



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



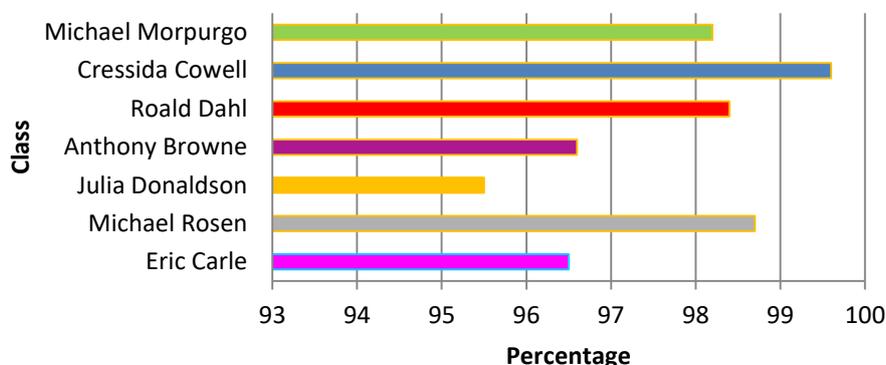
Weekly Newsletter

28/01/2019

Well done to Year 5 who received the £10 in assembly for attendance of 99.6%. Whole school attendance for the week was 97.6%

Bar Chart:

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Congratulations

I am sure you will send best wishes to Mrs Humphrey's and her husband who are expecting their second child. Year 2 parents will be kept informed of staffing plans nearer the time.

Information for All Parent/Carers

The school has recently purchased an in ear thermometer. This is so we can get an accurate temperature of a child that is feeling unwell. It only takes a couple of seconds to get a reading. If, there's any reason a parent would object to staff using should their child become unwell at school, please inform the school office by this Friday. Thank you

Winter Weather Conditions

We will aim to stay open during all weather conditions throughout the winter months – unless the safety of our children and staff is at risk.

If the weather conditions deteriorate significantly, please check if our school is closed by visiting www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk. A text message will be sent out to all parents once a decision to shut the schools has been made. I am truly hoping that Beast from East Part 2 does not return!

Late Arrivals

Please could we remind **all parents and carers that school starts at 8.45 a.m. each morning.** Morning registration officially lasts for 15 minutes until 9.00 a.m. and any children who arrive after this time are marked in as a **U code** - which is classified as a **missed session** – impacting on their attendance percentage. Last week alone there were 11 U codes. Parents/carers are reminded that children who arrive late have often missed the start of the first lesson – which will significantly affect their progress over time and Persistent U Codes can lead to parent's being prosecuted and receiving a penalty notice.

School Assessments

Assessments for classes in Key Stage 2 will take place in the week beginning Monday 13th May. Year 6 will be sitting their SATs assessments in reading, grammar/spelling and maths during that week and it is absolutely essential that children attend each day to ensure that all assessments can take place.

RSPB Event – Waterloo Park – Saturday 26th

Come and join in the fun at Waterloo Park on Saturday for a Big Birdwatch event. There will be family activities, a garden bird pebble dash and a make-your-own garden feeders stall, plus much more. They are also expecting a couple of the BBC Springwatch presenters to be joining in the activities on the day too!



Schoolmoney – Eduspot – for Parents Information

We have received the following information from Schoolmoney that we would like to pass on to our parents.

At Eduspot we are always striving to find ways to make our systems better. Over the last couple of months, we have been working hard to make some big changes to SchoolMoney. Right now a lot of it is behind the scenes, allowing us to make the changes without interference with parent's day to day running of the system. Later this month, parents will notice that when they log in a new option in the top right of the screen will appear, this is where you can change the password yourself. For added security, when a parent decides to change their password, they will receive an SMS notification to let them know this has happened. It will not divulge the password in the message, it will simply prompt you to login using the password you have set yourself and act as a security prompt just in case this was unexpected. Based on parent feedback, we are also changing the link in the SIMS message parents receive when a new items is ready to pay for, so that parents will no longer be taken to www.eduspot.co.uk, but instead will be taken directly to the parent login page, to avoid any confusion of where to go to log in. Should parents have any queries please check out the information on www.educspot.co.uk/schoolmoney-changes/

Feedback from Governors Visit

I visited the school on Wednesday 16th January to meet with Mrs Callaghan and discuss progress with Read, Write Inc. I would like to thank Mrs Callaghan for sparing the time to show me around and the progress made by the pupils since my last visit in September 2018.

