



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



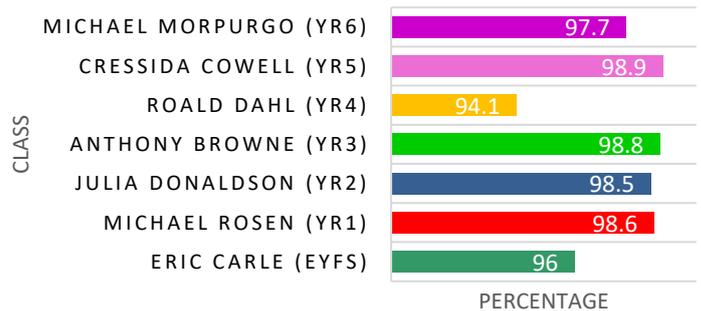
Fortnightly Bulletin: 16th March 2020

Attendance: Well done to both Yr3 and Yr5 who received the £10 attendance in assembly on Friday. Whole school attendance is currently 96.4%

ATTENDANCE (28/02/20-5/03/20)



ATTENDANCE (06/03/20-12/03/20)



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

The government directive is '

Anyone with a new persistent cough or fever must self isolate for 7 days.'

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM SCHOOL



A message from Chair of Governors - Goodbye Miss Fahy

Well it is with much sadness that I, and the Governing Board, say goodbye to an *exceptional* Head Teacher.

Cara you will be greatly missed.

You have made a positive impact on hundreds of children. You have led, taught, cleaned, given awards, shown compassion in abundance to children, staff, parents and governors. Performed lollipop duty, climbed over the locked gate at the school, led goodness knows how many assemblies, held a child's tooth that had come out during a show, attended dozens of school discos cooking the hot dogs and onions, run film days, dressed up as a pumpkin, an Ompalumpa amongst other things, made a pupil a Head Teacher for a day, organised trips galore, including the highly stressful whole school trips and the school residential! You have also become a fantastic mother yourself to two delightful children. I have worked alongside you for 10 years and you have taught me so much about how a school runs. I have seen you happy, cross, frustrated, worried, sad, angry, laugh and cry. You have however, never faulted in your drive to **always** give the children at Magdalen Gates the absolute best and keep them safe. Cara you are inspirational. It has been a pleasure! - **Jo Duesbury – Chair of Governors.**

Curriculum Visions

Please have a look at our website - under the 'Learning' tab to see our recently revamped curriculum visions. They very clearly lay out what each subject involves and the different ways that we teach it to the children. I'm sure you'll agree that they look fantastic.



A WOW brick for Summer-Dawn (Yr5) after Miss Fahy received an update from Aunty Lara who confirmed that after many months of perseverance and determination, Summer-Dawn swam 10 metres for the first time!



Nominated for her outstanding, lightning quick learning piano skills....Kacie-Mae! Well done Kacie-Mae. Miss Fahy was in awe watching the video of you playing Twinkle-twinkle that



mummy sent in – maybe Miss Fahy is wondering if she can learn to play her drums as quick as you are learning the piano!



Poppy in Yr3 has also been nominated for a WOW brick. Out of school Poppy has been learning acrobatics and in February she and the rest of her dance school performed at the Theatre Royal. Mum, Dad and little sister Bella are super proud how well she done and how confident she has become.

A brick has also been added to the WOW wall for Isla Rose. She has just moved up a level in her swimming group having only starting three weeks ago! She has been trying really hard and has been extremely brave in achieving this. That's amazing Isla-Rose as we all know it takes a lot of courage and determination those first few lessons.



Miss Fahy also received a lovely email from Hannah's mum Yr5. Hannah attended the Music Festival in Gorleston with a group of children from Magdalen Gates and came 2nd! We all know how well she can play as Hannah also performed in assembly the next day, to the whole school. Mum said this is a really big achievement for Hannah to be up front and performing to so many.

Also receiving a WOW nomination in assembly is Matia Yr3. Mum informed Miss Fahy how super proud she is of him for recently completing his Stage 6 at swimming. That's more swimming fantastic news. Well done Matia!



Reading – Message to All KS1 Pupils from Mrs Callaghan

All children in KS1 need to read at least 4 times a week to an adult. The results this half term was disappointing. Across EYFS and Y1 and Y2 only 52% of children are reading regularly at home. In EYFS 60% of children are reading regularly at home. In Y1, 55% of children are reading regularly at home and in Yr2 just 38% of children are reading regularly at home. I do not need to see long comments. I am happy if you just put the date and a signature.

