is explicitly clear for everyone.
- We will offer a further Anti-Bullying workshop for parents in November.

### **Tapestry Update – Mrs Welch**

Welcome back to a new school year! We have some exciting new ways to use Tapestry this year!

- **Homework**

As you will remember, in the last newsletter, we explained that we will be using Tapestry to set homework tasks from now on. This is not only an efficient and interactive way to do this, but also as part of our goal to become a more environmentally sustainable community, it will significantly reduce the amount of paper sent home. Any homework tasks and spellings will be added each Friday and a response can be posted online or sent in to school before the following Friday.

- **About me**

Those of you already registered on Tapestry may be aware of an 'About me' section for each child. We have only used this as a staff team to add significant others (for example siblings) but feel this would be a fantastic way to get to know more about your child. Therefore, we have changed the settings and would like for each of you to fill in this 'About me' section with your child please. In particular it would be useful to know about significant people in each child's lives (including siblings) and any interests outside of school. You do not need to fill in every section, but we would love to find out more about all of the children in our school community. To access this section, please log in and choose menu, children, click on the child's name and then select 'About me'. Finally select 'Edit about [child's name]'.

- **Registering and help**

In view of these exciting changes, it is even more important for all children to have at least one active adult account on Tapestry. Unfortunately, as part of the transition period, Tapestry deactivated all parent/carer accounts. I have sent an email to all registered users to re-activate their accounts and will be re-sending these over the next few weeks. Please check your email account (and junk folder) for this email. Additionally, if you would like to register, please give your details to your child's teacher when meeting with them for Parent/Teacher meetings over the next few weeks.

Finally, I will continue to be available from 8:30-9:15 every Friday and via email, simply contact me via the office. – Mrs Welch.

### **Tapestry PE challenge –Mrs Rix**

Thank you for sharing all your amazing activities for the PE challenge over the summer. We really enjoyed looking at all your fun activities. We hope you enjoyed being out in the lovely sunshine and being busy and active. These children will receive a certificate for all their efforts: **Year 6** Blake, Oskar and Eleanor **Year 5** Emily SR, **Year 3** Trinity, John and Hollie **Year 2** Tymmy, Poppy, Beth, Cameron and Lacey **Year 1** Felix, Aiden, Willow, Sonny, Leo, Molly, Kacie-Mae and Sammy. WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!



### **Operation Encompass**



Just a reminder that our school continues to partake in a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our school, and is called Operation Encompass.

Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic violence.

We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they witness domestic violence incidents or indeed are involved in them directly or indirectly.

The school will receive a confidential phone call from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub before 9am on the morning after any domestic incident where a child at their school has been involved in any way in an incident of domestic violence.

At Mag Gates we have designated Miss Fahy, Miss Collision and Mrs Anderton as Key Adults. They have received training from Norfolk County Council which allows them to use the information about the incident, that has been shared with them in confidence, to make sure that the right support is available for children and their families.

As always, we are keen to offer the best support possible to our students and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you have any concerns or questions then please contact me and I will be happy to discuss this further.

### **Macmillan Coffee AM – Date for Diaries**

Come along and join other parents/carers on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 9am-10am in the main hall for coffee/tea and lots of fresh, home baked cakes – A chance to eat cake without guilt!



## **Breakfast and After School Club Update**

We have made some changes to our out of school club booking system. Please be advised that as of after the October half term, all out of school club sessions must be booked online using the school money system. This may mean paying for October and then having to pay for November as this system will mean you can only book places if you pay at the same time.

We are not taking any more bookings for the after school club now as we are full. There are however a few spaces left in breakfast club, but you will need to speak to Karen Orford or Donna Goose before booking in.

Please note - If you owe fees for any sessions when this system begins you will not be given access to book until all fees are cleared. Thank you. From Karen and the team.



## **Jeans for Genes Day – This Friday**

Donation Charity Event Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 is Jeans for Genes Day! All money raised on this day goes to support Genetic Disorders UK. We can all join in and show our support by wearing our Jeans on this special day. This charity day which Magdalen Gates annually participates in is entirely optional but, if you would like to support Jeans for Genes Day, your child can donate 50p and come to school in their jeans this Friday.

