



Newsletter

Margaret McMillan

Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

I can hardly believe that we are half way through the autumn term! We have made a good start to the new academic year. All classes are beginning their day with sustained reading lessons and this is having a positive effect on learning. Many parents have commented that the earlier opening times have enabled them to get to work earlier and they have avoided the buses on Scotchman Road! Please try to be outside school when the doors open at 8:40am in order for us to provide the best opportunities for your children.

I was very honoured to be invited to attend an education forum at Buckingham Palace by of the Duke of York who is patron of the outward bound trust. I attended on Monday 16th and it was an amazing experience - I felt very honoured to represent Margaret McMillan Primary and to be part of the discussion about the benefits of outdoor education. Every year our year 6 children visit the Outward Bound Trust Hostel in Howtown near Ulswater in the Lake District. The children gain so much from this residential and we could not send them without the grants from the Outwood Bound Trust. The governors also subsidise the residential heavily as they recognise the benefits our children gain from experiences such as this.

You may have heard in the news that schools are facing budget restrictions and cuts to funding. At Margaret McMillan, this is also a very real situation. We now have to make difficult choices about the way we fund our curriculum and opportunities for children. At MMPS I am immensely proud of the tradition we have to provide charity to those less fortunate. In these difficult times we will now have to include school in our fundraising efforts if we are to keep educational visits and residential visits part of our curriculum.

Thank you,
Lorraine Martin
Headteacher

Phase updates

Phase One

On Friday 20th October the Yorkshire Owl Experience will be visiting Reception. During the visit children will have the opportunity to stroke the owl, look at the life cycle, habitat and foods that they eat.

A big thank you to all the parents that attended the Reception phonics workshop this half term. If you missed this session please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange another date.



Parent Play will start after the half term break in Reception and Year 1. This will give you an opportunity to share some learning with your child. This will happen every Tuesday in Reception and Wednesday in Year 1 and will start at 8:40-9:05.

Phase Two

Year two have been learning about what different materials, such as plastic, wood and straw are good for. We have also been learning about the Great Fire of London and thinking about whether it was a good idea for all the houses to be built out of wood in 1666. In English we have been writing diary entries and warning stories linked to our topics and trying hard to remember to use different punctuation, adjectives and conjunctions in our sentences. In maths we have practised making two digit numbers with different equipment and found missing numbers in calculations. Our new maths topic is multiplication and division; we are going to be using equipment to show different calculations and learning how to draw an array.

Year 3 have been creating their own mythical creatures to write reports and myths about. They are working on multiplication and division for Maths so the children really need to be practising counting in 2s,3s,4s,5s and 10s and learning these times tables as well. We will be visiting Bolton Abbey after the holidays (Nightingale 30th, Bronte 31st, Hockney 1st) to learn more about our Science topic.

Year 4 have had a very exciting half term learning all about change! We have discussed the various changes we have experienced in our lives so far and also studied how changes in states of matter are affected by temperature. We aim to finish the term with an interesting experiment about reversible and irreversible change- there some things you can't get back!



Phase Three

Year 5 are still enjoying learning about Space and have just completed writing their own science-fiction stories. They have had a visit from the cyber bullying team about keeping safe online. As part of topic lessons, they have created and modelled their very own time machines. As part of British Values Y5 have been researching and learning about mutual respect ready to share what they have found with the rest of KS2.



Year 6 have had a visit from the cyber bullying team about keeping safe online. Sports UK have worked with Y6 improving their Frisbee skills ready to take part in the Frisbee competition against other schools within Shine. As part of British Values Year 6 have been researching and learning about the tolerance of different faiths and their beliefs ready to share what they have found with the rest of KS2.

Attendance

		Mars	95.3%	Saturn	93.8%
Jupiter	97.2%	Mercury	94.3%	Neptune	97.5%
Galileo	95.6%	Sharman	96.4%	Hawking	96.5%
Bronte	97.5%	Hockney	95.3%	Nightingale	94.8%
Adams	97.7%	Armstrong	90.6%	Newton	98.2%
Turing	97.8%	Pankhurst	98.0%	Ennis	95.3%
Mandela	97.7%	Malala	93.8%	Rowling	95.7%

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

Diary Dates

Friday 20th October	Break up for half term
Monday 30th October	School starts
Wednesday 1st November	Spooky Story Night
Monday 30th October, Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November	Year 3 trips to Bolton Abbey. The trip letter will tell you what class goes on which day.
Thursday 9th November	Year 5 Ballet workshop

TAC Team Update

Highflyers Meal

24 Pupils attended the Highflyers meal on Tuesday 19th September . Alongside members of staff , Head teacher and Governors the pupils were acknowledge for their effort and hard work during the last year. These children were nominated by their class teacher in the recognition of this achievement. We not only celebrated Academic achievement but also positive attitude and resilience . The pupils were treated with a meal at the Sweet Centre and were awarded a certificate, Medal and a photograph presented by Mrs Martin Head teacher and Mr Hussain Vice chair of Governors.

The pupils were ; Amina Kamran and Imran Najib ,Anampta Shah ,Hamna Ali, Zahra Amir ,Idress shahid ,Sehrish Khan and Mohammed Ehsan. Naheem Hussain and Timea Tupyova , Rehan Khan, Adam Choudhry, Isha Ashfaq , Amaan Mehmood ,Alisha Malik, Ismaeel Hussain Armaan Feroz , Zunera Eshal, Harris Imran and Uzair Hussain. Faiza Kausar and Farhan Khan, Ihsaan Majeed, Safah Hussain. Well done !

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