



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



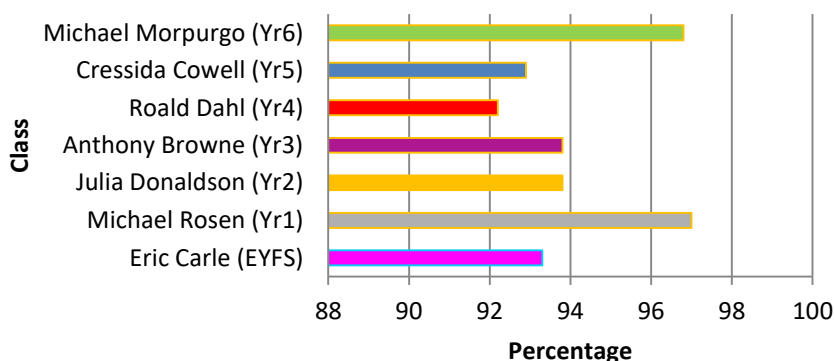
Weekly Newsletter

04/02/2019

Well done to Year 1 who received the £10 in assembly on Friday. Whole school attendance for the week was 94.2%

Bar Chart:

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Safeguarding in the Community

We had a visit from PC Jamie Willetts last week informing us of the new Neighbourhood Team to help around our community. He is our Beat Manager and will be visiting our school at different times during the school day and will chat to children, staff and parents. If you see him on the playground or at the school gates, then please do stop and talk to him. He is very approachable and happy to help.

Attendance and Punctuality

I have noticed that some children who had been arriving late to school in the past are now arriving to school on time. It doesn't go unnoticed! Well done to families for working hard to improve this.

I am spending longer at the school gates most days to support families as they arrive to school and offer solutions on improving punctuality. Please come and speak with me if you are having difficulties.

Improving our playground

This summer we will be looking a little closer to home with supporting our own campaign to improve our playground facilities; the KS2 trim trail is very popular but is now 10 years old and in need of expansion and improvements. If anyone has any contacts with companies or firms who may support us in our efforts to raise this money we would love to hear from you; this type of equipment is enjoyed by all the children but it is expensive!

Chance Card Prize

The half termly Chance Card prize will be drawn on the 15th February and everyone is excited. Chance cards are given to any pupil who shows exemplary behaviour or excellent work or through a kind gesture and any member of staff can issue one to a child. The pupil then puts their name on the chance card and pops it in the special Chance Card box in Miss Fahys office. The more chance cards a pupil has the greater the chance they have to

win.

This half term's Chance Card prize is :-

2 free tickets to the Academy End of Season Dinner at Carrow Road on 30th April.

Website

All schools are required by the government to have a website and there are some essential items and reports that must be there. We also put all the newsletters and curriculum information there in case you miss emails. We work hard to keep it as up to date as possible and it is full of information but if you have any suggestions of what else you would like to be on there or what you feel is missing, please do let us know!



Parents invitation to lunch

Our school dinner menu is very popular with children and staff and we would like to invite parents/carers to come and join us for lunch with your child on the dates below. This will give you the opportunity to taste the delicious meal for yourself as well as experiencing lunch time at our school. Even if your child usually brings in a packed lunch, we would still like to invite you to come and eat your packed lunch with them too. Parents can choose their meal options from week 2 of the menu.

Lunch times start at 11.55am for EYFS & KS1 and 12:30pm for KS2 pupils.

- Mon 25th Feb -EYFS & Yr5
- Tue 26th Feb – Yr2 & Yr4
- Wed 27th Feb – Yr1 & Yr3
- Thr 28th Feb – Yr6

Payment for all adult meals is required IN ADVANCE from the school office

A two course meal costs £2.88

ADULT meals need to be ordered by THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Thank you

Valentine/Friendship Disco – Rescheduled Date



The FOMG school disco will be held on **Friday 8th February** from 6:30-8pm. Tickets are available from the school office now! Pint pots were sent home with every child on Friday and the FOMG would love as many of these to be returned filled with goodies. Any donations of cakes and biscuits would be greatly appreciated. There will also be hot dogs and refreshments available to buy during the evening.

