

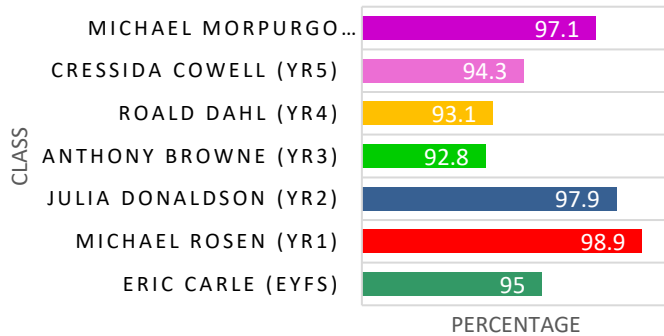


MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY

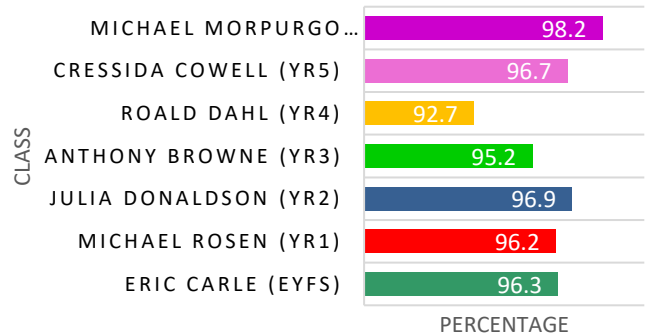


Fortnightly Bulletin: 7th October 2019

ATTENDANCE 20-26TH SEPTEMBER



ATTENDANCE 27TH SEPT-3RD NOV



Well done to Yr1 & Yr6 who each received the £10 attendance reward
Whole School Attendance 96.1%

Mr O'Neill - Governor

As Jo Duesbury, our Chairman, said in the last newsletter it has been a really good start to the term.

We welcome new governors to us this term and are still on the lookout for others to join, especially parents, why not have a word with Ms Fahy. I'm sure you will have the skill set, the passion for learning and interest we are looking for.

At our last meeting it was agreed to seek your opinion on our very successful Attendance trips, they are currently restricted to children with 97% or above attendance. We will, whatever the outcome, continue to make our usual rewards i.e. class awards. *Please let us know your thoughts on this.* We will be attending parent's evenings to consult and survey your opinions.

We have our Governor Development Day on October 9th. We have a very full programme including meeting the children and staff gauging the working environment first hand. This is always the best part of being a governor seeing the interactions between our wonderful children and adults.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all volunteers who help in the school, without you we would not be able to offer the support needed by all our children - Sean O'Neill

Mrs Bennett - Maternity leave

We say a sad goodbye to Chloe Bennett this week as she starts her maternity leave. Chloe is a great asset to the school team and we wish her all the very best – we can't wait to have lots of cuddles.

Breakfast Club

Sadly, numbers have been quite low for breakfast club over the last few months. This club is a great asset to the school for working parents but it really needs more children to attend.

We are currently reviewing whether we will be able to continue to run the club with such low attendance. We will update you with the progress of our review very soon.



REMINDER - The school office is closed every Friday from 12:30pm and reopens Mondays at 8am

Coffee Morning – WOW!

All staff at Magdalen Gates would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped make our Macmillan Coffee morning such a success. This year seemed even more important to us that we should raise as much as we possibly could. We were really delighted that the Lord Major even popped in for a cake (or 2) and are happy to inform you that there will be a report in the local press about the event. We will inform parents of the date as soon as we know.



Ms Fahy then received an unexpected email communication from the Mayor, which we would like to share with you all...

Thank you to you and your staff together with parents, carers and children for making me so welcome yesterday. Not forgetting the volunteers who helped put the Macmillan Coffee Morning together. Particular thanks to the children who took the time to show me round the school. They are a credit to your school and I well understand why you are so proud of them and all the pupils. It does make going to work an absolute pleasure being with such positive and energetic young people, albeit you might feel pretty tired at the end of each day.

We raised a magnificent **£509!** This is one of our highest amounts ever collected for Macmillan and we cannot thank each and everyone of you for helping us achieve this. Thank you to the parents who came along on the Friday morning for a coffee and for everyone who sold their raffle tickets and then bought more! We had some amazing raffle donations this year and we hope the winners all enjoy their prizes. We would also like to mention our resident Macmillan cake baker extraordinaire and organiser Lesley Veness. Lesley has been participating and tirelessly organising the school's annual Macmillan event for the last 20 years. See you next year Lesley for your 21st event!

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parents should all have received an invite text message to use the on-line booking system which went live last week. Please remember to book your parent/teacher appointment ASAP to ensure you get the best time for you. We have been made aware of a problem with parents being unable to make any appointments on the Thursday afternoon. We are hoping this will be resolved as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

If you did not receive your invite text, then please inform the school office ASAP of your current mobile contact details.