The half termly assessments have been taking place, each child has been assessed by Mrs Callaghan with the evidence indicating that the majority are making the expected progress and those who are working towards it are getting additional support to enable them to succeed at the next assessment.

I saw all 6 groups across Yr1 and all were fully involved and enjoying the interactive nature of the reading and writing programme.

It was great to hear the staff talking about how the programme is shaping up and helping each child to reach their goal before they move onto Yr2

Forest Schools

Despite the weather being relatively mild at the moment, it is still important for those children who are taking part in our outdoor learning sessions to bring in layers of clothing. This doesn't have to be expensive outdoor gear either - for example, long sleeved t-shirts, with a sweatshirt or hoodie, leggings, tights (or both!) under tracksuit bottoms is ideal, also an extra pair of socks is essential as wellies are not the warmest of footwear.

A new year marks a new start, and already spring is starting to awaken! Take a look at trees' branches, although they are bare, new buds are developing, some trees may even be starting to blossom. Look out for spring bulbs coming up and the days gradually growing longer. Have you seen any snowdrops yet? The birds also start to get noisier this time of year and are busy collecting materials for building nests. You don't have to go far, just stand in the garden for a few minutes or look around on the way to or from school.



WOW Bricks

This week fantastic news received from mum and dad of Ellie Mae (Yr4) and her sister Elicia (EYFS). Both have taken and passed their dance exams. Ellie Mae also received medals in a swimming event held just before Christmas but we believe a massive well done to Ellie Mae is due for winning the top prize in a “design a leotard” competition. Ellie Mae’s design is now being made into a real useable leotard. WOW, definitely something to celebrate.

Safeguarding at Mag Gates

At Magdalen Gates all staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff then please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: Miss Fahy, Mrs Collison Smith, Mrs Anderton and Mrs Callaghan and in the Extended School Provision team – Mrs Orford and Miss Bond.

Remember: If you are concerned about a child or vulnerable adult in Norfolk and want to speak to someone, contact

Calls CADS on 0344 800 8020.

Children’s Advice and Duty Service

What do our staff do to ensure they are always learning too?

I have been involved in a maths project funded by the Department for Education for over a year now. Over the course of this project I have continually evaluated my own teaching practise; I have considered the verbal and nonverbal directions I give in my class, and how I provide opportunities for all pupils to be equally involved in lessons through collaborative learning strategies.

The project has addressed issues of gender, stereotypes and how pupils perceive their mathematical abilities. I really enjoy maths as a subject to teach and find it fascinating why there is such a gender gap in girls continuing to study this subject.

Please continue to champion maths with your children and never say I can't do maths. Anybody can be successful in this subject and allowing your child to believe this is vitally important! - Miss Bramble

Spotlight –



My name is Elaine Anderton and I am the SENCo at Magdalen Gates Primary School.

It’s hard to believe that I have been here for six and a half years, having come from a MUCH larger school in Suffolk. I love the fact that I know the names of just about all of the children in the school, and many of the parents too.

My role has changed a lot over the years to reflect the changing needs of our pupils. As SENCo I am responsible for overseeing the provision made for all of our children who have “special Educational

Needs”, but also work alongside other professionals to determine the underlying causes of those needs and how best to respond to them. I also teach maths and Literacy to groups of children whose needs require some more individualised teaching. I love it! I cannot describe the pleasure in seeing them make progress and develop in confidence.

I consider myself really fortunate to have a job that I love, working with such lovely children and the best team of colleagues ever!

Diary Dates

Wed 23 rd	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thr 24 th	Yr1	2-3pm	Yr1 Café + Read Write Inc
Fri 25 th	All	8:30-9:15am	Tapestry Parent support
Mon 28 th	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Tue 29 th	Yr2	2-3pm	Yr2 Café – all Yr2 parents welcome
Wed 30 th	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thr 31 st	All		Young Carers Awareness Day
Fri 1 st	All	8:30-9:15pm	Tapestry Parent support
Mon 4 th	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Tue 5 th	All		Safer Internet Day
Wed 6 th	EYFS	9-12:30pm	Visit to Tots Town @ Hethersett
	Yr5	9am	SewYr1 + Yr2 1:30-3:15pm Visit from Dogs Trust
	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thur 7 th	All	6:30-8pm	FOMG Friendship Disco
Fri 8 th	All	8:30-9:15pm	Tapestry Parent support

Attachment – Fish Club at Mousehold Hub for Half Term Holiday
 ROC Conversation leaflet
 SAFE (St Augustine’s Family Event) info