



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



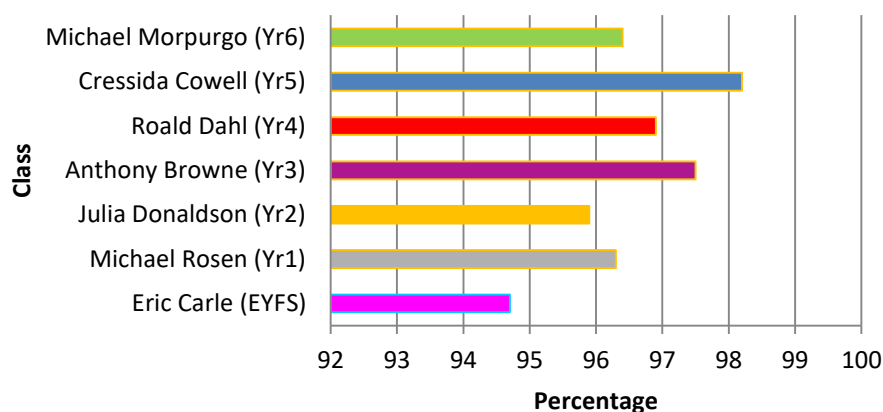
# Weekly Newsletter

28/01/2019

Well done to Year 5 who received the £10 in assembly on Friday. Whole school attendance for the week was 96.6%

## Bar Chart:

### Weekly Attendance Percentage



## School Asset Check

Richard Bearman, Vice Chair of Governor's, along with Jill the school's Finance Manager, conducted a thorough and complete Asset check on Monday of last week. This was to enable them to report to the Governor's Finance and Property Committee of any anomalies in the school IT equipment inventory. This type of check is important for the school to know exactly what it owns and where it all is located so the Governing body can take appropriate action for any inconsistencies.

## Hello from Mr Handley – Tuesday maths club

Hi, I'm Tim Handley, and I'm an independent education consultant and author. I'm looking forward to working with the wonderful staff and children at Magdalen Gates, focusing on maths. I'll be getting up to lots of different things across the school over the coming weeks, and am looking forward to working directly with Year 6 children and some of the Year 5's. I shall be in school most Tuesday's until Easter.

## Yr4 Eaton Vale Residential

Mrs St Ruth will be holding a parent information session regarding Yr4's Eaton Vale Residential. The meeting starts at 3:30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the main hall.

## Reminder

We really do LOVE to welcome siblings into school for events, cafes etc - but please, we do request that parents supervise them at all times and respect school property – Thank you.

## Post box and leaflet rack



The school has recently purchased a red post box for all the reply and consent slips that are sent out and which require a parent/guardians signature.

ALL the consent slips for class trips and clubs need to be posted into this box rather than handing them directly back to the class teachers. This is a requirement in line with the school's GDPR policy. You will find the box located just outside the school office.

We have also added a new leaflet/information rack. Parents can find useful leaflets including contact details for Liz Earnshaw PSA, Tapestry forms, Wow nomination slips and help guides for Schoolmoney.

- **Keeping You Informed - Newsletter**

Every Monday, to help our parents/carers keep up to date with all the information and events happening at school, we will be displaying a laminated, paper edition of the weekly newsletter. Parents will now be able to view the newsletter in the blue display cabinet located near the main pedestrian gate.

- **Keeping Us Informed - Emails**

Please can you ensure that the school has your up to date email address. We send out regular emails with updates and other important class information. Can I also remind parents and carers that they need to make sure they are checking Tapestry regularly as it is another method school uses to send out information.

## For EYFS pupil's – This Thursday!



The children in EYFS have filled their pom-pom jar and have decided they would like to have a Pyjama day at school.

On Thursday 31st Jan EYFS children can wear pyjamas or a onesie and bring a teddy and favourite story book to school. Please make sure that names are on the inside of books. Thank you - Mrs Callaghan

## Home Packed Lunch

If you send your child in with a packed lunch please can we ask you to be realistic about what they can eat. We do encourage them to eat what is sent but any uneaten food is left in lunch boxes so that you are aware of what they have eaten.

## Students

You may have noticed some new faces recently at Magdalen Gates. This year we have welcomed 3 PGCE university students who are gaining some valuable classroom experience and working alongside some of our teachers. Rhys Lewis (Yr3), Caitlin Read (Yr5) and just before the Christmas break Katie Smith, 😊 who was working with Miss Phayre in Yr1. We hope they all enjoy their time at Magdalen Gates

## Congratulations Mandy – Lollipop Fantastic

Well done Mandy, who last week passed her annual Lollipop inspection. Mandy informed us that the inspector also commented on how polite and sensible all our children were around the busy road area.



Harrison in Yr6 – Rubik’s cube extraordinaire.  
Completed 1 min, 11seconds. WOW! An amazing feat.



**February Half-term holiday club**

Places are still available for our holiday club this February half term. Booking forms can be found online or please email the out of school club at [magdalengatesoutofschoolclub55@yahoo.com](mailto:magdallengatesoutofschoolclub55@yahoo.com) for more information, or call us on 01603 622665 option 2 after 3pm. We have lots of fun activities planned. Forms must be in by 1<sup>st</sup> February please.

**Catering Survey**

We are sending a questionnaire out from our caterers Edwards & Blake, home with all the children today. They have asked if parents could you return this back to school by Thursday 31st January. Thank you.

**Gr8 as UR - Update**



At the start of the term we were lucky enough to have a visit from the G8 AS UR team who kicked off an inclusive school wide PSHE initiative. We were introduced to the 'STAR steps' and staff will be looking out for these qualities throughout the year. Each class will also be awarding a 'GR8 mate' each week to a person who has not only shown some of the STAR steps but gone that extra mile to be an excellent member of the class.



**Spotlight – Karen – ASC manager**

Hi, I'm Karen and I have worked at this wonderful school for 15 years. I started out working in breakfast and after school club, and also held an educational assistant post. Since having my two children I now just work at the after school and holiday club.

The school has such a welcoming vibe and I love getting to know the children. In my spare time I enjoy swimming and reading.

**Diary Dates**

Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Yr2	2-3pm	Yr2 Café – all Yr2 parents welcome
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thr 31 <sup>st</sup>	All		Young Carers Awareness Day
	EYFS	All day	EYFS Pyjama Day
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	8:30-9:15pm	Tapestry Parent support
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	All		Safer Internet Day
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS	9-12:30pm	Visit to Tots Town @ Hethersett
	Yr5	9am	Sewell Park visit – workshop
		Yr6	3:30-4:15pm Yr6 Boosters
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	8:30-9:15am	Tapestry Parent support

**Attachments**

Catering Survey - Edwards & Blake Parent Questionnaire –please return by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan  
True Vision Channel 4 documentary