



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



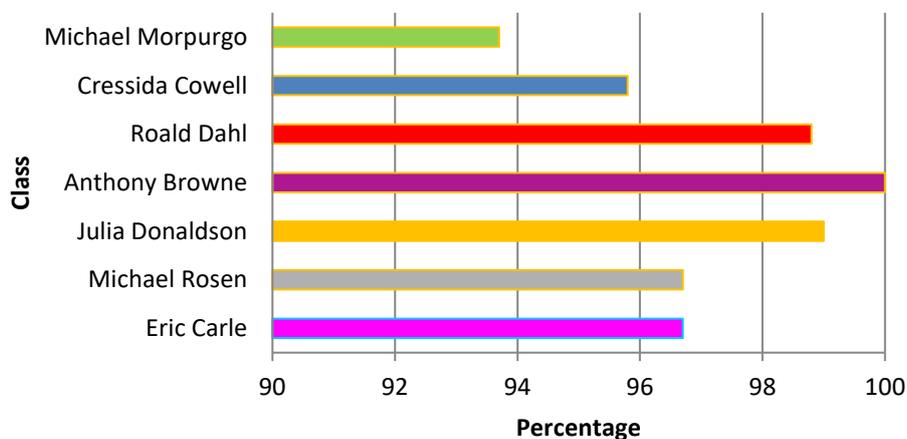
Weekly Newsletter

12/11/2018

Well done to Year 3 who received £20 in assembly on Friday as they achieved 100% last week. Well done! Whole school attendance for the week was 97.3%

Attendance Chart:

Weekly Attendance Percentage



EYFS/KS1 Nativity

EYFS and KS1 are busy beginning their preparation for the Christmas performance, "Born in a Barn". There's a good deal of commotion in a Bethlehem stable when the animals realise that there's a baby in the barn! The cows, sheep, pigs, cat and cockerel all learn about their special guest from the donkey that brought the baby along as well as the guests that follow.

As more and more visitors arrive to greet the new king, the animals slowly realise what a privilege it is to share their home with such an important baby.

Come and share in the excitement with your children on Tuesday 11th December at 1:45pm or Wednesday 12th December at 9:30am. Tickets will be available nearer the time.

KS2 Christmas Performance

This year KS2 classes will be hosting a traditional carol concert, in the PE Hall. Each class will be reciting a traditional seasonal poem, and we will be singing Christmas carols.

We would like to invite all parents and family members to come along and join in with this festive event. Thursday 13th December 6pm, in the PE Hall. Watch the weekly newsletter for information when tickets go on sale.

PLEASE READ

Staff are seeing an increase in the number of children arriving at school with an inadequate packed lunch or no lunch ordered on-line. Please see Miss Fahy or Miss Collision if anyone is struggling.

We can help.

Current class vacancies

Reception - 0 places, Year 1 - 0 places, Year 2 - 1 place, Year 3 - 0 places, Year 4 - 0 places, Year 5 - 6 places, Year 6 - 0 places. Please contact the main office for more information on pupil place availability.

Christmas Choir

Mrs Coulthart sent out a text early last week for any children in KS2 who would be interested in joining the Christmas Choir. She has had some interest, but it would be really lovely if more children took part. Everyone in our community looks forward to hearing the children singing and they always receive a warm welcome. Please let Mrs Coulthart know if your child would be interested or leave a message with the ladies in the office who will pass on your child's details to her.



Thank you

From all the pupils and staff, a BIG thank you to Mpaji's mum for coming in and leading a really informative and fun assembly last Monday afternoon.

Governors' Learning Walk- Mr Wadsworth

Ms Collison lead a team of Governors consisting of Dave Wadsworth, Richard Bearman, Amrick Wahiwala, Hannah Robinson, Annika Musgrave and Sean O'Neill on a Learning Walk to conduct a book review. We visited all the classes in the school and collected from each, samples of Work Books and Maths Books. The aim was to inspect the books to see the extent to which the presentation codes were being adhered to across the school.

We are pleased to say that the codes were being followed to a very great extent and that the presentation was both clear and uniform across the school. This is a significant improvement in an area to which the OFSTED Inspectors had drawn attention. It was noticeable in all classes that there was a significant improvement in both presentation and quality of work as the term progressed. Teacher comments are clearly being made and learning is taking place. It was a pleasure for us all to see how well the school and the pupils are doing.

Read Write Inc Launch Sessions ALL EYFS, YR1 AND YR2 PARENTS

*It is important that parents in EYFS, Yr1 and Yr2 have had an opportunity to attend a meeting regarding the school's launch of Read, Write Inc. The first session was held after school on 1st October and 27 parents attended, repeat session last Thursday at 10:30am, 8 parents. I realise that still leaves quite a lot of parents who have not yet attended. I am therefore going to repeat this workshop again on **Tuesday 27th November at 2:30pm.** I hope this will enable our parents who have not yet been able to attend so far to come along to this session.*

If you would prefer to have a 1-1 appointment with me regarding Read Write Inc then please come and speak to me on the EYFS playground straight after school or leave a message in the school office – Mrs Callaghan.

