



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY

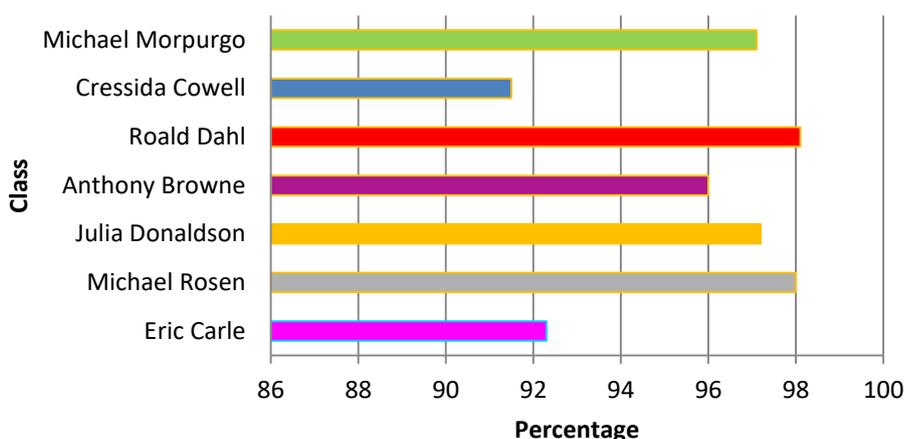


Weekly Newsletter

8/10/2018

Well done to **Year 4** who received the £10 in assembly on Friday with 98.1%. Whole school attendance for the week was 95.8%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Congratulations

Many congratulations to Miss Hunter and Miss Austrin who both welcomed their babies in the last week or so. Mums and babes are doing well and we can't wait to see them for cuddles.

New Booking System for Out of School Club

Please be aware that after half term places for breakfast and after school club can only be booked online using the school money system.

The club will be open to all children that attend the school. Therefore, if you require a regular space for your child/children please ensure you book your places as soon as you receive your text for the month ahead. The club will be operating on a **first come first served** basis, so to avoid not being able to book a space all **current fees must be paid in full by the end of this week please** (12th October) Thank you - Mrs Orford

World Mental Health

On Wednesday 10th October it is World Mental Health Day. As a school we know how important it is for our children to have a healthy mind as well as a healthy body. As well as talking about the positive things in our lives we are also encouraging children to speak up about the feelings that are more difficult to talk about. As part of the day we would like to invite children to **wear something yellow** to school this Wednesday in recognition of this day, any donations you wish to contribute will be sent to MIND.

Children and staff will also be asked to write a positive quote/ message and hang it from a tree in the playground to create a positivity tree.

School Parliament – Latest News

The votes are in and Magdalen Gates School Parliament have been elected

Please welcome your 2018/19 Parliament members;

Curriculum: We will support and raise issues relating to teaching and learning, life skills and extra curriculum activities.

Y6 Minister: Vishva **Council Members:** Y1-Kacie Mae Y2-Poppy Y3-Connie Y4-Zahra Y5-Caitlin

Student Wellbeing: We will support and raise issues relating to the health, behaviour, comfort and happiness of our pupils.

Y6 Minister: Elsie **Council Members:** Y1-Jaden F Y2-Jake Y3-Amber Y4-Ellie-Mae Y5-Joe

Lunch and Break-time: We will support and raise issues relating to the organisation of these periods, school meals and available activities.

Y6 Minister: Harvey **Council Members:** Y1-Isa-Rose Y2-Imogen Y3-Ted Y4-Jude Y5-Missty

Fundraising, Charity and Special Events: This department will support and raise issues relating to whole school events such as spooky day, Children In Need, and Comic Relief.

Y6 Minister: Eleanor **Council Members:** Y1-Elijah Y2-Rhys Y3-Ryan Y4-Jimmy Y5-Ellie

Environment, Resources and Building: We will support and raise issues relating to the resources available in the classroom, the environment of the whole school, and how the site can be improved.

Y6 Minister: Ines **Council Members:** Y1-Moses Y2-Danny Y3-Jamie Y4-Suwichada Y5-Cosmo

Last Wednesday the Parliament met for a welcome meeting and were congratulated on their roles. It is a huge honour to be elected and trusted by your peers and we have no doubt that our members will do a fantastic job. Shortly each member will receive their parliament badge and note book to use for Parliament business. If children have anything they want to discuss or suggest regarding the above areas, they can approach a Parliament member who will report back at our regular meetings.

Child Friendly Policies

Please could we ask that all parents/carers sit down with their children and spend 5/10 minutes reading the attached Child Friendly Attendance policy - keep an eye on the weekly newsletters as we will be sending out more "child friendly" policies for you to read.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Reminder for those who not already done so – please book your parent-teacher meetings Should you be having any difficulties with making an appointment using the on-line system, please call or pop into the school office as soon as possible. We are more than happy to book you an appointment in manually.