We do have some reading volunteers in school who can support some of the children but we could always do with more parents offering to come in and listen to our children.

Please let me know if you are, for whatever reason, unable to listen to your children read at home. Thank you. Mrs Callaghan.

Are you aware of the Age Restrictions ?

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

4 Star Reading Raffle

Well done to these children that won a prize in the reading raffle. EYFS Scarlett, Abida, Logan, Y1 Ella, Bella, Albert, Y2 Jayden D, Kacie-Mae and Ivy.

Parent Teacher Consultations

The on-line booking system went live last week and all our parents should have received a text to enable an appointment to be booked – Please don't forget to book your parent/teacher appointment ASAP to ensure you get the best time for you.

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

Remember if you have any difficulties in making your appointment please ring or pop into the office ASAP as we can manually book you an appointment.

As mentioned previously, if you are unable to attend on any of the designated days that the class teacher has available **please contact the class teacher direct** who will try to arrange an alternative, mutually convenient appointment to see you.

Music Festival - Victoria Arnull



On Thursday 5th March Matia, John, Lily, Hannah, Rosa, Jamie, Mr Huggett and myself attended Gorleston Competitive Music Festival to perform.

We had a brilliant afternoon and all pupils received feedback from the adjudicator on their performance. Matia and Hannah achieved joint 2nd place in the beginner class. Jamie received 2nd place in grade 1 piano with Rosa achieving first place and was awarded the Grade 1 trophy. All together my fantastic pupils from school, along with some of my private students, achieved five of the 1st places and five of the 2nd places. I am immensely proud.

I am looking forward to future festivals, so watch this space!

REMINDER term time dates:

Please remember that Magdalen Gates will **not** be following the Norfolk Model dates and our school term dates are:-

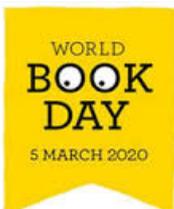
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March to Monday 13 th April
Summer term	Tuesday 14 th April to Friday 22 May
Half term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May
Summer Term	Monday 1 st June to Friday 17 th July

Library News

Bake For Books

Thank-you to everyone who donated and bought, cakes and yummy treats on World Book Day. We raised a massive £71 for the School libraries!!

World Book Day



Everyone looked awesome dressed up in their favourite book character costumes and Pj's! We raised £25 in donations for World Book Day - BookAid.

Remember to use your book tokens by Sunday 29th March. There are 15 different stories to choose from or you can put it towards a book or audio book over £2.99.

The Sun Books for Schools

Thank-you to everyone who collected The Sun Books for Schools tokens. Whilst we were a little short of collecting the full amount, The Sun newspaper still sent us a box of amazing books. Look out for them in your children's book bags as they are the banded reading stories.

RSHE Next Steps – Miss Homan

A very big thank you to everyone who attended the RSHE engagement sessions on the 4th March. It was great to hear your views and also lovely to share what we are going to be teaching in RSHE at Mag Gates over the next year. If you didn't attend the sessions, please find attached a handout with some useful websites regarding the issues that were discussed at the meeting. There is also an information sheet which shares top tips on how to talk to your child which is included as an attachment with this newsletter.

Next Steps:

- All parents will be informed of the units of work taught in the summer term and key vocabulary will be shared before it is taught
- A draft RSHE policy is being written and will be taken to the next FGB in July in preparation for September 2020

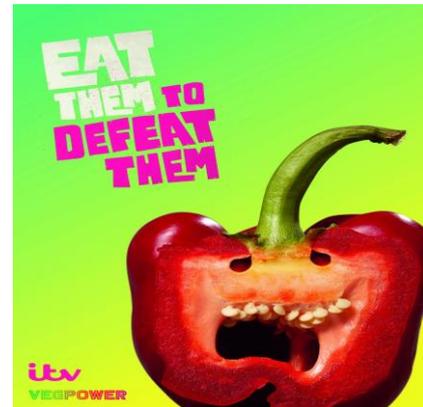
Destination Reader



Ks2 children just love Destination Reader, they really enjoy getting stuck into at least one new book every half term, and can talk about what they are reading using the Destination Reader strategies. Children love showing they agree with someone else's ideas, can build on what has already been said, or even that they challenge. Why not ask your child to share a book so that they can demonstrate how they can talk about what they are reading?