Mental Health Champion Training and Our Provision – Mrs Wahiwala



I am in the process of completing the Mental Health Foundation Training. This is through the Link Project (made up of the following: Ormiston Families, Point 1, MAP and NSFT) Their aim is to provide support and training to individuals, like me, working in children's universal settings in order to enhance knowledge and awareness of CYP mental health issues, strengthen communication between schools and mental health services, improve the timelines of referrals and prevent inappropriate referrals.

Provision

At Magdalen Gates we endeavour to promote wellbeing and exploration of self. We are always thinking of new ways in which children can raise any concerns that they have. Currently we have a What's up box, which all the children are aware of.

When I am left notes I will discreetly invite the child into the Finding Me More room to explore whatever's going on for them.

We have also asked all the children at Magdalen Gates to identify adults that they feel they can trust and talk to. If a child seems to be struggling, they are reminded about their chosen adults. Similarly, if a teacher or a parent has a concern, they too can refer the child to me for an informal chat, and if I feel that further support/ intervention is required then I will discuss this with the parent before making any referrals.

The Finding Me More room offers a safe, empathic space free from judgment, in the hope that children can really explore what is going on for them.

Young Carers

We are a LEAD school for supporting our Young Carers and all our staff remain vigilant. For our children at school, carrying out caring responsibilities can become physically or emotionally tiring so at Mag Gates we offer half an hour session, once a week to our Care Rangers to do various activities. We can also provide additional information and advice - please do come into school and see our notice board - just past the fish tank, through the doors and on the left-hand side.

How Hill

The children and staff had an amazing time at How Hill last week on our Year 3 residential. A massive thank you to all the staff who lead this trip. If you discover you have missing clothing, Miss Sivananthan collected up 2 bags of various items of clothing which were had been left by the children in the rooms. Please collect by Wednesday morning from the school office.

Children In Need – Show Your Spots!



Friday 16th November is Children in Need day at Magdalen Gates! You can get involved and do your bit to help us raise money in a few different ways:

- Dress up- All children are invited to show their spots and dress up in their spottiest clothes for a donation of 50p on Friday 16th.
- Donate to our **Book and Bake Sale**-We are looking for **donations** of any unwanted and outgrown books you may have at home. These can be placed in the donation box by the fish tank any day from now until 16th. Any kind of books in a sell-able condition, from children's to adults' would be greatly received.
- Are you a great baker? Then your donations of delicious treats (**no nuts** please) would be appreciated to sell alongside the donated books. Please bring these in on Friday morning.
- Come to our **Book and Bake Sale** in the hall on Friday 16th November at 3:15pm. Treat yourselves to a bargain book and a tasty cake.



Anti-Bullying Week



The theme for this year's Anti-bullying week is to **choose respect over bullying**. As part of PSHE and whole school assemblies the children and staff will be discussing:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

Parents for Lunch – Hot and Packed Lunch

We would like to invite parents/carers to come into school and join their child(ren) for lunch. This gives parents/carers the opportunity to taste our delicious meals for themselves, as well as experiencing lunch time at school. Even if your child usually brings in a home packed lunch, we would still like to invite you... just bring in a packed lunch too!

- Mon 19th November – EYFS and Yr1 Parents (12-1pm)
- Tue 20th November – Yr2 Parents (12-1pm) + Yr3 Parents (12:30-1:30pm)
- Wed 21st November – Yr4 Parents (12:30-1:30)
- Thur 22nd November – Yr5 + Yr6 Parents (12:30-1:30pm)

All parents who wish to join their child for hot lunch MUST come into the office to make their meal choice and order direct with Jill IN ADVANCE. Payment will be required when you order and it is CASH only. Adult meals are £2.76 for 2 courses.

Sensory Room Bid

The school has submitted a bid for funding from the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund (HPCF).

This fund is intended to improve children's physical and mental health by improving and increasing availability to facilities for physical activity, healthy eating, mental health/wellbeing and medical conditions.

With this in mind we have submitted a plan to convert an unused area within school into a sensory support room. This specially designed room will provide a therapeutic environment for our pupils and will contain a range of stimuli to help our pupils develop, improve their physical skills and engage their senses.

We hope to hear early December as to whether we have been successful with this bid and will keep parents informed.

Decoration Day

Parents are very welcome to come and join us for any of the Decoration Day sessions on Friday 7th December. Siblings are most welcome too.

The children are mixed up across the whole school so you might have to hunt around to find your child(ren).

- Session 1: 9-10.15am
- Session 2: 10.45-11.45am
- Session 3: 1.30-2.30pm

Come and join in the Christmas glitter and tinsel madness. Please remember to sign in at the office.



