



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



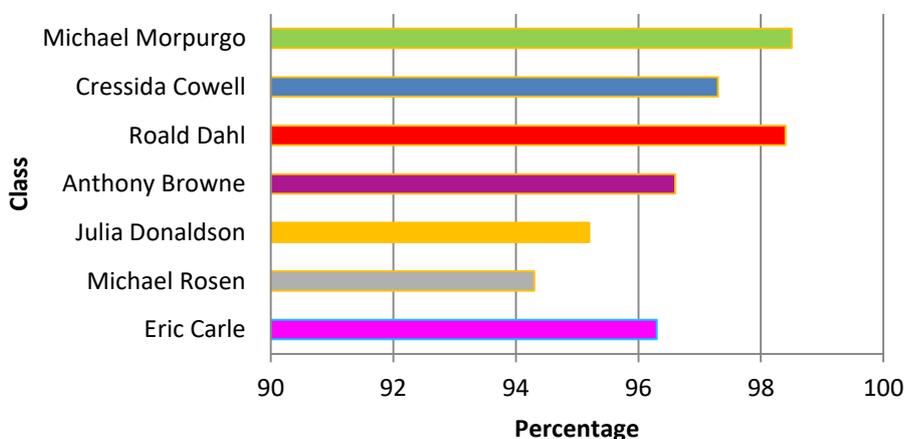
# Weekly Newsletter

05/11/2018

Well done to Year 6 who received the £10 in assembly on Friday. Whole school attendance for the week was 96.5%

## Attendance Bar Chart:

### Weekly Attendance Percentage



## Welcome Ruth

We are delighted to welcome Ruth Lambert as our new Educational Assistant in Year 1 to cover Miss Hunter's maternity leave.

## Disco Reminder

Bonfire themed disco this Friday, 6:30-8pm. Hotdogs and refreshments will be on sale throughout the evening and tickets are available from the office. Adults £2, Child £1, Preschool 50p and family ticket (2 adults+2 children) £5. Please remember that all children must be accompanied by an adult. Still time to fill up the pint pots and return to school!

## REMEMBRANCE DAY WW1 Centenary Red for Remembrance

We shall be commemorating Remembrance Day this Friday - 9<sup>th</sup> November.

We ask for the children to dress up in something **red for the day** and bring in a contribution to go towards the Poppy Appeal to this end. It is a particularly poignant occasion this year as it is 100 years since the end of the First World War. We shall be thinking about this occasion throughout the day.



## **Book Tokens**

Extra tokens are being made available in the local press over the next few days.....please support our school and help fill our library with loads of lovely new books for your children.



## **GDPR Audit Visit**

Following our first GDPR audit visit I am happy to share with you some findings:

*“The school is proactive with GDPR compliance and has a GDPR working group, including a member of staff who has been completing mini audit walks prior to the visit. GDPR is also a regular item at Governor Meetings. Staff have been trained and the school has completed the main GDPR policies (accessible via the school website). The school has also completed an eco-map for all data.”*

## **Whole School Art Café**



All parents are welcome to come into school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 2-3pm for a whole school Art Cafe.

The Whole School Cafes give parents/carers an insight into how our children work within our school setting and most importantly gives YOU the opportunity to share their learning and creativity with them at school, this in turn builds their own self confidence (it's also a lot of fun!)

We do appreciate that not all parents will be able to attend due to work or other commitments, but there will be other opportunities, held at different times in the day for those unable to participate with their child(ren) this time.

## **For Parents Information – Joanna Scott Foundation**

The Joanna Scott Foundation is a Norwich based Charitable Trust who offer grants which are available for the education of young people under the age of 25 who live within a five-mile radius of Norwich.

Families are encouraged to apply individually and the application form can be downloaded from <http://www.foundationofjoannascott.org.uk/>

Examples of grants are:- School uniform, school outings and residential visits, music tuition and extra-curricular activities, (plus equipment and materials for any of the mentioned)

## **School Lunches**

Please remember that you can order school lunches in advance for your child(ren) up until 14th December. For KS1 parents who do not have to pay, booking in advance can save any last-minute panics of what to have for lunch. We have a new Autumn/Winter menu on Schoolmoney and there are now additional options for EYFS and Years 1 and 2, so there really are lots of choices for all pupils.



If you have problems with logging in to Schoolmoney then please call into the office to see Wendy or Jill who can help you to order and/or pay for meals. If you are unable to come into the office, then please call and we can check we have your correct details and also try to log in for you whilst you are on the phone. If you have no credit on your phone, then we can call you.

## Anti-Bullying Week 12<sup>TH</sup> November



The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is: 'Choose Respect,' and runs from Monday 12th - 16th November;

To help raise awareness, we ask that all children come into school next Monday with a pair of odd socks on. The odder the better!

For more information please follow the link:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>

## Parents Survey

Please find attached with this newsletter a brief survey - we would love you to email back your reply ([admin@magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk)) so we can collate responses with everyone in our school community.

## Isle of Wight Trip

I am delighted to confirm that the Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight will go ahead. Further details will follow in the New Year – they will have a brilliant time 😊.

## On-line Safety Workshop for all Parents/Carers

Please come along to an online safety session on Monday 26th November in the main school hall at 3.30pm. We will be talking about the challenges our young persons encounter and what parents/carers can do to help and support them. There will also be an opportunity to raise any concerns.

## Spooky Day 2018..... Wicked Wednesday



*What a fantastic day we all had!* We were really thrilled to see so many amazing pumpkins, and did anyone recognise the Incredible Hulk on the school gate that morning?

