



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY

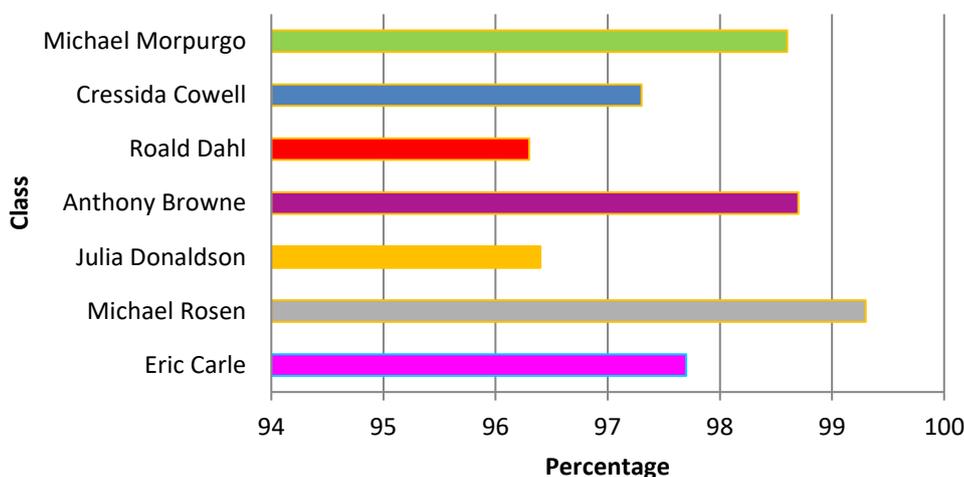


Weekly Newsletter

03/12/2018

Well done to **Year 1** who received the £10 in assembly on Friday. Whole school attendance for the week was 97.8%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



22 sleeps to **Christmas**....

Two weeks ago, we had our families' week where parents/carers were invited in to have lunch and spend time with their children during lunchtime. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend; the whole week went really well and we appreciate all your positive comments. A huge thank you to our cook Jill, plus the rest of the kitchen team and all our wonderful MSAs for ensuring that the week went well. Open morning was a huge success with lots of prospective parents visiting our school – they were all very impressed. Our Celebration assemblies on a Friday have so many different awards and opportunities for us to celebrate our children's success – it's definitely my favourite part of the week 😊 Miss Fahy.

Changes to Lunch Menu – Important

As from January 3rd there will be a small price increase for KS2 lunches bringing them up to £2.30 from £2.20. This price change will be reflected on Schoolmoney in the new year and will be the first price increase for almost 3 years. Also, we will be adding the school packed lunch option for KS1 pupils so all children throughout the school will have the same lunch choices.

Reminders:

- Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school – trainers and hoodies are not part of this. Thank you for your support with this.
- Don't forget to return your consent forms for our Hippodrome trip. 😊

Sensory Room

Exciting news to report. We were successful in our bid to develop our own SENSORY room at Mag Gates – This is such an exciting project!

Sensory rooms in schools are still far from the norm, especially in mainstream schools, but they have an important role to play for many children. They provide a therapeutic environment for children with autism and other special educational needs and mental well-being struggles. A massive well done to Jill who submitted the successful bid! Jill has already started the process and we hope to have this project completed by September 2019!



Responding to your children's work

Leadership, Subject Leads and Governors have a relentless focus on learning. Part of this involves looking at the work in your child's book regularly. Some of the strategies we use to make sure our children receive effective feedback, edit and improve their work and move their learning forward are:

GREEN IS GREAT!
Green highlighting means

GREAT

What have you done particularly well in this part of your work

THINK PINK
Pink highlighting means

THINK

What can you do to correct or improve this part of your work?

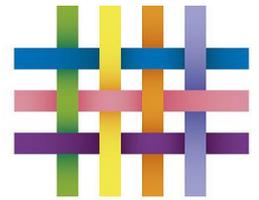
PUPIL PURPLE
We use our purple pens to improve our own work (thinking about anything marked in pink).
We use purple pens for both self and peer assessment.

Tapestry Update Mrs. Welch, Tapestry Lead & Educational Assistant Yr6

I wanted to reassure parents that I regularly monitor and troubleshoot Tapestry issues and respond to any queries as soon as possible. However, as mentioned before, this can be a huge task and I wanted to thank you all once again for your patience whilst waiting for support with any Tapestry issues.

If you do have any issues, please do contact me, preferably via email:

tapestry@magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk. Alternatively, come and speak to me on a Friday morning from 8:30-9:15 am.



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING
JOURNAL

- **Sibling accounts**

I am aware that sibling accounts are still proving troublesome for some parents, so please if you are experiencing problems with your sibling account, do not hesitate to contact me (see above).