Minibus Driving - Swimming

Thank you to Hari and Nathan's mum who offered to volunteer and help transport our pupils to their important swimming lessons and passed the Minibus Assessment undertaken with Norfolk County Council transport team with flying colours.

Out of School Club News



We are planning to open for three activity days at Christmas. These days will be Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st of December from 10am until 3pm.

Attached to this newsletter is the booking form. Please note spaces are limited so you will need to make full payment for the sessions required when you return your booking form into the school office.

Call me on 01603 622675 option 2 or email me at magdalengatesoutofschoolclub55@yahoo.com if you need any further information – Mrs Orford

Parent View

Parent View gives all parents and carers the chance to tell Ofsted what they think about their child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time. This term we have only had 10 responses and our target is to reach 50! Please can you spare 2 minutes to follow the link and give your views? <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/15631/9> - Thank you

School's Emergency Mobile Number

We have updated the school's emergency mobile phone – the new number is 07789049302.

Tapestry Art Challenge

The following children have received their Tapestry Art Challenge certificates in assembly. Well done everyone!

EYFS - Rahil, Rose, Wren, Benjamin, Harvey, Edward, Tilly, Tove and Jack

Yr1 – Felix, Leo, Kacie-Mae, Sonny, Katherine, Aiden, Molly, Khaleesi

Yr2 – Tymmy, Poppy, Ruby, Beth, Prahang and Cameron

Yr3 – John, Jack, Freddy, Holly+ Amber, Poppy and Tom

Yr4 – Zahra, Freddie, Lily

Yr5 – Rosa and Emily

Yr6 – Emily, Harvey, Eleanor, Norah, Ines

Look out for the next Tapestry Challenge which will be set ready for the Christmas holiday.

Book Tokens....please keep collecting....



Thank you for supporting our Books for Schools. We have been informed by Archant that they will be issuing some extra token bonanza dates when the tokens are worth ten of their usual amount! You can find the extra tokens in both the Eastern Daily Press and the Eastern Evening News on **November** 13th, 14th, 17th, 27th and 28th. **December** 1st & 8th –

In case you have extended family out of the immediate Norwich area, please let them know there are 10 bonus tokens also appearing soon in the The Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, North Norfolk News, Dereham Times and Fakenham Times.



Spotlight: Sarah - Kitchen

Hello, I am Sarah and I work in the kitchen, preparing the main hall ready for the children’s lunches and doing all the washing up afterwards. I always enjoy seeing the children and teachers come into the kitchen asking for the food and leaving clean plates at the end of lunch. I think Magdalen Gates is such a friendly school to work in and I can’t believe I have now worked here for over 9 years. Time has gone very quickly.



Diary Dates

Wed 14 th	Yr3	10-12:30pm	Yr3 Cinema trip
	Yr5	10-2pm	Yr5 Cinema trip
	Choir	3:15-4:15pm	Christmas Choir practice
Thr 15 th	ALL	9-12pm	Magdalen Gates OPEN MORNING – Everyone welcome
Fri 16 th	All day	All day	Children In Need Day
			(optional non uniform day) Come in Spotty clothes & donate 50p
	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
	Yr6	9:15-12:45pm	Yr6 Cinema trip – Greatest Showman
	ALL	2-3pm	Whole School Art Café. All parents/carers, extended family welcome
	ALL	3:15pm	Children in Need Book & Bake Sale – PLEASE donate your books.
Mon 19 th	EYFS+Yr1Parents	12-1pm	EYFS+Yr1 Parents invited to join their child for lunch
Tue 20 th	Yr4	9-12:30pm	Yr4 Cinema City trip
	Yr2+Yr3 Parents	12:30-1:30pm	Yr2+Yr3 Parents invited to join their child for lunch
Wed 21 st	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
	EYFS & Yr1	3:15-4pm	Parents invited for workshop regarding Mathematics Mastery
Thr 22 nd	Yr5+Yr6 Parents	12:30-1:30pm	Yr5+Yr6 Parents invited to join their child for lunch
Fri 23 rd	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 th	EYFS	1-3pm	Visit to Waterloo Park + Britannia Park Café
	ALL	3:30pm	Parents On-line Safety Workshop for all parents/carers
Thr 29 th	Yr5	12:30-3pm	Visit to Mexican restaurant
Fri 30 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
	Yr2	9:20-10:20am	Yr2 Autumn Café (this is a rescheduled date)
	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
Mon 1 st	EYFS+KS1	1:30-2:30pm	Magician visit
Wed 5 th	By invite	12-2pm	Care Rangers Xmas lunch at The Street Café
Thur 6 th	By invite	12-2pm	Care Rangers Xmas lunch at The Street Café
Fri 7 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
	All	All day	DECORATION DAY –
		3:15pm	Magdalen Gates Christmas Fair

Keep a close watch on the diary dates section as visits/trips/events are being put on all the time. We try really hard to keep with the times and dates but occasionally events have to be rescheduled so please do keep checking.

Attached Out of School Christmas Booking form