Bags To School

Don't forget our Bags to School collection. The more bags we collect; the more money the school will receive. PLEASE bring in any donated old clothing etc. Our collection is **this Thursday!**

FOMG Firework Disco – Friday 2nd November – Tickets on Sale NOW!

For your diaries – the Friends of Magdalen Gates – Firework Disco. Our first FOMG event this year is happening on 2nd November – 6:30pm to 8pm. Tickets are on sale from Jill in the office. Every penny that is raised through these events – supports all the amazing opportunities for our children.

This event will fund part of our Christmas trip to the Hippodrome which on this occasion, will not require any additional parent helpers.

Books for School

Yes! We are collecting – Tokens can be found in the local newspapers, the Eastern Daily Press and the Eastern Evening News. Please do cut out and bring along to school and make sure all grandparents, extended family and friends know we are collecting! For more information please take a look at the attached <http://www.edp24.co.uk/going-out/books-for-schools-2018-free-books-for-schools> for more information.



Reception Intake September 2019

If you are interested in a place for your child in the Reception Class in September 2019, you are invited to visit the school with your child on Thursday 15th November between 9.00 – 12pm.

Request from Pupil to our Parents and Carers

Last week I received a letter from Harry in Yr6 which read...

Dear Miss Fahy – I am interested in helping the homeless in Norwich this year. The homeless in Norwich really struggled with the last winter, so I was wondering if with your help, I could organise a charity event where we can ask the children to dig deep in their closets and find old, unwanted and unused warm winter clothes, blankets and sleeping bags. Once collected my mum and dad will deliver them to the charity The People's Picnic. Thank you for your time. Harry Yr6



If you can help with Harry's request, please drop off your donations into the school office and we shall let Harry know. Thank you.

Eye sight and Hearing Tests

Just a reminder that children can get eye and hearing tests free and we recommend they are accessed every couple of years to ensure your children's needs are met.



Spotlight on Cesar

Greetings to everybody. I am the man you may have seen sometimes emptying the pencil-shaped bins in the playground at pick up time. I started employment at Magdalen Gates in October 2012 but my involvement with the school is some years older, starting when my daughter joined Mrs Ledington's Reception class. She stayed on for the whole of her primary education and now is having a very successful and fun time in High school, in great measure thanks to the solid foundation, social and academic, she received at our school.

I joined the school support staff as a cleaner and later also took up one of the MSA roles, I'm the "dinner man" your children may have mentioned at home. For a long while I was also the main minibus driver, until a couple of years ago. I still drive the bus a coup-le of times every year for the holiday club.

The rest of the time I help out at the Whisky Shop in Norwich. I also study and perform music, as a bass player, both on electric and upright bass (a highlight of my career is having played with the Vagaband at our former deputy Heads wedding reception party)

I enjoy the usefulness of my duties here and the interaction with the school community. I have lived in many places over the years and can say that, with the exception of the place where I grew up back in La Coruna, Spain, NR3 is the place where I have got to know the most people and feel most at home, very much thanks to this amazing institution, Magdalen Gates School.

It's great to see the children growing up year after year and their personalities maturing. Just to say I came to the UK back in 1993 and have lived here uninterrupted ever since! Apart from Spanish I can make myself understood in Portuguese too - Don't be shy to speak to me.

Diary Dates.....

Wed 10 th	All	All day	World Health Day – Pupils to wear something yellow
	EYFS	12:30pm	Visit from medical students -Teddy Bears Hospital
Thr 11 th	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 th	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	1:45-2:45pm	Yr6 Autumn café
	All	3:15pm	Bake for Books – hosted by KS1
Mon 15 th	EYFS	9-12pm	EYFS Parent Teacher meetings – Meeting room
	Yr1	1-1:30pm	Yr1 Parent Teacher meetings -Meeting room
Tue 16 th	Yr2	9-12pm	Yr2 Parent Teacher meetings – Meeting room
	Yr1 & Yr2	1-2pm	Trip to Playhouse
Wed 17 th	Yr5	9:30-12:12pm	Visit to Open Venue – Science Project
	Yr4	9-12pm	Yr4 Parent Teacher meetings – Meeting room
	Yr5	1:30-3:30pm	Yr5 Parent Teacher meetings – Heads room
	Yr3	1:30-3:30pm	Yr3 Parent Teacher meetings – Meeting room
Thr 18 th	Yr6	9-12:30pm	Yr6 Parent Teacher meetings – Meeting room
	All Years	3:30-6pm	All years Parent Teacher meetings – in classes
Fri 19 th	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
		3:15pm	School Closes for Half Term