



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



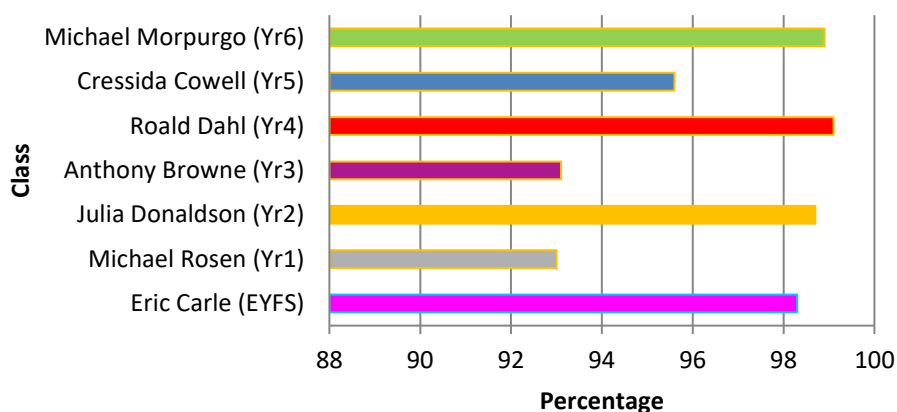
Weekly Newsletter

18/03/2019

Well done to Year 4 who received the £10 in assembly today with 99.1%. Whole school attendance for the week was 96.6%

Bar Chart:

Weekly Attendance Percentage



Governor Development Day – Jo Duesbury Chair of Governors

Last Wednesday we held a very successful Governor training day. During the morning Governors thoroughly enjoyed watching the children doing their Maths and English. Behaviour throughout the school was exceptional and children were totally engaged in their work. Governors also had the opportunity to meet with the school parliament who were very eloquent in telling us what they do, and what improvements they would like to see in the school. Governors also discussed the school's vision, ensuring it was still fit for purpose. We also had a session on the pending new 'Ofsted framework', and completed the annual governor self-evaluation forms as well as the Governors completing an annual review of me as Chair.

It was a very busy and informative day, but we did get the chance to share a lovely lunch with the staff at school. Thank you to all pupils and staff for making us so welcome and showing us how hard you all work.

Year 6 SAT's meeting for Parents

I would like to invite all Yr6 parents to a SAT's information meeting on 3rd April. This session will take place immediately after the Wednesday Yr6 Booster session finishes. I am hopeful that this will enable as many parents as possible to attend. Thank you. Mr Hamment

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent/teacher meetings are taking place for all year groups this week. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to talk about any questions or concerns they may have. On arrival at school please remember to sign in using the Entrysign in the office. If you cannot make your appointment please inform the school office ASAP.

Your child's education is important; therefore, the expectation is that every child should have a parent/carer attend these meetings. Thank you. Miss Fahy



Destination reader - KS2 Pupils

Below are the number of children that last week brought back their reading records. As you can see, there is still room for improvement

Y6 28

Y4: 24

Y5: 18

Y3: 13

Remember the class that wins (top of the leader board) will gain an extra 5 minutes break. Those that do not bring in their reading records will lose 15 minutes of their lunch break to do some reading.

Multiplication Tables Check – Year 4

Next year in 2020, it will be mandatory for our Yr 4 pupils to sit an online multiplication test. This test will last no more than 5 minutes and will consist of a range of multiplication questions. The pupils will be tested on their rapid recall of the facts up to 12x12 - which they should have secure by the end of Yr4.

It is really important for your child to have these secure - much of their future mathematics requires them to be able to apply these facts. **Please practise timetables with your child;** there are lots of fantastic songs currently on the internet that you can sing along to which makes it fun for everyone.

Wow



Albert (EYFS) has been nominated by Daddy for a WOW brick for achieving a Merit in his Karate grading and this also means he will now get to wear an Orange T shirt! All your hard work and effort has paid off and you made Daddy very proud. Congratulations Albert.

I love to hear about all of our pupils' achievements that happen outside of school. The school's WOW wall is filling up in the main hall, showcasing and celebrating the achievements of both pupils and staff. You can use the nomination slip on the website or there are paper slips in the leaflet holder outside the school office. Please do let me know direct about your child's successes. Any certificates or awards that your child has received from a club or group they attend e.g, choir, scouts, karate, swimming OR even an act of kindness that is above and beyond I would love to hear about it. I look forward to reading them. Miss Fahy

Safeguarding Survey Results

Thank you to all parents that completed the safeguarding survey – this was shared with the Governor Safeguarding Working party last week and any specific concerns raised by parents will be dealt with accordingly

Online Safety

You may have read in the news or from Social Media, some worrying instances of pop ups and other inappropriate or scary images and challenges appearing on apps such as Roblox and Youtube for Kids. We have been made aware by a number of adults and children about a new online doll character that encourages users to add a contact on messaging services and then issues violent images and dares. In our assemblies this week, we will be discussing with children what to do if such images appear and that they need to talk with a trusted adult if something is worrying them.