Safer Internet Day 5th February

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. All classes will spend some curriculum time next week focusing on how to stay safe on line. As you are all aware, keeping children safe online is a priority for all. If you have an opportunity, please look at the following websites for more information so that you can help us to keep our community safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/parents-and-carers.html>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/>

<https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/>

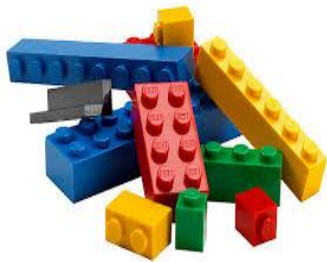
Big Birdwatch – Waterloo Park event

Last weekend saw the Big Garden Birdwatch mark its 40th year - this was set up by the RSPB and is one of the biggest citizen science projects in the world. Annually it asks people from across the county to spare 1hr of their time to count the birds in their gardens.



It was really lovely to see some of our pupils including Molly in Yr1, Iyyad Yr4, Margulan & Sabira Yr3 & EYFS who visited Waterloo Park for the event and even more fantastic that their pictures were in the local press!

Free Lego for the school



Following on from the success of gaining £100 worth of free books with Archant's recent Books4School promotion, we have signed up with an aim to get £50 worth of FREE Lego. This Lego would go a long way in helping our budding Lego builders here at school. Always a firm favourite with our pupils and we know it helps improve their thinking skills in a fun and exciting way. For the school to receive their FREE Lego we need to collect 1,000 special tokens placed in the local newspapers over the coming couple of months. It's a lot of tokens to collect but with everyone's help it is achievable 😊

Archant will be sending us a collection box soon and this will be placed in the school office for pupils/parents/grandparents to post their tokens in to. The first token will be in the local papers (EDP/EEN, Dereham Times, North Norfolk News, Beccles & Bungay, The Journal) on SATURDAY February 9th. Please encourage your extended family and friends to collect the tokens for us before they recycle their newspapers. Thank you.

Wow Bricks



Congratulations Harvey (Yr6) for scoring an amazing 93-100 for your Boxing Assessment. We understand that Harvey was exceptionally nervous before the assessment and mum and dad were really proud of the fact that he managed to overcome this to achieve such a high score.

Spotlight – Rachel After School/Holiday Club



Hi my name is Rachel and you may have seen me if your child attends the after school club or the holiday club.

I have worked at Magdalen Gates in various roles for over 15 years and although my full time job is as a Teaching Assistant at Brundall School, I love the fact that I can use my more creative talents with the children at Magdalen Gates when they are in less formal educational setting such as the holiday club that the school runs. I passionately believe children can gain so much from activities around the art and craft spectrum, even more so nowadays when children are more likely to pick up an iPad than a packet of crayons. I actively encourage children to paint, draw, sculpt and as many of the children know who attend ASC/Holiday club we love to COOK (I have to admit that our successes in cooking at school are far better than my endeavours at home!)

Something you may not know about me is that I have an exceedingly clever house rabbit named Toby, who keeps everyone at home on their toes 😊



Diary Dates

Tue 5 th	Yr6	3:30-4:30pm	Yr6 Boosters
Wed 6 th	EYFS	AM	Visit to Tots Town @ Hethersett
	Yr6	3:30-4:30pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thr 7 th	Yr1	1-3pm	RSPB Workshop
Fri 8 th	All	8:30-9:15am	Tapestry help with Mrs Welch - all parents/carers
	Yr4	9-12:30pm	Yr4 Food Discovery
	All	6:30-8pm	FOMG FRIENDSHIP DISCO (new date) Tickets now on sale from school office
Mon 11 th	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Wed 13 th	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thur 14 th	EYFS	9-10am	EYFS Café – all parents/carers welcome
Fri 15 th	All	8:30-9:15am	Tapestry help with Mrs Welch - all parents/carers
	ALL	3:15pm	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Mon 25 th	ALL	8:45AM	SCHOOL REOPENS
	EYFS+Yr5	Lunch	Parents for lunch
	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Tue 26 th	Yr2+Yr4	Lunch	Parents for lunch
Wed 27 th	Yr1+ Yr3	Lunch	Parents for lunch
	Yr4	3:30pm	Eaton Vale Residential information meeting for parents
	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thr 28 th	Yr6	Lunch	Parents for lunch