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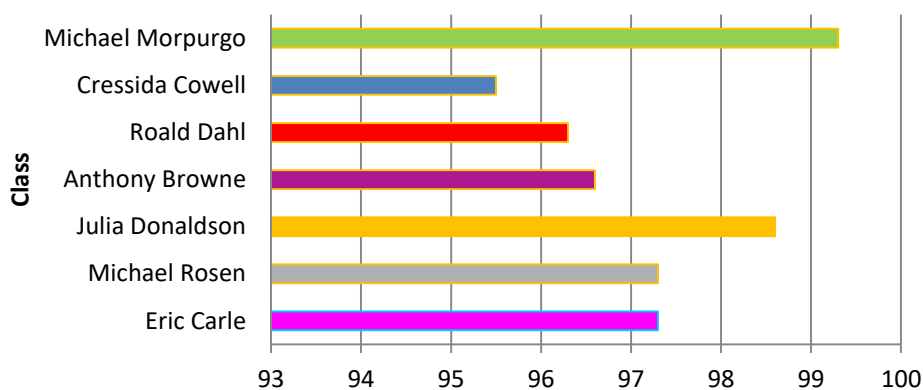


Weekly Newsletter

04/03/2019

Well done to Yr6 who received the £10 in assembly on Friday with 99.3%. Whole school attendance was 97.2%

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Whole School Cafe - 6th March 2pm – EVERYONE WELCOME

We have a whole-school science cafe on Wednesday 6th March, at 2pm and we hope you can come! The children will be split into mixed-age teams, and each team will be challenged to make a boat out of aluminium foil which floats. We will be testing the boats to see how long they float for, and also how many pennies they can hold!

Please do come along and support us in this exciting event. As usual, there will be refreshments available.

Out of school club

Please note all bookings for holiday club will now need to be made online using the school money system. Bookings for the Easter holidays will go live from Monday 11th March, so you can book after this date. Please note we will only be open for one week at Easter, week beginning 8th April.

Presentation and Handwriting – our expectations

This year we have been focusing on presentation and handwriting to make sure that our children present their work neatly to best reflect the content. We want the children to take great pride in their work and by focusing on presentation and handwriting we feel that we share their work with pride.

Eaton Vale Residential

A reminder to all Yr4 parents/carers that there is a parent information meeting this Wednesday at 3:30pm.



Lord Mayors Procession

We need You!

Calling all parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents, child minders, carers and friends.

This year we would really like to take part in the Lord Mayor's Procession, we have taken part in the past and all the children taking part had an amazing time walking the route showing off their costumes.

This year the theme is "Love the world around you" it is an environmental theme which aims to explore the challenges we face today.

We would love to form a working party who will help us to be inventive in thinking about how to reduce the environmental impact of our entry and come up with some exciting and novel ideas for our costumes using natural and recycled materials.

If you would be interested in taking part in the procession, joining our working party or just have some fantastic ideas then watch out for the letter coming home with your child this week on what to do next.

Without your help and support we will not be able to take part and we will miss this wonderful opportunity to be involved in this wonderful community event.

School Uniform Grants available - Anguish's Educational Foundation

Are you on a moderate income? Do you live in the City of Norwich? You may be able to get some help with purchasing a school uniform. Please call or email for more information - 01603 621023 or email info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk

Anguish's Educational Foundation leaflet available from Jill in the main school office.

World Book Day THURSDAY 7TH MARCH - Date for diaries!

It's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and this year we're inviting **all pupils and staff** to join in the fun and **dress up as your favourite book character!** Remember you do not need to spend money on a costume – Have a look back at the school's newsletter dated 11th February for some really simple, no sew ideas!

We look forward to seeing you all in your outfits. They don't have to be elaborate, expensive or fancy. Most characters in books look just like normal people, it is thinking about the character, and what you might have in the cupboard.



Change of Menu – World Book Day

Please note there is a variation of the hot lunch menu on World Book Day 7th March.

Harry Potter’s Magical Pasta Bake

Chicken and tomato pasta bake

Peter Rabbit’s Yummy Vegetable Lasagne

Vegetable Lasagne

Garlic bread and peas

Very Hungry Caterpillar Salad

Shredded lettuce, cucumber, tomato and carrot flowers

Bruce Bogtrollers Chocolate Cake

Chocolate Fudge Cake



Swimming Gala

Well done to all the children who attended the swimming gala last Friday – we came a record 2nd out of the whole event! A special thank you to Nathan and Hari’s mum who volunteered to drive the minibus for the morning to enable the children to get there and back.

Governor Visit to view progress on Destination Reader -Sean O’Neill

It was a pleasure to spend time with Mr Hammant and some of the children from Year 3 to Year 6 last Monday.