I would urge you to be vigilant if your child is using a tablet, phone or PC and check your internet privacy settings and controls. It is important to discuss online safety with your child and that they need to share with you anything that worries them. School and home will therefore be sending the same important message to our children.

Head lice (Nits)



It is perfectly normal for children to experience head lice. If your child does have nits then the NHS website, nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/ has useful information on how to get rid of them. It's important to know that having head lice has nothing to do with having dirty hair.

It's a good to check regularly if your child has head lice: you can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb, which you can buy online or are available at pharmacies.

We also have an electronic nit comb at school that parents/carers are welcome to use. We would however ask that the comb is kept on school premises. Parents are welcome to use the nit comb, taking their child to the First Aid room if required for privacy.

Science Week

Don't forget British Science Week from 25-29 March 2019! Last year we had some fantastic volcanoes, a tornado in a jar and a bouncing egg amongst other things.

This year's theme is **Journeys**, so throughout next week, all pupils will be taking part in investigations that are linked closely to this. All KS2 pupils are invited to complete a demonstration/investigation in the main hall talk and about the science behind it.

Children from KS1, and those in KS2 (who choose not to take part) will be able to come and look at the demonstrations. All pupils will then vote for their favourite by bringing pennies in and putting them into the pots on the tables. All monies collected will be donated to a charity chosen by the 'scientists' that collect the most pennies.

Parents are invited to visit the Science Fair from 2.45pm on Monday 25th March. However, we would kindly ask that parents do not take part with their children. We do hope that parents will have fun supporting their child in finding an investigation to showcase.



Dance Workshop

All pupils at school recently participated in a "dance workshop". All of the classes learnt a complete dance routine, retelling some of their favourite stories. Both children and the adults really enjoyed themselves!

Diary Dates

Mon 18 th	Yr3 EYFS	9-12:30pm 1-3:30pm	Yr3 Parent Teacher meetings EYFS Parent Teacher meetings
Tue 19 th	Yr1 by invite Yr1 Yr2	9-4pm 9-12pm 1-3:30pm	Football in Community event at Colney training ground Yr1 Parent Teacher meetings Yr2 Parent Teacher meetings
Wed 20 th	Yr5 Yr4 Yr5 Yr6 Yr6	9-12:30pm 1:30-3:30pm 3:30-6pm 3:30-4:15pm 4:30-6pm	Yr5 Parent Teacher meetings Yr4 Parent Teacher meetings Yr5 Parent Teacher meetings Yr6 Boosters Yr6 Parent Teacher meetings
Thur 21 st	EYFS Yr5	1-3pm 1:30-3:15pm	Visit to Norwich Playhouse Visit to Roman Cathedral with tower tour

	Yr6	3:30-4:30pm	Yr6 Parent Teacher meeting
	EYFS-Yr4	3:30-6pm	EYFS, Yr1,2,3+4 Parent Teacher meetings
Fri 22 nd	All	8:30-9:15am	Tapestry help with Mrs Welch
	Yr5	2:45pm	Yr5 Class Assembly
Mon 25 th	All parents	2:45pm	All parents welcome to MGPS Science Fair
	EYFS	9am	School nurse revisit
	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Wed 27 th	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Thr 28 th	By invite	9-10am	EAL Sit and See session
Fri 29 th	All	8:30-9:15am	Tapestry help with Mrs Welch
Mon 1 April	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
Tue 2 nd	By invite	9:30am	School Dentist
	EYFS	9:30am	Easter Activity Day
Wed 3 rd	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Yr6 Boosters
	Yr6 Parents	4:20pm	Yr6 SATS Parent Information meeting
Thr 4 th	By Invite	9-12:30pm	Termly attendance trip to Odeon Cinema
	Yr5	1:30-3pm	Norwich Open Bus tour
Fri 5 th	All	8:30-9:15pm	Tapestry help with Mrs Welch
		3:15pm	SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR EASTER

SCHOOL REOPENS 8:45am WENESDAY 24TH APRIL

Attachments –

Parent View

Easter activity at Safari Square