The online system is very easy to use but we have added full instructions on to the school website under 'Useful Documents'.

If you have any difficulties in making your appointment, please ring or pop into the office as we can manually book you an appointment. **If you are unable** to attend on any of the designated days that the class teacher has available **you will need to speak with the teacher direct** who will try to arrange an alternative, mutually convenient appointment to see you.

I do expect every parent to make an appointment to speak with the class teacher. These meetings are a valuable chance to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled in since the start of year, to review their progress, and consider next steps in their learning – Ms Fahy

New Date for Flu Vaccination – Monday 6th January 2020

The School Immunisation Team apologise for having to cancel their visit to school at short notice. If you have any concerns regarding this delay in vaccination then please contact the team direct on 0300 555 5055

World Mental Health Day 10th October DRESS DOWN DAY - £1 donation



Mental health problems range from the worries we all experience as part of everyday life, to serious long-term conditions. The majority of people who experience mental health problems can get over them, or learn to live with them, especially if they get help early on. 1 in 6 people in the past week experienced a common mental health problem with anxiety and depression being the most common problems.

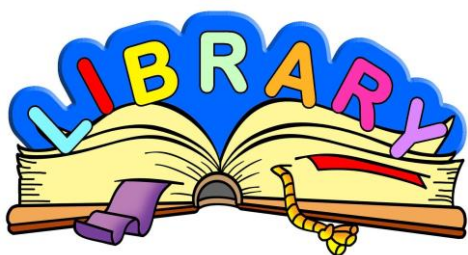
You may remember in a previous bulletin we mentioned that Adam Saunders (a parent of 2 children at Magdalen Gates) along with his friend Jonnie are climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation (MHF), the UK's largest Mental Health charity. Jonnie and Adam have kindly agreed to come along into school this Thursday to speak with the children about the charity and their preparations for their challenge of climbing the highest mountain in Africa.

Please support Adam, Jonnie and Magdalen Gates, by allowing your child to participate in a '**dress down**' day this Thursday. Pupils can bring in their £1 if they wish to come in non-uniform on Thursday or parents can use this link for donations. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jkilimanjaro2020

SIDP for Parents - attachment

Please find attached with this news bulletin an overview summary of our School Improvement Priorities for 2019-2020. All staff, our Leadership Team and the Governors are keen to achieve these – we are not just an Ofsted GOOD school but we are a **GREAT** school and we are always evolving.

Library Session days



EYFS - Tuesday
Year 1 - Thursday
Year 2 - Friday
Year 3 - Wednesday
Year 4 - Tuesday
Year 5 - Friday
Year 6 - Thursday

Please remember to bring in your Library books on the correct days. KS2 can change their books at lunch time if they missed their slots.

Old Books For Sale

We are currently sorting through our Library Books. All of the books that are old and over looked by the children will be up for sale for 20p each. They are all still in readable condition. This is to help raise some more pennies for the school Libraries and to get newer versions of the stories. We shall be selling these on Thursday 17th October before school and after school.

Young Carers - Resource Pack and sharing our practice

As I hope most of you will be aware, Magdalen Gates Primary is a school with a Young Carers Group which we call our CareRangers – this has been running for several years now. Our aim as a group is to be aware that for some pupils, life at home can be a bit different due to the care needs of other family members. As this can happen in any family, at any time, we like to take the view that looking out for the needs of others can be a very positive and life enhancing experience. At the same time, it can add extra challenges to the school day for some pupils.

CareRangers is a way of offering a little bit of support mixed with lots of fun via lunchtime and after school clubs as well as out of school activities.

Earlier this year, we were asked by an organisation called *Caring Together* to help raise awareness of Young Carers among the youngest pupils in schools. This was a very exciting project to be offered and Mrs Chapman, Mr Huggett and I were lucky enough to be given time to develop a resource pack. Together with Gerard Roadley-Battin, a local Graphic Designer, we created the resources which is offered free to all schools by Caring Together.

The range of activities within the pack all stem from one central story which introduces the character of Tickety Tock, the Young Carers Clock and three school children who are inspired by him to recognise that being a Young Carer is something to be proud of.

If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to ask for further details! In the near future, we will be introducing the resource pack in school and would welcome the chance to introduce it to our families in advance. I am always at the school gate on Mondays and Wednesdays from around 8.30 am so please feel free to ask me. Liz Earnshaw, Parent Support Advisor



Wow Bricks

This summer Lucy from Yr4 took her first ballet exam and passed with merit! Lucy also performed on stage at her summer school dance show (which includes learning tricks on Aerial Silks!) and earned three of The Book Hive's 'Book

Explorer' badges. Lucy done all this whilst being super grown up and helping to take care of a close member of family who was quite poorly. Well done Lucy.



