



Margaret McMillan Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 11th January I spent a day with our Y6 children at their residential in Howtown Outward-Bound centre in the Lake district. They were having a brilliant time and were a real credit to our school. I was so proud to see our children rising to new challenges and stretching themselves. You can read about their adventures inside.

As you know I sent a joint letter to Cllr Hussain and MP Ms Naz regarding the lack of road gritting in the recent bad weather. Thank you to the parents who also contacted our local councillor and MP on behalf of our children. I note that Scotchman road was gritted on Monday during the heavy frost. Lets hope that we are now on the permanent gritting schedule.

On the first of February we hope to become part of the Priestly Academy Trust. We will join Green lane Primary and Atlas Primary who became academies in December 2016 and Westbourne and Lilycroft Primaries will join in February as well. Lister Primary should join us to complete the Trust in the next few months. We will launch the Priestly Academy Trust formally when all six schools have joined.

At Margaret McMillan we work in partnership with our parents. That is why we ask for feedback when we hold any meetings. Many parents responded to our Autumn questionnaires. I will be sending out the results shortly, along with details of how we will respond to requests. The feedback from our maths workshops was overwhelmingly positive again and in response to your requests we will be holding reading and grammar workshops in the future.

Thank you,
Lorraine Martin
Head teacher

Phase updates

Phase One

Nursery have been celebrating Chinese

New Year this week. The children have

enjoyed their Talk for Writing text 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear?'

Reception have been learning 'Little Red Riding Hood' in Talk for Writing. All of

Reception have taken part in gardening club at the allotments. Parent Play will

continue every Tuesday at 8.45 to 9.15. Thank you for your support.

Year One children have been busy with their learning. In science they have been

learning about light and dark and they have been investigating weights and

measures in maths.



Phase Two

Year 2 have visited the Hindu Temple as part of the RE curriculum. This half term

we are learning all about Africa. We will be looking at what life is like in Africa as

well as the animals that live there. In science, our topic is lifecycles and as part of

this we asked for baby photos. Thank you for all of them- it's

lovely to see them and the children have enjoyed

trying to recognise each other!

Year 3 have been focusing on Greek Myths and the story of Peter Pan to develop literacy skills.

The children are very excited to have the

opportunity to go and see the pantomime of

Peter Pan on 27th January. This half term they

will also have the chance to take part in a special

google virtual reality trip around a volcano.



Year 4 have been involved with Sports UK, participating in a range of basketball

skills which will enable them to use them in team games. They have thoroughly

enjoyed this so far and are looking forward to playing some team games.

Phase Three

Y5-Nothern Ballet

David Nixon's
**BEAUTY
& THE BEAST**

From the beginning of Spring term Y5 have had the exciting opportunity to work

with the Northern Ballet dance academy. Experts from the academy have been

leading workshops with the children in school. Y5 also had a fantastic day out in

Leeds at The Grand Theatre watching Beauty and The Beast performed by the

Northern Ballet Company.

Y6 Residential - Ullswater

Last week, 60 Y6 children along with 8 members of staff enjoyed a week away in the Lake District at the Outward-bound centre. The children took part in many different activities such as; mountain climbing, gorge scrambling, canoeing, jog and dip, tunnelling, orienteering and night walks. The new experiences the children had were excellent. The trip developed their independence and tested their character. The staff at the Outward-bound Centre commented on how fantastic the children were and that they were a credit to our school! Well done Y6!



Road Safety

We have had a focus on road safety this week in our assemblies, KS1 practiced their stop, listen and think skills. KS2 had a visit from two police officers continuing the road safety campaign.

Attendance

Earth	89.50%	Mars	87.60%	Saturn	93.30%
Jupiter	94.80%	Mercury	95.50%	Neptune	93.80%
Galileo	94.90%	Sharman	93.60%	Hawking	95.10%
Bronte	96.30%	Hockney	95.50%	Nightingale	95.00%
Adams	94.70%	Armstrong	97.80%	Newton	95.80%
Turing	97.40%	Pankhurst	96.40%	Ennis	95.50%
Mandela	98.60%	Malala	96.20%	Rowling	95.00%

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

Diary dates

<u>January/February</u>	
Monday 23rd January to Friday 3rd February	Parents Evenings to be arranged with the class teacher
Friday 27th January	Pantomime trip for Year 3 and 4
Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th February	Life Caravan Nursery, reception and Y1
Friday 17th February	Break up for half term
Monday 27th February	School re-opens

TAC Team Update

After School Clubs

These are now up and running and are as popular as ever! We have added a few new clubs this term such as Street Dance and Film/Photography to keep things exciting.

Nurture Group

The new group will be starting on Wednesday 25th January. There are a few places still available please contact school for further details.

Stay and Play

This will resume on Monday 6TH February and will be held every Monday and Tuesday from 1.30 – 3pm. Free reading books are available for children under 3, as well as a Lending Library, Art and Crafts opportunities and many more activities.

Coffee Morning.

Every Friday morning during term time – run by parents for parents. Come along and have a coffee!



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