- **Year 6 pupil accounts**

Thank you too to the Year 6 children who have signed up to access Tapestry (and to their parents for supporting this). Each of you have been allocated an Nsix account and I am in the process of sending out letters with details of how to login to your email and Tapestry accounts. If you need help with any of this please ask an adult or older sibling at home. If you still cannot set up your account, please do come and find me (or email me at tapestry@magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk - please note this email is for **Tapestry issues only**) and I will happily help you to set up your account. Parents can also contact me via email on the above address to ask any questions regarding the Year 6 pupil's accounts (or any other Tapestry issues).

- **Homework**

Please remember Homework is set on Tapestry - please speak to your teacher if you have difficulty with this. I am planning to produce a guide to accessing and uploading homework to Tapestry which will be available after Christmas from the office.

Finally, for all our pupils –

Tapestry **Christmas** Challenge



Go for a Christmas walk or pile the children in the car, put on some [Christmas tunes](#), and drive, walk or even cycle around to homes or neighbourhoods known for their over-the-top Christmas lights displays and take a picture and post on Tapestry – Miss Fahy

Yoga For All

Complete beginners as well as those with more experience are all welcome to come and join in at yoga classes at Magdalen Gates Primary School. A new class will start on **Monday 14th January 2019** at 7.15 – 8.45pm.

The classes are not strenuous and are a combination of gentle structured movement and breath, encouraging the stresses and tensions of the body and mind to fall away. If you are interested to know more, contact Elaine at Email: e.flower675@gmail.com Tel: 01603 763441



Pupil Survey

Children will be completing our annual pupil survey in school this week. It is a chance for children's voices to be heard across the school as their feedback is highly valued and an important part of our growth as a school. Once all the surveys are in, results will be analysed and the school parliament will meet to discuss and act upon any issues raised.

Governor Spotlight – Dave

Hello my name is Dave Wadsworth and I am one of the Governors at Magdalen Gates.

My wife Denise and I have been in education for most of our working lives, myself as a lecturer and Denise as a lecturer too and then as a EA. When we retired and moved to Norwich, we both missed the contact with children and education a lot and wanted to give something back, so we volunteered as readers at the school about 12 years ago.

We both absolutely love coming into school two afternoons a week and listening to the children read. Over the years we have seen children progress from Reception to Year 6 and watched them grow and flourish. Seven years ago, Cara asked me if I would consider being a Governor, and I was very pleased to join the Governing body. Initially I was a Community Governor and I am now a Co-Opted Governor.

The role of the Governors in which I am most involved is to support, guide and challenge the school in terms of its vision, strategic direction and educational performance. I Chair the Curriculum and Standards Committee and am also the SEND governor. I sit on the Safeguarding Committee and help monitor the Head's Performance Management, so I am quite often in school 3 days a week. It is a privilege and a pleasure to be part of such a lovely school and we both love every minute of our time here.

Christmas Performances



Available now from the school office (**mornings only**)
@ £1 each.

Born in a Barn – EYFS/KS1

Preparations for the Christmas nativity 'Born in a Barn' are under way. Dates for the two EYFS/KS1 performances are Tuesday 11th December at 1:45pm and Wednesday 12th December at 9:30am. **Children have been bringing home letters for help with their costumes**, so please have a rummage in their book bags. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Christmas Carol Performance – KS2

There will be one performance for KS2's Christmas Performance at 6pm on Thursday 13th December.

Tickets are now on sale for all performances. There will be an initial allocation of two tickets per family - any extra tickets purchased will go on sale later (a text will be sent). Siblings across the school will have the chance to watch both performances at school before parents are invited. Please note that each performance will be limited to 100 people due to health and safety regulations.

Clothes for Forest School

Forest School will continue for pupils through all seasons so we will run through the winter and early spring months. If you have any unwanted hoodies, jumpers, long sleeved t-shirts or tracksuit bottoms at home that you could donate to us, we would be most grateful. Although parents will be reminded to provide layers for their child if they are attending Forest School, there may be times when a child isn't dressed appropriately for the weather. We are looking for clothes to fit children from ages 5-11. Please could you help us by ensuring that donations are clean and washed. Thank you - *Miss Sivananthan*



Maths Meeting – Feedback from Mr O’Neill

During the morning of Monday 26th, I had great pleasure of witnessing the Maths Meetings in progress. Each class across the school has a 15-minute Maths meeting every day and during this time they are learning Maths techniques collectively and collaboratively, using a whole set of activities within quite a tight structure.

I was able to see the Reception class chanting days and months before going in to ten times table. Each year group subsequently seen had a different technique, but one common factor was **FUN**. The pupils were all engaged in the activity and gaining enjoyment and knowledge from it.