Staff are LEARNING all the time too: Training VNET Communities:

Science – Mahla

EYFS – Tina

Emma B – Maths

Chloe B- Curriculum

Attendance Trips and PE Kits on PE Days

We are always keen to try new initiatives, sometimes they work and sometimes they don't. Governors will be meeting and speaking to children about both of these initiatives as part of their Government Development Day on 9th October. Governors will also be seeking the feedback from parents during teacher/parent consultations evening on 18th October. *If you do have any feedback that you would like to share* - please email me at head@magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk – your voice does matter.

Magdalen Gates – Open Sessions for new parents



We welcome all families and children who will be joining EYFS (Reception) in 2020. Come and join us for a tour around our fantastic school on either of the following dates.

- Monday 4th November 9-12pm
- Wednesday 13th November 9-12pm
- Monday 18th November 1:30-3:15pm
- Wednesday 27th November 1:30-3:15pm

Please contact the school office for any further information.

Parkour Event

On Monday 30th September a group of pupils were invited to a special session of Parkour in Norwich. The instructor showed the group how parkour is an excellent sport to help with agility and gives the whole body a good workout! Although the children did not jump from a great height like the professional freerunners they had an amazing time and learnt lots of new running and jumping techniques.

Tapestry Message from Mrs Welch



Thank you to all the parents who have contacted me to update details or resolve issues with regards to Tapestry access. Each issue resolved and access restored goes towards our goal to have (at least) one adult signed up to Tapestry for every child in school. Please also remember to log in at least weekly to catch up with any news/messages from the teachers and homework.

I will be going through each week and will message those not logging in to check that they are not having access issues. If you do need help, please email me at Tapestry@magdalengates.norfolk.sch.uk or contact the office to arrange a 1:1 session on a Monday morning between 8:45 and 9:15. Mrs Welch - Tapestry Lead & EA Yr6.

Free School Meal Applications –Now Online

- Norfolk County Council are offering an online Free School Meals application service.
- Parents/carers can create an account at the below web address, to carry out a check on your entitlement:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

- The information will be sent direct to the Free School Meal Application Team at Norfolk County Council.
- The school would then be notified of changes to the eligibility of children attending Magdalen Gates.

Class Website Pages

The class pages have been updated with some lovely photos of the activities that the children have been engaging with this term. We are very proud of all the learning that they have been doing. You can read all about what they have been up to in class on the class pages too!



Bags to School

Collection this Wednesday

Please drop any bags you have into the school office. **Thank you**

Reading Records

Week - 28th-3rd Oct

Yr3 - Just 6 children came in with their reading books!

Yr4 - 11 pupils

Yr5 - 19 pupils

Yr6 - 24 pupils

Please remember reading records are due in EVERY FRIDAY and the expectation is that children read AT LEAST 5 times per week.



Spotlight on MGPS new Governors

Hello my name's Suenaina Sharma but I'm know as Sue. I have a background in providing global executive business support and I am a part-qualified corporate governance professional. I have a wealth of experience with over a decade in supporting Boards and Senior Executives in world-leading organizations including Burberry, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Starbucks, and Bacardi Global Brands. In addition to running my own consultancy business, I also run the operations of an NHS dental practice in Norwich.

I moved to Norfolk from London with my husband and young son, just over six years ago to establish a better quality of life, of which this county has a lot to offer. With a growing family I have an interest in the education of young people which has pursued my interest to become a school governor.

Diary Dates

Wed 9 th Oct	All		Bags to School collection Governor Development Day
Thr 10 th	All	All day	World Mental Health Day – dress down charity day
Fri 11 th	All	3:15pm	Bake for Books
Mon 14 th	Yr3	9-12pm	Parent Teacher appointments
	Yr5	10:15-11:15	Yr5 Autumn Café
	Yr2	1-3pm	Parent Teacher appointments
	Yr6	5pm	Isle of Wight residential - Parent information meeting
Tue 15 th	Yr4	9-12pm	Parent Teacher appointments
	EYFS	1-3pm	Parent Teacher appointments
Wed 16 th	Yr6	9-12pm	Parent Teacher appointments
	Yr5	1-3pm	Parent Teacher appointments
Thr 17 th	Yr1	1-3:30pm	Parent Teacher appointments
	All Yrs	3:30-6:30pm	Parent Teacher appointments
Fri 18 th	Yr3	9am	Payment deadline for How Hill residential SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
Mon 28 th		8:45am	SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8:45AM
	Yr6	9am	Height & Weight – School Nurse
Thr 31 st	All	All day	Spooky Day

Attached

Online Safety Newsletter for parents

Healthy Lifestyle drop in information

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