It is clearly evident from the work the children are engaged in in their lessons that progress has been made since my last visit in October.

The confidence they showed when explaining the stems that link their work together was really impressive, they are confident in editing their work and there are clear signs that oral presentations are much stronger.

It was good to see that the Reading Olympiad has been introduced as planned. *However, Mr Hammant would really like to see parents recording the reading that is taking place at home. A short session, five times a week is so beneficial to the child’s confidence and will assist in progressing their reading skills. You just need to record what they have read in the yellow record book that every child should have in their school bag.* Hopefully this will be fully embedded by the summer.

If you haven’t seen the Year 6 Reading Olympiad guide for parents, it really is worth checking it out.



Red Nose Day

Wear your noses with pride, get your **red clothes** out to raise money for Comic Relief.

Children are invited to dress up in their finest red attire and donate £1 to help a fantastic cause on **Friday 15th March**.

Parent Teacher Meetings

The online booking system is going live today – If you do not receive an “invite text” please inform the office ASAP.

Bids/Grant applications – keep your fingers crossed!

We have lots of exciting things coming up in school to do with development.

The Sensory room plans are well under way ready for completion in September this year. We have visited local schools to view their facilities and had four companies in to design and quote. The room will have mood lighting, a large colour changing bubble tube, colour changing fibre optic curtain, and an infinity box, all of which can be interacted with and controlled by the children from an ipad app. Work should begin in April.

"Buddy Bench - Take a seat, make a friend" - a grant has been submitted for this project which will allow the school to have a special unique quiet area for children to sit, socialise and make friends away from the main bustling playground, physical games and play equipment.

KS2 Trim Trail - is looking tired and worn out. We are currently seeking quotes to replace this area of play and an update with more information will following during the summer term.

Servery - We will be installing a professional serving hatch, tray slide and roller shutter for our pupils to use whilst having their hot lunches. This will improve the lunch time experience in our main school hall, making them much quieter and pleasant for everyone. This project has a completion date of 1st September 2019

And finally - we would like to install some low level climbing and traverse walls in both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. We plan to submit a grant to fund this project and initial investigations will commence in September, with installation early next year should our application be successful.

Mahla Marathon

Training for Miss Sivananthan's first half marathon (London Landmarks) which takes place on Sunday 24th March 2019, is going well; currently running 10 miles at the weekends.

She is running to raise money for Parkinson's UK. Any donations made to help get her over the finish line will be gratefully received! <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mahla-sivananthan>

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TAPESTRY

Tapestry Update – Important Info - All Parents

Tapestry continues to be the best way to keep up to date with your child(ren)'s learning in the classroom. However, I am aware that some parents (particularly those with more than one child at the school) are still struggling to access their accounts.

My role is to help with any Tapestry issues and I would really like to help **everyone** to be able to access their accounts

If you are struggling with logging in (again in particular if you have more than one child at school), please do email me at Tapestry@magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk or come and see me on a Friday morning and I can set your account up with a temporary password which will enable you to have instant access.

I can even add a shortcut to your phone or tablet to help you access your account more easily. If you cannot come into school on a Friday, I may be able to meet you another day or set up your account remotely. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please ask in the office and they will contact me.

Don't forget I'm here to help. Mrs Welch -Tapestry Lead & EA Year 6.



We are collecting

The Lego collecting box has now arrived and is located in the school office. Look out for the tokens that will appear in the local press (EDP, EEN, The Mercury, the Journal, Beccles & Bungay, Dereham Times and the North Norfolk news) Please ask your extended family, friends and neighbours for any tokens. We have until May to collect as many tokens as possible to claim £50 worth of FREE LEGO! Thank you

Diary Dates:

Monday 4 th	All	3:30pm	All Parents – Parent on line safety workshop
Wed 6 th	All	2-3pm	Whole School Science Café- all welcome
	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
	Yr4	3:30pm	Eaton Vale parent information meeting
Thr 7 th	All	All day	WORLD BOOK DAY – Non-uniform – pupils welcome to come to school dressed as a book character
	Yr2	1-2pm	Visit from “Mini Monsters”
Fri 8 th	All	8:30-9:15am	Tapestry help with Mrs Welch
	All	3:15pm	Bake for Books – hosted by KS1
Mon 11 th	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Tue 12 th	Yr4	2-3pm	Yr4 Café – parents welcome
Wed 13 th	Yr3	9-10am	Yr3 Café
	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Fri 15 th	All	8:30-9:15am	Tapestry help with Mrs Welch
	All	All day	Red Nose Day – non uniform (optional) £1 charity donation
	Yr1-6	3:15pm	School Reports home