

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 6 - FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to our newsletter - I don't know where the year has gone, it only seems like yesterday that we were returning to school and now it's nearly half term! Still lots to pack in though, and lots of knowledge to gain..

Once again in school this week, we have been focussing on our learning, and how to achieve the best outcomes in a calm learning environment. We establish routines so that all children know exactly what to expect, there should be no surprises! We are still embedding this, but one of the best ways to ensure learning can take place is by raising expectations and believing they can be achieved by all.

In class and around the school, we teach – through our Behaviour Curriculum - our children STAR sitting, and we reinforce this in all areas of school life. STAR is an acronym, simply standing for:

- S** - Sit up straight (face forward, hands together.)
- T** - Track the speaker (So that children are always engaged)
- A** - Ask and answer questions
- R** - Respect people and property

If you ask your child, they will be able to explain this to you and hopefully tell you why we use it!

Just a quick note to say that DEMAT are changing our school meal provider to Caterlink from 3/11/25 so please look out for new menus going live on MCAS to book.

Wishing you a great weekend! Ms. Lucca and the Marshland Team.

FOSA EVENTS

As you will see in the dates section, we have some exciting events planned by FOSA coming up which will raise money for our children.

This year, the present room will be taking place in school during lunch time over the space of a week. We are lucky to have members of our school community who want to support us and raise money for the children's benefit so please do support FOSA.

If you would like to become a member of FOSA, please speak to a member of staff or Chantal, Stacey or Jan who will be happy to fill you in on the roles available :)

HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

We are so proud of all our Year 5 and 6 children who put themselves forward to be nominated for the House and Vice Captains of our school House teams.

Last week, we carried out hustings, and the Year 6 children delivered their 'campaign' speeches in front of everyone in Collective Worship.

We then distributed voting slips, and each child had one vote.

We collated, counted and re-counted.. and the results are as follows...

House

Blue

Green

Red

Yellow

House Captain

Freya & Summer

Thomas

Jason

Iris

Vice-Captain

Valentina

Stanley

Austin

RJ

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Some quotes from the successful candidates!
Next week there will be a paragraph from the group.

Stanley: 'I feel happy and appreciated!'

Iris: 'I feel very proud of this nomination and I just want to say thank you for the opportunity.'

Austin: 'Happy and grateful'

Thomas: 'I was astonished to get this role and I hope that Green team like me as their captain.'

Summer: 'The tie between Freya and me was unexpected but I am super excited to work with her!'

Freya: 'I am happy that we both tied and I am very grateful that I can share this opportunity with her.'



SUBJECT FOCUS THIS WEEK: GAMES & PE

We have all been using the new Get Set 4 PE resources that we introduced this year. These are structured lessons which allow the children to experience and practise every skill within the PE/Games Curriculum. With two lessons every week, we make sure that our children receive their entitlement!

N/RC

In Games the children have been developing their ball skills. This week we have been strengthening our catching skills, pretending our balls are jumping grasshoppers. The children worked really hard and have enjoyed throwing in different ways developing their gross motor skills, and working on coordination of catching.



1/2B



During this term we have been enjoying both our gymnastics and our games lessons. In gymnastics we have been practising balancing on our mats. In our games lessons we have been having a fabulous time practising our ball skills outside.

I would like to **thank all parents and carers** for supporting our 'Marshland Team' by sending your children in to school with the appropriate PE kit - it is so much more consistent now and this reinforces the idea that we are all members of the same school, wearing the same uniform. Thank you!

Can I please ask though, that ALL clothing is named so that we can reunite lost items with their owners!

3/4A

For the past few weeks in PE, 3/4A have been learning yoga.

We start our sessions with a greeting of 'Namaste' then focus on belly breathing to still our thoughts. We have practised meditation, and worked on being mindful of our body and controlling our breathing, which allows us time to think and re-focus.

Lots of children have enjoyed the quiet, holding balances and different poses well. Our poses have included the tree pose, warrior and tabletop.

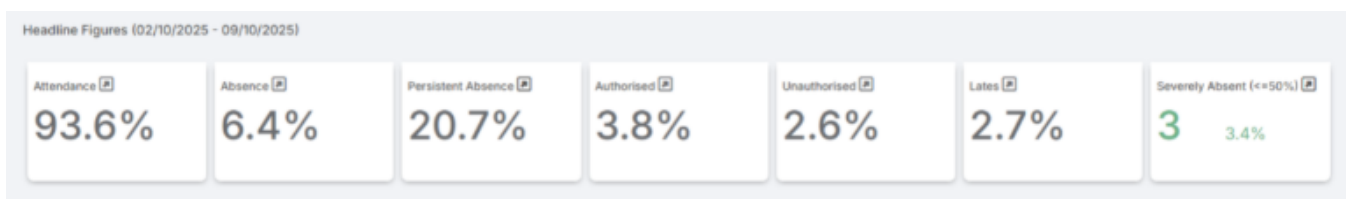


5/6P



In PE this term we have been improving and building on our attacking and defending skills in Netball - learning about positions and talking tactics. The children have been developing their teamwork skills whilst mastering communication within team games. The children have really enjoyed practising shooting and learning different passing techniques which supports our team ethic of working together whilst maintaining some healthy competition!

ATTENDANCE & SAFEGUARDING



Our whole school attendance is slipping unfortunately, and we are below national average for primary school. Over the next two weeks I will be contacting families to see what support we can offer to ensure that all children are in school every day.

UPCOMING EVENTS



October

10th - Christmas Cards sent home with children (FOSA)

16th - 1/2B Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

17th - Return FOSA Christmas Cards to school

20th - Oral Health Dental care practitioner in school - all year groups

23rd: Parent Consultations

23rd - Non-Uniform Day (FOSA £1 contribution via MCAS)

24th: Training Day - Children should not attend school

**MORE DATES
WILL BE ADDED
EACH WEEK SO
PLEASE DO
CHECK.**

November

4th - Year 6 NCMP Screening (Height and Weight)

5th School photos (Individual and in-school siblings)

6th New Reception Open session @ 2.15pm - Please share!

12th and 13th - Year 6 Bike-ability Scheme. (Bikes and helmets please!)

13th - 5/6P Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

20th - NRC Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

21st Flu jabs (details and sign up will be sent out)

27th - 3/4A Class assembly @2.45pm - all welcome.

Mon 24th– Fri 28th (lunchtimes in school) Christmas present room (FOSA)

December

4th - Christmas Fayre - School Hall 3.30pm - 4.30pm (FOSA)

10th - Pantomime @Kings Lynn Corn Exchange (FOSA - details to follow)



A huge 'Well Done' to:

RYLO, FEODOR, MELANIE and SUMMER for being our stars of the week. You should be very proud of yourselves!

Thanks as always to our families for sharing our Celebration Worship today - it really is my favourite time of the week!