



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY

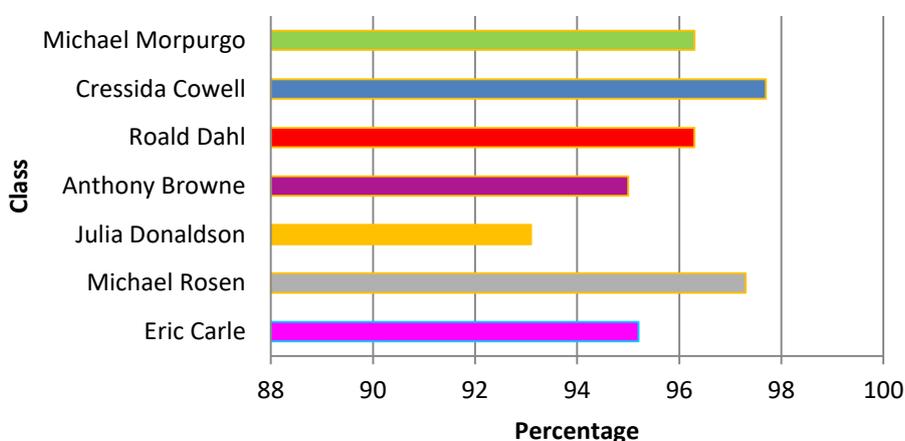


# Weekly Newsletter

## 1/10/2018

Well done to Year 5 who received the £10 in assembly Friday with attendance for the week of 97.7%. Whole school attendance for the week was 95.8%

### Weekly Attendance Percentage



### Welcome

Welcome to our new Reception children. You have become such confident members of our school already, we find it difficult to remember that you have only just joined us. We hope you are enjoying being part of the Mag Gates family. Keep working hard and keep smiling a lot!



### Magdalen Gates Primary School Year 6 Pupil Ambassadors

Our role is to help around the school. Some of the responsibilities we have are:

Giving tours to visitors and writing (with the help of Miss Fahy) and monitoring our School Improvement and Development Plan (SIDP to the teachers!). This year we are hoping to:

- Make our action points on our SIDP come true.
- Visit other schools to see how they do things.

### Our Go Go Hare is home

Welcome home Maggie our Go Go Hare – who is now in her new home with Jill and Wendy in the office. A massive thank you to Sally Coulthart and Lindsay Welch who led the creation of Maggie – amazing job I am sure you will agree. We do hope the children enjoyed collecting their stickers too for their books.

### Help required - Minibus Driving

Are there any parents (or grandparents) able to help us with driving the school minibus on Monday afternoons from 1-3pm and/or Friday's 10-12pm? Or do you know someone who could help? There is an assessment that needs to be completed, but if you could offer a little of your time to help please come and speak to me or leave a message with the school office. Thank you. Miss Fahy.



### **Nut Free School**

Please do not include nuts or nut products (peanut butter, Nutella spread or snack bars which contain nuts) in your child's lunch box. A number of our children have nut allergies.

### **EYFS, Yr1 & Yr2 Extension to lunch menu**

We would like to see more pupils have universal free school meals in school so as from 29th October (after half term) pupils in Years EYFS, 1 and 2 will have the choice of jacket potato and pasta as well as the main hot meal on the menu. There will be no sandwich choice for them at the moment but we will monitor the situation for the Spring Term. These new lunch choices will be available to order as normal on the Schoolmoney website.

All pupils - if your child is out on a school trip and you have ordered a lunch on Schoolmoney then they will automatically be provided with a packed lunch. If you prefer to send in your own, please cancel the lunch online. thank you

### **Readathon – Sponsor read for Charity – Mr Hamment**

Magdalen Gates is pleased to be working in partnership with the charity 'Read for Good' to raise money for books and storytellers for children's hospitals by running a sponsored read. This will start from now until October 29<sup>th</sup>.

The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely.

Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

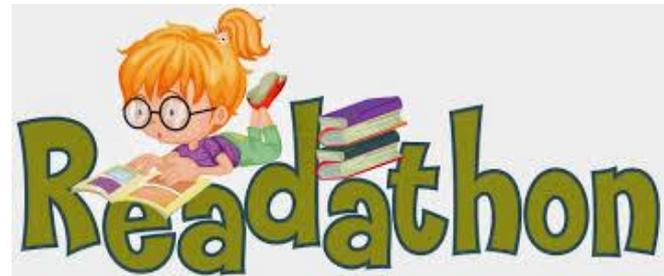
All you have to do is:



1. Take a look at what they plan to read, or help them complete their list of books to read.
2. Help your child find sponsors among family and friends. The easiest way to sponsor a child is at [www.readforgood.org/sponsor](http://www.readforgood.org/sponsor) (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves and our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total – so there really is something in it for everyone!

The sponsored read will run until after half term (time for plenty of reading and money raising!) and sponsorship money needs to be sent into school by 2nd November. For more information, visit the website: [www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org)



## Reminders

The following items are NOT school uniform and are not allowed....

- \*Denim, cords, leggings or track suit bottoms.
- \*Boots (of any kind) and trainers.
- \*Jewellery (other than small, plain studs)
- \* Extreme haircuts or dyed hair.
- \* Nail varnish or make up or tattoos.

