



Marlborough Primary Academy

# ★ ★ Newsletter ★ ★

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers

I have loved my first few weeks at Marlborough - the children are amazing and I have very much enjoyed visiting them in classes and seeing their learning. I have been working with Mr Dore to lead some assemblies, and at these times we have reminded pupils about our school rules and treat values. Week by week, we have been reminding pupils about both indoor and outdoor rules so that we can all work and play safely together every day. We have discussed why we have rules, and considered how unsafe it would be if pupils didn't use their 'wonderful walking' and 'kind hands'.

As you know, I work between Marlborough and High Street schools. Mr Dore remains the 'head' of Marlborough, but I have been coming to MPA a few times a week to work with the staff and pupils. This arrangement does mean I am not always on site, but I am happy to be available should you want to speak to me about a school matter. Please just contact the school office in the usual way and ask for an appointment.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know the whole MPA 'family' better. Please look out for key dates and events - we would love to get the school parents in on site for some activities and these will be announced on the newsletter over the next few weeks.

Have the best weekend - Steph Macdonald.



# Recognition

## Award

This week's attendance winners  
are Maple with 94%

Whole school: 92%  
this is below the  
national average



ACHIEVER  
OF THE  
WEEK

Willows - Krishnadiya  
Maple - Lincoln  
Sycamore - Antoni  
Hawthorn - Dennis  
Beech - Henry



## Willows

Willows have been following the story 'We're Going To Find the Monster', as part of this they have made binoculars, explorer hats and adventure maps. They have also sequenced the start of the story and some children challenged themselves to create story maps. In outdoor learning, they have made leaf monsters too! During Maths, the reception children have been subitising numbers to 5 with great success, as well as exploring numbers through play and in the outside environment. Year 1 children have been exploring 'greater than and less than' a number and comparing numbers, using practical resources. In daily phonics, the reception children have been learning a sound a day - they are now up to 16 sounds. Please see the links on class dojo with the videos for each sound.

We are so pleased with how well the children have settled into the daily routine.



## Maple

We have been exploring our outdoor learning area and thinking about the creatures and animals that live there. We have made some fat balls to help our garden birds through the winter. We have also been observing the decaying process of leaves. Last week Maple class went on a leaf hunt and we all attempted to find leaves at different points of the decay process to make a leaf timeline!

In science we have been exploring our senses. Last week we went on an autumn walk using our sense of sight. We found lots of signs of autumn and we were able to discuss lots of ways our sense of sight helps us.



## Little Oaks



We have been looking at the book Major Glad and Major Dizzy and have written in the present and past tenses. Our Mathematics work has been looking at place value. In Science we made parachutes out of different materials and had great fun dropping our parachutes from the top of the stairs to see which ones fell the fastest and which ones floated down.

In Art we have drawn our own self-portraits in the style of the artist Frida Kahlo. We tasted different foods, talked about food safety and made a fruit salad which was really yummy!

In our PHSE lessons we have been talking about the importance of keeping personal space and practicing our "wonderful walking".

## Sycamore

We enjoyed our visit to the National Marine Aquarium. We were learning about the National Marine Park, which is the first of its kind in the UK.

We discovered lots about the wildlife that lives in the rivers and sea right on our doorstep.

This is part of a four-year project all about the National Marine Park for the children currently in Year 3.



## Hawthorn

In Hawthorn class, we have based our learning in English around a book called "Star of Fear, Star of Hope". The children have completed some great pieces of work including diary entries and recounts.

In maths, we have been focusing on place value and are now moving on to addition and subtraction.

In History, we have been looking at Crime and Punishment throughout the ages. The children are enjoying this topic and have lots of great questions.

In Art, we have drawn our self-portraits in the style of the artist Frida Kahlo.

In PE, we have been practicing different rolls, in handball we have been working on our passing skills and playing small games which the children have enjoyed.



## Beech

In Beech class, we have been reading the book 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' which describes the experience of a young girl when she loses her best friend during the Holocaust. The children have created some fantastic pieces of writing in the form of recounts and diary entries and have demonstrated their amazing empathy skills.

In maths, we have been cementing our adding, subtraction, multiplication, and division knowledge. This has included starting a weekly arithmetic quiz - lots of children have already beat their scores from the first week!

In science, we have been learning about materials and their properties. So far, we have investigated soluble and insoluble materials, such as sugar and salt, and we have learnt how to separate these mixtures, in the form of evaporation.

In history, we are learning about crime and punishment in Britain from the Romans to the Tudors. The children were particularly surprised to learn about 'trial of ordeal' whereby people were made to walk on hot coals, or dunked in rivers, to find out if they were guilty or not!

In Art, we have begun our 'Frida Kahlo' topic by learning about her life in Mexico and in the USA. Then, we learnt how to draw self-portrait by having ago at drawing ourselves!



### Start of Day

School begins for all children at 08:45am. Gates will be opened from 08:35 am and will close promptly at 08:55am. Children in Yr1-6 should be dropped off at the gate, where adults are available should they need support getting into class.



### End of Day

School ends at 3:15pm for all children. Gates will open at 3:10pm and close promptly at 3:20pm. Parents should come onto the playground to collect their child(ren) from the class teachers.

### Absence

If your child is off school please call the school number 01752 567681 and press 2 to report the absence. Can this be done first thing in the morning.

### Dojo

Please check for any updates on Class Dojo from your class teacher. If you need to message the class teacher please use Class Dojo to communicate.



## Contact

If you need to contact

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## Clubs

**Breakfast club** - starts at 7:45am and cost £2 session, please use main reception to access the club.

**After school club** - Monday to Friday 3:15pm to 5pm, spaces are booked and paid for on School money. Session are £5 per children or £4 each for siblings.

## FSM

If you think you are entitled to Free school meals please contact the main reception for further information.

## Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children look smart in their uniform.

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named.

Lost property is help behind reception if you are missing any uniform.



# Dates for the Diary

Flu Vaccinations - Monday 7th Oct  
 School Photos - Wednesday 16th Oct  
 Sycamore Theatre Royal Trip - Friday 18th Oct  
 Year 5 Tamar Crossing Trip Trip - Tuesday 22nd Oct  
 Break up for Half Term - Friday 25th Oct  
 Back to School - Monday 4th Nov



## MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES 2024-2025

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					Dec-24				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
	Jan-25					Feb-25					Mar-25					Apr-25				
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
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	May-25					Jun-25					Jul-25					Aug-25				
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Public Holiday      School Holiday      School Inset Day