Many thanks to Miss Bramble for giving me the opportunity to visit and to see the meetings in action and all pupils enjoying and showing that maths is fun. – Mr Shaun O’Neill



Traffic Light Cards

At Magdalen Gates we give the achievement of good attendance and punctuality high priority. To help parents keep track of their child’s attendance we use a traffic light card system. Cards are colour coded to indicate pupils’ attendance percentage. On the last day of term, every child will be sent home with their coloured attendance card- data will be taken from 6th September to 6th December 2018.

Blue – 99-100% OUTSTANDING!

Green – 95+% Good

Orange – 85-94% Worrying

Red – 84% and below Very worrying

Wow Bricks



We had lovely news last week regarding Ilham and her brother Iyyad, both in KS2. Iyyad has already become a Sixer in his cub pack and Ilham a Secondar.

This is fantastic for both of them as they only joined the Cubs at the beginning of the summer. Both of them have been impressing the Cub leader with their skills and enthusiasm. Iyyad and Ilham should be doubly pleased with themselves; in November they received certificates for completing their first steps in becoming fencing world champions! They join the other amazing pupils with a Wow brick displayed in the main hall.

PE After School Clubs in January

After the Christmas holidays, we will be opening our Monday dance club up to the whole of KS2. We will have a Year 1 and 2 multi skills club, a KS2 multi sports club, Years 1-3 football club and a Years 4-6 football club.

Traffic Warden



Mandy Lollipop would like parents to be aware that we are due for a traffic warden blitz at any time. Reminder that it is an offence to pick up and drop off on the zig zag lines outside the school. Traffic wardens will automatically issue a ticket to anyone parking on these lines which means a £90 fine and 3 points on your license. Parents have been warned.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Non-uniform
day!

Non-uniform
day!

and Decoration Day...

Please don't forget we have our Christmas Fair **this Friday!** If you have not already done so, please return the pint pots back to school ASAP. The FOMG ladies would still love ANY DONATIONS of gifts for the tombola, including alcohol and cakes. Thank you.

Due to the anticipated amounts of glitter, glue and paint, children are welcome to come into school in non-uniform on Friday.



Parents are also reminded that they are invited to come along to the schools Musical Showcase Concert with Victoria Arnall and her pupils at 6:30pm on Friday in the PE Hall
Tickets are FREE and available to pick up from the school office.



It's certainly going to be a busy day and evening at school!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As this is the last Newsletter of 2018, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and send you all the best wishes for a fantastic 2019.

It is only by working in close partnership with all members of the school community that we can continue to be such a happy and successful school - so please remember your support is valued and we welcome your views and comments. Don't forget, school reopens at 8.45 a.m. on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Diary Dates

Tue 4 th	Yr1	9-12pm	Yr1 Puppet workshop
Wed 5 th	By invite	12-2pm	Care Rangers Xmas lunch at The Street Café
Thur 6 th	ALL	9-10:30	Christmas Coffee morning - All parents/carers/extended family very welcome
	Yr6	10-12pm	Visit Norwich Central Baptist Church - workshop
	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 – Non uniform
		3:15pm	Magdalen Gates CHRISTMAS FAIR
Mon 10 th	All Parents	6:30pm	Magdalen Gates Musical Showcase Concert with Victoria Arnull
Tue 11 th	EYFS+KS1	11:45am	EYFS+ KS1 Christmas lunch
	Yr3, 4, 5 & 6	12:15-1:30pm	KS2 Christmas lunch
	EYFS+KS1	1:45pm	Christmas Play “Born in a Barn”
	Yr3	2-3pm	Yr3 Autumn Café
Wed 12 th	EYFS+KS1	9:30am	Christmas Play “Born in a Barn”
Thur 13 th	KS2	6:00pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
	By invite	9-12:30pm	Termly attendance trip – Bowling at Riverside
Fri 14 th	All		Tapestry Christmas Challenge Set. No Tapestry Drop-in due to trip
	Whole School	9-3:15pm	Whole School Trip -Hippodrome Christmas Spectacular
	All	3:15pm	Traffic Light attendance cards home
	All	3:15pm	School Closes for Christmas holiday
Thr 3 rd	All	8:45am	School Reopens
Fri 4 th	Yr5	-	Yr5 swimming starts
	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 7 th	Yr3	-	Yr3 Swimming starts
	Yr6	3:30-4:30pm	Yr6 Boosters
Wed 9 th	Yr6	3:30-4:30pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thr 10 th	Yr5	1:30-3pm	Bridewell Museum visit
Fri 11 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



Attachments –

Silver Road Community Centre lantern making workshop

Waste-free Christmas

Mrs Wahiwala’s stress-free Christmas tips

- 20 Ways to Take a Break
- Information from Beacon House Organisation