

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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HAPPY  
EASTER

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to the final newsletter of the term, and this time I have asked teachers to share something that the children have really enjoyed during the past week so this week is full of photographs!

Wishing you a lovely Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back on April 13th,  
*Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.*



Red Nose Day last Friday was a rollercoaster of laughs, emotions and surprises, where we celebrated the nation coming together to do some serious good – and you were a **HUGE** part of it!

We're astonished at the phenomenal generosity of people up and down the country – every gift means so much!

We are so delighted to share that the Red Nose Day 2026 total is an unbelievable...

£30,004,040

We raised £65 for this great cause, so thank you all very much!

## HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to RED team this week for gaining the most housepoints!

Well done everyone!



## STARS OF THE WEEK

A huge 'Well Done' to: **Dean, Killian, Melanie and Austin** for being our stars of the week -

Excellent work!



This week Nursery and Reception had a wonderful time on our class trip to Church Farm. The children were able to feed the lambs, stroke the pigs, see a variety of different farm animals and enjoy a bumpy tractor ride where Farmer Dave handed the children some pieces of carrot to throw for 2 lovely pigs called Polka and Bridget. We were so impressed with the children's behaviour, they had a wonderful time. I expect they all had a good night's sleep as we were all worn out! Have a lovely Easter break.



Years 1 and 2 have been working hard in their phonics lessons this week. Year 2 were doing their sound search activity. This activity involves reading a decodeable text and using highlighters to find the sound they have been working on. They looked for all the /er/ spellings such as <er> <ur> <ir> <or>, highlighted them and sorted them into groups of same-spelling words. The children enjoy using the highlighters. The Year 1s have been working well in their phonics also, whilst taking particular care in their presentation and handwriting.



We know that Year 1 and 2 have not been out on a school trip yet this year - we are going to rectify this next term. It's a really long one so we hope to run two trips, perhaps with one being an experience in school. We will try to keep costs as low as we can so that everyone can take part.

On Monday, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fully immersive, workshop day, led by the amazing Lisa Taylor from 'History Off The Page'. The Roman day tied in nicely with the History lessons this term; looking at the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire, and our Art, Roman Architecture featuring the Pantheon, as previously mentioned in our earlier newsletters.

Children and staff threw themselves into the magic of the day in their varying costumes. For the morning session, we had 'creation stations' around the hall, where the children could freely roam to participate in the activities. Most children managed to make several items during the session, using materials and tools similar to those used in the past. There was a Roman Numeral game for the children to play and make, a brass pendant to emboss, a scented bag to create, a reusable wax tablet for writing, a green clay small animal good luck charm, a brown clay pinch pot and a Modroc Roman painting. During this session Lisa would regularly inform the children about what was happening in her Roman town and have them investigate how people were feeling about Boudicca and her strong Iceni tribe rebelling against Roman rule in Britain. The children were able to practice marching in formation with Lisa.

During the afternoon session the children were split into 3 groups; acting, dancing and marching. The soldiers practiced their marching drills and defensive positions. The dancers created a group dance to a 4-beat rhythm which continued to speed up as it went on. The actors had to multitask by playing several different characters in a stage drama in the retelling of the story 'Romulus and Remus'. The children came together to perform their different activities in front of each other and finished by enjoying a feast of bread and grapes served by the slaves (Mrs Askew and Mrs Matthews). Thank you to all the staff involved and our wonderful volunteer, Mrs Askew. A big thank you to parents for supporting us with contributions to help us run this fun and educational day.



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Enriching the Primary Curriculum

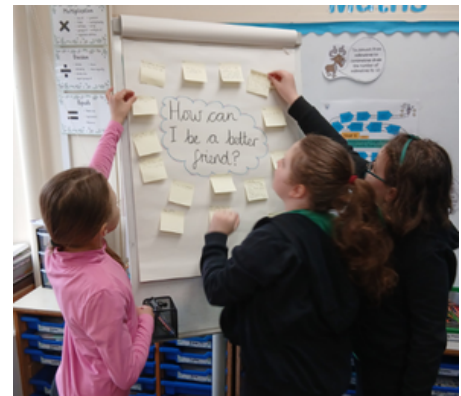
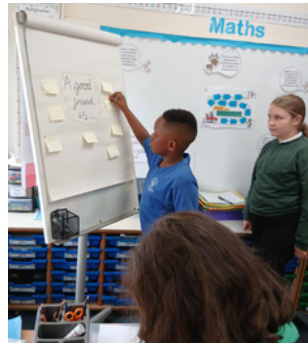
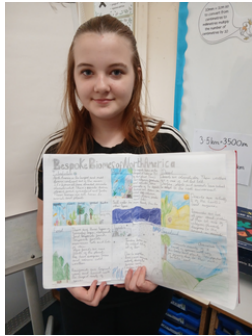


Wow wow wow! What a fantastic 2 weeks we've had. Firstly, a huge well done to all our year 6s who have exceeded my expectations in their mock SATs tests, especially reading!

Last Thursday we had the best day at Duxford, extending our learning about World War 2 and the Battle of Britain.

During Wellbeing Wednesdays, we have been working hard on friendships, online bullying and our emotions. We have tried to be reflective on our own actions to be better friends for all.

In English, the children have been working extremely hard to produce an information text about the different biomes of North America. They have certainly deserved their 2 weeks off. Proud of all your hard work!



The children loved joining in with the GenR8 team's Easter Collective Worship!

