

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers.

Here we are at the end of another jam-packed week in school!

The Year 1s have completed a mock Phonics screening check over the last few days so that we know if they are on track, and they have all worked really hard. We teach phonics and spellings to every year group, every day, and twice in Year 1/2!

It's so important that our children can read as it opens the door to the world and all its wonders.

Year 1 and 2 have also had a really exciting day today as they visited Burghley House for a Tudor experience. They had a fabulous time, it was hot but they all drank lots of water and Miss Hemsley, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Cordell were constantly re-filling bottles with the water they took with them. We have lots of photos that we will share next half term, we imagine that these children will sleep well tonight as many of them were exhausted after their busy day! (So were the adults, but don't say I told you so..!)

Wishing you all a wonderful half term and see you on Monday 1st June,

Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.

STARS OF THE WEEK



A huge 'Well Done' to: **Maria, Freddie and Emily** for being our stars of the week -

Excellent work!



HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations to the **GREEN** Team for earning the most housepoints this week!

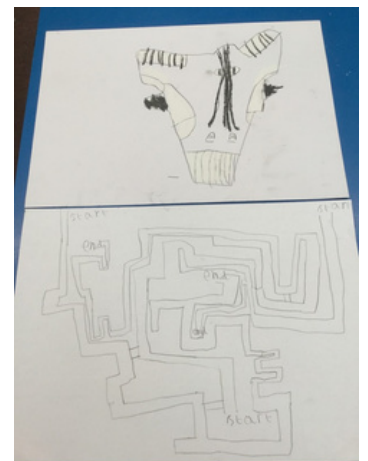
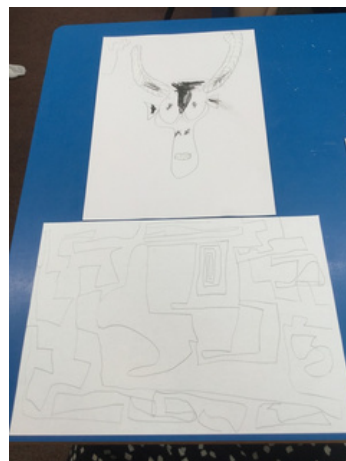
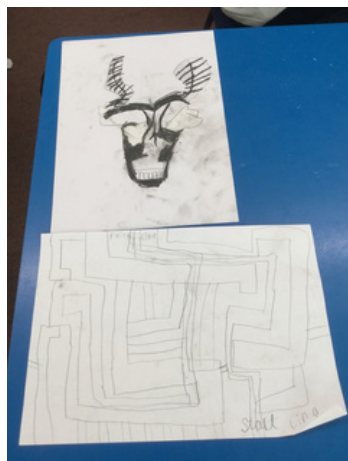
Class NRC

This week the children in NRC have been learning about our amazing Royal Family. They showed their artistic talents by drawing portraits of royal figures. They were even lucky enough to paint a portrait of a visiting princess, who had to sit very still whilst her artists worked hard to capture the moment.



Class 1/2

Year 1/2 students have been exploring the artwork of Pablo Picasso and learning how artists can show different characteristics through line, tone and shading. Using chalk and charcoal, the children created their own minotaur drawings inspired by Picasso's famous artwork. They experimented with blending, highlights and shadows to give their creatures different expressions and personalities. Students also developed their fine motor and problem-solving skills by creating detailed line mazes alongside their artwork. We were so impressed with their creativity, confidence and imagination!



Class 3/4

This week class 3/4 have enjoyed finishing their mosaic portraits. The children had to look carefully at the different tones they could see in their skin and hair. Precisely trimming and sticking their paper mosaic pieces onto their pages. Some children were even able to design a fun mosaic of their own, some of these included rainbows, animals and even a life size pair of scissors.

Perhaps you can recognise some of these children from their portraits.



Class 5/6

Exciting things happened this week! Now SATs are over we will be starting our end of year Production of Oliver – with a twist! This week we read through the whole script and listened to the songs. We have held auditions and cast the show. The children have been so courageous, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and trying their best. The children all know which part/parts they are playing and have been given scripts to learn their lines over the half term. Show dates will be confirmed soon and tickets will be available through the office.



Please keep an eye on your MCAS app to book for upcoming clubs for Summer Term 2



SAFETY FIRST road safety

KS2 children were very lucky on Tuesday, to be visited by Olly Day and his Road Safety Magic Show.

Olly led them through an age appropriate, fun-filled 45 minute road safety course. There were lots of laughs and wow moments! The children all thoroughly enjoyed the session and engaged with Olly and his teachings. The Road Safety Magic Show is funded by Norfolk County Council and the Road Safety Partnership.

Olly Day has been a magician for over 30 years and has educated over 270,000 children across East Anglia.