## **Open Morning – Date for your diaries!**

We would love to invite parents, prospective parents, and grandparents to see our school in action on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9-12pm. Please arrive at school at 9am, sign in at the school office and get a visitor guide and enjoy visiting all of our wonderful classes!

## **Headteacher Stars**



As you are aware Teachers /Educational Assistants can nominate pupils for a Golden Award for impressive work which is then presented in Celebration Assembly on Fridays. This is then recorded as a positive point on our management systems CPOMS.

As part of our on-going drive to raise attainment, recognise, celebrate and encourage pupils to “always do their best”, I will now be identifying pupils who will then receive a special enamel star badge which they will then be allowed to wear on their uniform. There are 5 potential colours to be achieved – I believe we have 3 children in school who currently have 3 stars and they wear these with great pride on their uniform.

## **Packed Lunch Policy**

School has a packed lunch policy which helps to make sure all our children have a balanced healthy meal at lunch times. Below is an overview of that policy.



### A packed lunch should contain:

- At least two portions of fruit or vegetables every day (a portion is the amount your child can fit into the palm of their hand). This could be fresh, dried or tinned fruit.
- A starchy food every day i.e. any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other types of cereals.
- Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus, falafel).
- Dairy food every day, such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage-frais or custard.
- A drink of fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, milk-based or yoghurt-based drinks, smoothies or a bottle of water (tap water is freely available from the water fountain in the hall).
- A small cake, biscuit or cereal bar as part of a balanced meal. Please look carefully at packaging, as many items that may look healthy can have high levels of sugar and fat.

### Packed lunches must NOT include:

- Crisps should not be included in packed lunches, instead include vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy food are also a good choice.
- Confectionary such as chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits and sweets are not allowed.
- Items containing nuts are not allowed in school. (Although these are healthy, some children are allergic to nuts and they can cause a severe reaction even when in other pupils' lunches.)

***Items brought in that are not allowed, will be given to the class teacher to return to parents at the end of the day.***

### WOW Bricks

I love to hear about all our pupils' achievements that happen outside of school. The school's WOW wall is filling up in the main hall, showcasing and celebrating the achievements of both pupils and staff. You can use the nomination slip on the website or let me know direct about your child's successes.

Any certificates or awards that your child has received from a club or group they attend eg., choir, scouts, karate, swimming OR even an act of kindness that is above and beyond I

would love to hear about it. I look forward to reading them.



Last week 4 new WOW bricks went up on the wall.

Connie in Yr3, received a Distinction for her Primary ballet exam and her sister Elsie in Yr6, received a WOW brick for achieving 5<sup>th</sup> place in a recent gymnastic competition.

Two more siblings also received a WOW brick for their achievements— Miles in Yr2 and his brother Alex Yr4, completed the 'The Summer Reading Challenge'.

Well Done! They also managed to locate all of the Gogo Hares over the summer. The picture is of them celebrating, having found the last hare.



### Online Safety

Online Safety is an important part of the curriculum at Magdalen Gates. The children are taught to be "SMART" – an acronym referring to aspects of staying safe: not meeting, not accepting unknown files, knowing what is reliable information and telling adults about worries. These concepts are taught in computing lessons as well as in our assemblies. More information and fun activities about e-safety can be found on [www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk) and [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com). Other useful links can also be found on the Online Safety part of the Magdalen Gates website.



At the beginning of every new school year, there is always a lot of paperwork to be sent home and we do really appreciate the time our parents and guardians have taken to complete and return these forms so quickly. Thank you.

**Diary Dates.....**

Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:45am	All Parents	Edwards & Blake Breakfast promotion
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	All day	All years	Jeans for Genes Day – optional non-uniform charity event
	9-3pm	Yr3	Workshop at Strangers Hall – Robert Kett & Tudor era
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>		All Parents	Deadline for Annual Permission slip return
	8:30-9:15	All Parents	Tapestry Drop-in. For any queries, problems or log-in issues please pop by at the office where Mrs Welch will be happy to help/advise
	9am	All Parents	Macmillan Coffee morning – ALL WELCOME
	10am-1:30pm	Yr4	Millennium Library workshop
-		Yr3	How Hill Deposit deadline
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9-12pm	EYFS-Yr5	Flu Vaccine consent forms return
		EYFS-Yr5	School Nursing Team – Flu vaccination

**Attachments**

- Parent skills audit
- School improvement and development plan