Edwards and Blake Catering Promotion

Edwards and Blake are taking part in the Nationwide Vegepower promotion which began on Monday 24th February. It's all about Veggie Power! The pupils are aware of this promotion and have been delighted with the vegetable toys that have been making appearances at school. Information packs have been sent to all KS1 and Reception children so they can join in too. Jill the Cook has been putting up posters and has been giving stickers out. Attachments at the end of this bulletin will give you lots more information and ideas you could try at home.



Charity Snowdon Climb – Cinema City Norwich

Benjamin's Mum in Yr1, who has helped the school on many occasions with some fantastic Cinema City raffle prizes, has asked if we would be able to share a link to the Just Giving page that she and some of her colleagues have set up. They aim to climb Snowdon, at night, to support the charity Refuge. The CinCity team hope you will take a moment to read their story.....

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/helencarrickdgm>

ASD Support in Chapelfield, Norwich

We would like to share this link with our parents.

<https://intu.co.uk/chapelfield/events/hidden-disabilities>

“Best Moments”

Rose Chapman

My best moment of the year so far was definitely moving house over Feb half term! I love being back in Norwich and it's a luxury to have shops so close, lovely walks, and being back near my family and friends again. I will be spending the next coming months doing a bit of decorating, gardening and shopping for nice things! Yay!

Emily Hunter

Being encouraged by my wonderful colleagues to finish the half marathon when all I wanted to do was stop! I will always remember the laughs we all had at How Hill when the current year 6's were in Year 3, especially on the boat in the rain!

Spotlight: - Mr Wilson (Caretaker)



Hi my names Paul and I'm the new caretaker. Some of you may already know me as my daughter Rose is in year 1. I'm always fixing and making things so being caretaker is actually the perfect job for me.



A little bit about me. We recently got an allotment so Rose and I will be growing lots of fruit and vegetables this year. At school I will be ensuring the safety of the site along with the regular fixing things, putting up signs and shelves, changing light bulbs etc., and possibly unblocking toilets 😊. If you see anything broken or requires fixing around the site please let me know or you can inform the ladies in the school office who will pass the information on.

FINALLY, A MESSAGE FROM MISS FAHY

Children: I have loved my time at Mag Gates. It's an amazing school and you are all amazing children. I never thought that I could find so much joy in my work. Thank you all for sharing your happiness and friendship with me.

Staff and Governors: With the support of our committed and highly professional staff, and our outstanding leadership team, my time at Mag Gates has been immeasurably exciting and rewarding. I have the greatest confidence that this brilliant team, supported by a new Headteacher and the Governing body, will continue to build on the success and achievements that we have all reached together.

Parents: From the first moment that I joined Mag Gates in 2009, I was hooked! This is a school with an extraordinary charm and an ethos which holds the children at its heart. Thank you for all your kind words, encouragement and laughs on the gate. Please do stay in touch whether it has been 10 years or just one, my new email address when I leave on 27th March will be:

head@robertkett.net.

KEY DIARY DATES

Wed 18 th March	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Booster session
Fri 20 th	Yr1-6	3:15pm	School reports home
Mon 23 rd	Yr3	9-12pm	Yr3 Parent Teacher meetings
	Yr1	1-3pm	Yr1 Parent Teacher meetings
	Yr6	3:30-4:15pm	Booster session
Tue 24 th	Yr4	9-12pm	Yr4 Parent Teacher meetings
	EYFS	1-3pm	EYFS Parent Teacher meetings
Wed 25 th	Yr6	9-12pm	Yr6 Parent Teacher meetings
	Yr5	1-3pm	Yr5 Parent Teacher meetings
	Yr1	2:45pm	Yr1 Class Assembly – parents welcome
	Yr6	3:30pm-4:15pm	Booster session
Thr 26 th	Yr2	1-3:30pm	Yr2 Parent Teacher meetings
	All years	3:30-6:30pm	Evening Parent Teacher meetings
Fri 27 th	All years		Easter Tapestry Challenge set
	Yr4	9-11:30am	Food Discovery
	Yr6	9:30-2:30pm	Trip to Norwich Castle Museum
		3:15pm	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER

Tue 14th April

8:45am

SCHOOL REOPENS

Attachments

Easter Holiday programmes

RSHE Parent handout from meeting and top tips for parents