



Margaret McMillan Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost halfway through the school year! Hopefully spring is just around the corner. Unless the weather is very wet we take children outside for fresh air and the opportunity to play and run during breaktimes as often as we can. Please ensure you send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing so they are warm. We request that you write names in all clothing so we can return them to their owners when they get lost.

At the beginning of this school year we changed from indoor and outdoor shoes to black shoes that can be worn inside and out. If your child comes to school in wellingtons please send their shoes with them as wellingtons are not the most comfortable or healthy footwear for all day. Can I also remind you that the shoes or trainers must be **plain black** and not have bright colours or logos on them.

In the January newsletter I thanked you all for joining the 3 Head teachers in asking Cllr Hussain and MP Mrs Naz to ensure Scotchman Road is added to the permanent gritting schedule. I am pleased to report that I have heard back from Cllr Hussain who has assured me that he has now managed to get Scotchman Road back on the gritting route; he thanked us for alerting him to this.

I wish you all a relaxing half term.

Thank you,
Lorraine Martin
Head teacher

Phase updates

Phase One

In Reception the topic for this half term is **Growing**. The children will be focussing on the changes that happen in our environment and continuing to learn about the different seasons.

In Year One we have been writing recounts. The children have thought of interesting ideas and have started using time adverbials.

In numeracy we have been exploring using money. We are beginning to add amounts, reasoning skills and apply in everyday life.

Phase Two

Year Two are learning about Africa this term they have been linking it to all their areas of learning including their talk for writing texts and their shared reading. They have been learning some interesting facts about the continent, such as did you know there is a glacier in Africa? They are getting excited about their African workshop on 7th March when a visitor is coming in to teach them about African traditions and make some African masks.



On Friday 27th January Year Three and Four went off for an afternoon to the Alhambra. They had a very entertaining afternoon watching Peter Pan starring Billy Pearce and Darren Day. The highlights included the enormous crocodile that came out over the audience and the incredible affects with the 3D glasses - it definitely made everyone scream! Since they have been back in school classes have been using the story in their Literacy work and Year Three have been creating their own Never land models.

Year Three have been having some practical road safety sessions over the last few weeks, this has been organised by Bradford Council. They have come into school and worked with groups of children outside on the roads near school. They have been modelling safe crossing and have been working with the children on their awareness of the dangers on our roads.



Phase Three

Year Five have had visits from outside agencies this half term linking to fire safety and cyber bullying. They have taken part in different workshops around these areas and looked at ways of keeping safe. They are currently learning about WW2 and have linked this to their Talk For Writing unit and shared reading. They are also looking forward to, again, seeing the ballet at the theatre next half term.

Year began the half term with a ‘Wow’ day where all the children and teachers dressed up as explorers . The topic has focussed on being explorers and what adventures may be hidden on their door steps. They have been focusing on Indiana Jones, the famous, fictional



explorer, who looked for treasure, fought villains and discovered new and weird places along the way. Y6 also took part in a Google expedition workshop.

Attendance

Earth	94.20%	Mars	91.60%	Saturn	92.90%
Jupiter	91.90%	Mercury	95.40%	Neptune	94.70%
Galileo	94.40%	Sharman	93.90%	Hawking	93.30%
Bronte	95.70%	Hockney	94.60%	Nightingale	95.20%
Adams	94.80%	Armstrong	97.10%	Newton	95.60%
Turing	95.70%	Pankhurst	94.40%	Ennis	93.20%
Mandela	98.30%	Malala	98.60%	Rowling	96.40%

The percentage for the whole school was 95.1%

Well done to all classes with more than 95% attendance!

Diary dates

February

Friday 17th FebruaryBreak up for half term
Monday 27th February.....School re-opens

March

Thursday 2nd March.....World Book Day
Tuesday 28th March.....Year 5 Northern Ballet
Friday 24th March.....Year 5 and 6 Cyberbullying workshops

TAC Team Update

Stay and Play - Teddy Bears' Picnic

Great fun was had by all at the restart of the Play and Stay sessions. From Hook a Duck to finger painting ,fairy cakes and apples, there was something for everyone. The teddies enjoyed the session too!

Stay and Play sessions are every Monday and Tuesday from 1.30 to 3pm .We have a children's lending Library and so much more. This is a FREE provision . So come along and enjoying playing with your child under 3.

Attendance Reward Trip

Over 60 pupils from years 5 and 6 with 100% attendance will be attending a reward afternoon at 'Go Bowling' during the February Half Term . Photographs and comments will be posted on the school's website. Well done everyone.

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