We would also remind parents who arrive by car, to be mindful of our residential neighbours and not to block their driveways.

## Jeans for Genes –

Thank you everyone. We raised a total of £118.

**Christmas Treat -Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Whole School Trip...HIPPODROME here we come!**



**HIPPODROME  
CIRCUS**

**Roll up! Roll up! We are going to the circus!**

This year on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, as a very special treat, ALL pupils and staff will be travelling by coach to see a performance at **Gt Yarmouth Hippodrome to see the fabulous Christmas Circus SPECTACULAR!**

## Bags to School

We all have clothing in our wardrobes that we haven't worn in ages and in a world of fast fashion, we now have a lot of stuff –Bags to School allows your donated clothes to start their second life in the new world of the circular economy and at the same time raise funds for Magdalen Gates at the same time.

Every child took home a Bags to School last week – all we need our parents to do is to send in any unwanted clothing they may have, mens/ladies and children's clothing or even shoes, hats, bags, scarves, bedlinen, soft toys, curtains and towels. This will then be weighed and the school will receive money for the donated items – the more bags we have, the more funds the school will receive.

If you have lost your Bag to School bag OR possibly wish to donate more than one bag please pop your unwanted clothing in any carrier/bin bag and bring it into the school office by 4pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

## Feedback

Mag Gates continues to improve because we reflect on our successes, but more importantly we take on board feedback. Feedback from children, governors, staff and you at home. Please, never see it as complaining, you are simply trying to help us move forward.

My office door is always open and if I am not in a meeting, I do my utmost to ensure I am available to chat to you– this could be over the phone, face to face or via email.

At Mag Gates we expect all our children to behave courteously to each other in and around school. As role models to our children, this is also an expectation for parents. Anti social behaviour which includes bad language will not be tolerated on our site. We place great emphasis on kindness and respect for one another. Please be mindful of this at all times.

### **Holiday Club Bookings – Mrs Orford**

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the October Holiday Club Booking. You can also find the form on the school's website.

### **Care Rangers**



Look at these smiley people. And deservedly so. The picture is of Liz Earnshaw, Mrs Chapman (EA EYFS) and Mr Huggett (EA Yr5) who, along with Mrs Wahiwala, work with our young carers at Magdalen Gates.

Last Tuesday they travelled to a conference in Huntingdon in recognition of Magdalen Gates' good practice for young carers. Being a great example of how young carers are recognised and can be supported within a school. Magdalen Gates was shown to be a shining example! We are now hoping to gain a Bronze Award for our work around young carers.

During the afternoon they had the opportunity to speak with staff from the Carers Trust and talk about their work to local councillors from across England. A chance to give young carers a voice!

### **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Parents will receive an invite text to the on-line booking system which will go live **tomorrow (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>)**. Remember to book your parent/teacher appointment ASAP to ensure you get the best time for you. If you did not receive your invite text then please inform the school office ASAP of your current mobile contact details.

Mrs Lynn will be available for any of our EAL parents during the parent – catch up evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm to 6pm for any help, guidance or support needed.

The online system is very easy to use but we have added full instructions on to the school website under 'Useful Documents'.

1. Click the link that you receive through text to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show the name of your child.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book. This will even give you the option to add any notes that you might want the teacher to see before the meeting.

After you have entered any notes, please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.

If you have any difficulties in making your appointment, please ring or pop into the office as we can manually book you an appointment.

If you are unable to attend on any of the designated days that the class teacher has available **you will need to speak with the teacher direct** who will try to arrange an alternative, mutually convenient appointment to see you.

*I do expect every parent to make an appointment to speak with the class teacher. These meetings are a valuable chance to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled in since the start of year, to review their progress, and consider next steps in their learning.*

### **School Uniform**



Our aim as a school is to work in partnership with you and we are aware that some of our parents have had problems with the school uniform provider.

If parents/carers could provide their views using the link below we would be very much obliged. The survey is very short with just 3 questions to answer.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZXGRVBN> Thank you.

### **After School Clubs**

We are trying to increase both the number and range of after school clubs we offer. If you have any spare time each week and a skill/talent that you could teach some of children please contact Mrs Bennett or the school office.



### **Spotlight on Tina the cleaner**

Hello, my name is Tina and I am one of the cleaning staff members here at Magdalen Gates. I help maintain the cleanliness of the school and have been working here for 8 years.



### **Diary Dates.....**

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All		Online system 'open' for Parent/Teacher appointments
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr1	9-10am	Yr1 Autumn Café – parents/carers welcome
Thr 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4	9:20-10:20	Yr4 Autumn Care – parents/carers welcome
	By invite	3:30-5pm	MGPS Football team V George White (Away game)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Parents	8:30-9:15am	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
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS	12:30pm	Visit from medical students -Teddy Bears Hospital
Thr 11 <sup>th</sup>	By invite	3:30-5pm	MGPS Football team V Lionwood Junior (Away game)
	All	4pm	Bags to School (last chance to donate any old clothes)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	8:30-9:15am	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
	Yr5	9am	Author Visit – Vashti Hardy
	Y6	9:20-10:20am	Yr6 Autumn café
	All	3:15pm	Bake for Books – hosted by KS1

**Attachment** – October Half term holiday club booking form