Key messages taught to the children were:

- Understanding the Green Cross Code and Highway Code
- Recognising road signs and markings
- Identifying safe places to cross the road
- Learning about bike safety
- Understanding the importance of being visible
- Understanding passenger safety, including the use of seatbelts
- Choosing their mode of transport (learning about the hierarchy of road users)
- Staying alert and focused while travelling
- Understanding the importance of emergency vehicles and how to respond to them



The Royal British Legion wish to thank everyone who donated this year to their Poppy Appeal. We raised a fantastic amount.

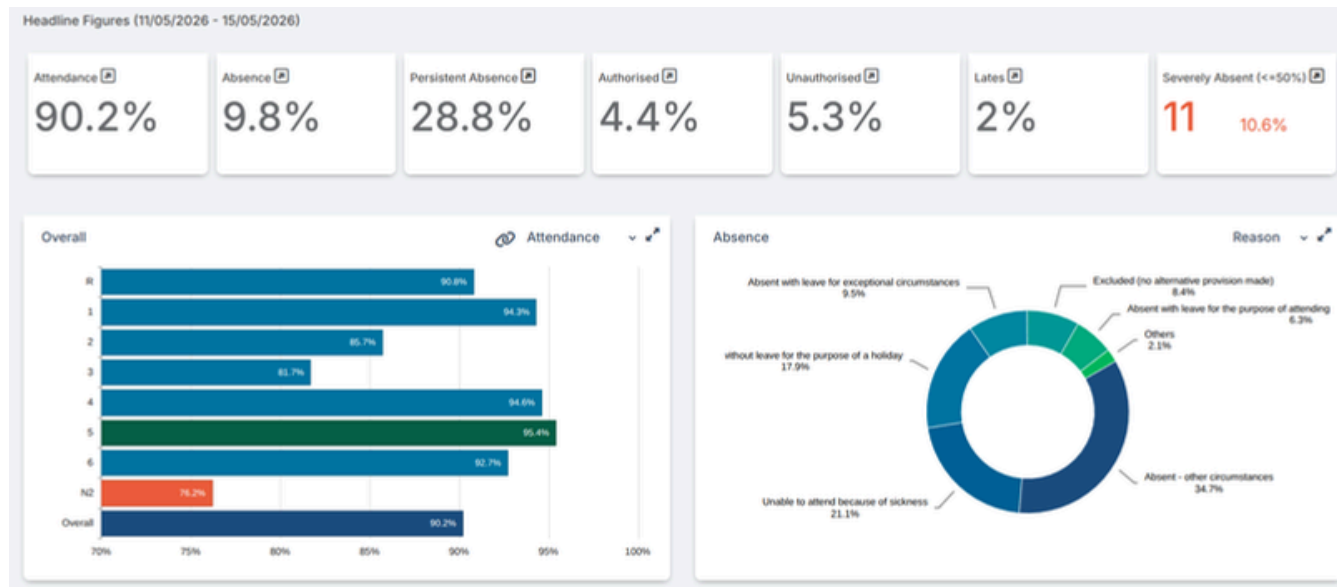


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ATTENDANCE

YEAR TO DATE: **92.8%**



PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE. EVERY SESSION MISSED ADDS UP TO LOST LEARNING TIME. LAST WEEK OUR BEST ATTENDANCE WAS IN CLASS 5/6P

Diary Dates

May W/C Monday 25th May - HALF TERM (School Closed)

June

W/C Monday 1st June - Year 4 MTC (Multiplication Check, 2 week window)

Tuesday 2nd June - New Reception Parents meeting and classroom visit 3.30pm, School hall

Friday 5th June - Great Athlete Event - Alice Sharp, Olympic cyclist

W/C Monday 8th June - Year 1 PSC (Phonics Screening Check week)

Friday 12th June - Fathers Day 'Pop Up Stall' after school

Monday 15th June - Class photos (Bring your best smiles) 📷

Wednesday 17th June - World Cup Lunch (Please book on MCAS)

July

Thursday 2nd July - New to Reception 3.30pm-4.30pm Stay and Play with parents

Saturday 4th July - Summer Fayre Marshland Hall 10-2pm

Monday 6th July - Final swimming session for 3/4

Tuesday 7th July - Sports Day - From 1.15, gates will open at 1pm, please make your way to the field.

Wednesday 8th July - End of year disco - times to be arranged

Friday 10th July - Year 6 Marshland High School Transition Day

Whole School Jump Up Day

New to Reception 9.30-11.30am - no parents

Tuesday 14th July - RESERVED Sports Day (if the prior date is rained off)

Wednesday 15th July - Year 5/6 Performance 2pm and 6pm 'Oliver with a twist'

Thursday 16th July - Marshland High School Taster Day Year 5

Year 6 End of Year Celebration

Friday 17th July - Leavers Assembly 9am (Year 6 parents to be invited)