The School Parliament did a brilliant job of organising the day. They had the extremely tough job of judging all the spooky costumes, brilliantly carved pumpkins and beautiful colouring which children came in with on the day. A big thank you to all those who participated and huge congratulations to the winners! The children all looked fantastic, with lots of wonderful costumes and some really unusual and creative face painting.

The school's TV monitor has been updated with some of the photos from the day, so parents are welcome to come and have a look next time they enter the school.

## **Visible Learning Council**

A Visible Learning Council will soon be formed to run alongside and support the Visible Learning journey our school has recently embarked upon. As Visible Learners our pupils will have a deeper understanding of what it means to be a good learner and what is needed to make good progress.

## **Read, Write Inc – THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10:30am**

Just a reminder that Mrs Callaghan is repeating the Read Write Inc, workshop that was held back in October. This is an opportunity for those that could not make the original meeting to come along and hear how you can help support your child with reading at home.

## **Governor Visit - Destination Reader**

*“This term I have had the pleasure of reviewing the progress of both the new Phonics and Destination Reader programmes. In September I had the privilege of working with Ms Callaghan as she showed me the way the children in the early years, their teachers, Education Assistants and volunteer readers are enjoying the new Phonics scheme. I can say from personal experience that when listening to a 5 or 6 year old sounding the words out and grasping the word fully for the first time and understanding what it means is a truly magical moment.*

*Last week I had the privilege of working with Mr Hamment on the new Destination Reader programme. It was inspiring to see the way the programme is being embedded into the learning of such a key life skill. Early indicators are showing that more children are enjoying reading, the library is packed with exciting books that will capture the imagination of all and are grouped to ensure everyone is catered for. The high expectations of reading built in by Mr Hamment means that the books are both fun and have a level of challenge within them so that the children don't just practice what they can already do, but push themselves out of their comfort zone.*

*Keep your eyes open for the next reading opportunities to follow the “Readathon” - Mr Hamment will have news on that for you all shortly, as well as his recommended booklist for each year group.*

*Thank you to both Ms Callaghan and Mr Hamment for giving so freely of your time and for the inspirational leadership of these two key parts of school life” - Mr Sean O Neill (Governor)*

## **Signing In at School**

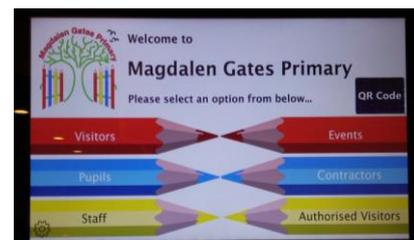


**The importance of signing in and signing out cannot be over-emphasised.** Should there be an emergency in school, it will only be possible to account for pupils, parents and visitors whom we know are in school, so we do need parents to remember to sign in should they come into school during the day.

This also means if your child is late for school you must go to the school office to register the lateness using the Entrysign system. This is very important to remember as the teachers now send the registers electronically to the office and will no longer be able to mark them in if you arrive late with your child. Early Years and KS1 children should be accompanied by their parents to sign in. KS2 children are expected to use the Entrysign system themselves.

All late arrivals have to be recorded and parents will be asked to come in and discuss this with Miss Fahy if their child is persistently late. Lateness leads to missed learning, an unsettled day and disrupts the learning of all the other children too.

The Entrysign system must also be used if you need to take your child out of school during the day, for example, for a medical appointment. You must sign your child **out** using the monitor and when returning, remember to sign them back in.



**We would be very grateful for your support in helping us to maintain the security of our school site and in safeguarding your child(ren) at school.**

### School Photographs



The School Photographer will be in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Fahy has agreed again this year to allow younger siblings/pre-school to have their photo taken with pupils. If you would like your child to have their photo taken with a younger sibling we ask that you ring or let the school office know.

We hope the sibling group photos can be taken immediately after registration, but we cannot give a definite time so please be patient (don't forget to sign in at the school office 😊)

### Diary Dates

Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS	3:30-5pm	EYFS Extra Parent Teacher appointments
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3	9am	Yr3 How Hill Residential – depart
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup>	All EYFS+KS1 Parents	10:30am	Read, Write Inc – extra launch session for parents
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	All day	REMEMBRANCE FRIDAY – All children to wear something <b>RED</b> Donation to Poppy Appeal 2018
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
	Yr4	9-12:30pm	Food Discovery
	Yr3	TBA	Yr3 How Hill Residential – arrive back to school
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	All	6:30-8pm	FOMG Firework Disco – tickets available school office Anti Bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks Children In Need fundraising week
	All	9-12pm	School Photos
Thr 15 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	9-12pm	Magdalen Gates OPEN MORNING
Fri 16 <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
	Yr2	9:20-10:20am	Yr2 Autumn Café
	ALL	2-3pm	Whole School Art Café – all welcome
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS+Yr1Parents	12-1pm	EYFS+Yr1 Parents invited to join their child for lunch
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4	9-12:30pm	Intu Film Festival visit
	Yr2+Yr3 Parents	12:30-1:30pm	Yr2+Yr3 Parents invited to join their child for lunch
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Yr5	9:15-10:15am	Yr5 Autumn Café (please note rescheduled date)
	Yr4 Parents	12:30-1:30pm	Yr4 Parents invited to join their child for lunch
Thr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr5+Yr6 Parents	12:30-1:30pm	Yr5+Yr6 Parents invited to join their child for lunch
Fri 23 <sup>rd</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

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS	1-3pm	Visit to Waterloo Park + Britannia Park Café
	ALL	3:30pm	Parents On-line Safety Workshop for all parents/carers
Fri 30th	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
	Yr4	1:30-2:30pm	Food Discovery
	Yr3 Parents	2:45pm	Yr3 Class Assembly – parents and extended family welcome
	All	3:15pm	Bake for Books – Hosted by KS2

Attached – Parent survey  
Swimming offer