

# Marfields Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## YOUNG VOICES

BY THE CHILDREN

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 and some other children from other years excitedly boarded a coach at lunch time to go to the Manchester Arena to take part in a concert there with the Young Voices Choir.



Everyone had lots of fun. They did lots of singing and dancing, we even learned some rap songs. They were quite nervous as they had to sing in such a

huge arena. The leaders of the Choir made the grown-ups and children in the audience stand up and dance. The grown-ups were very groovy and had a good time.



We sang some songs and afterwards the lady showed us the people that had taught us the dances and they put on a performance for us. We then got back onto the coach. It was a late night for us as we didn't get back to school until about 10 o'clock at night and we were all tired, but excited too, especially as we were allowed to come into school late the next day!

To see more photographs and some videos please go onto the School Blog on our web-site: [www.marfields.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.marfields.cheshire.sch.uk)

## TATTENHALL VISIT

After counting down since the beginning of Years 3 and 4 the day finally arrived when they set off for a residential visit to the Tattenhall Centre near to Chester. Year 3 went on Monday and returned on Tuesday, Year 4 went on Tuesday and returned on Wednesday.

On arrival at the centre the children were given a snack and a drink before being allocated their bedrooms. Once everyone was settled in and knew where they were they were allowed a bit of free time on the adventure playground there.



Then it time to settle down to something serious! They were fortunate to be able to work with an artist who



we have worked with before in school, Mrs Jane Dixon. They were able to work with some clay to create some great Egyptian artwork.

What a fabulous first day they all had! The day finished by the children having their tea, followed by watching a DVD. Following a surprisingly good night's sleep the children took part in a dance workshop which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After a hearty lunch it was then time to get on the coach to return back to school to tell the mum's and dad's what a fantastic time they had.



By Years 3 & 4

## MACBETH

To help the children to celebrate the recent World Book Day we have arranged for a theatre company to come into school to perform the Shakespeare play Macbeth. This production is for the children in **Key Stage 2 only** due to the content being unsuitable for younger children. The performance will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 1:30 – 3:00pm**. Should any parents wishing to come along to watch the performance they would be made most welcome.

## EASTER COMPETITION

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** the Friends of Marfields are holding an Egg Decorating and an Egg Rolling competition. They would like you to decorate at home, a boiled egg in any way you would like. The decorated eggs will then be used in the Egg Rolling competition.

The cost is just **£1** in total for entry into both events. There are prizes for each class for the best decorated egg and for the furthest rolled egg.

## EASTER EGG APPEAL

As you all know, we always like to help out charities whenever we can and this year we are joining the Silk FM Easter Egg Appeal. Each year Silk host this appeal to get as many Easter Eggs as possible to hand out to underprivileged families ensuring they have a happy Easter.

We have now started to collect eggs; if you wish to donate an Easter Egg please send them in now.

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** Cheshire the Cat and the Silk FM team will come to school to collect the egg donations and to bring some goodies for the children who have taken part in the collection.

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## EASTER ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our Easter Assembly on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. It will take place at 9:30am at Trinity Methodist Church on Wagg Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. Save the date in your diary!

## PARENT FORUM

We are holding our next Parent Forum on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30pm**.

Tea and coffee and an Easter treat will be on offer and our subject for discussion is Social Media and how school uses this. Everyone is welcome please book it in your diary now.

## HEADLICE

It has been brought to our attention that some children in most classes have head lice. Please check your child's hair, your hair and the rest of the family and your child's hair thoroughly tonight and treat accordingly with conditioner or a recommended shampoo from the chemist.

If your child does get head lice in the future, please inform the class teacher or the office so that we can notify the parents of the rest of the children in class. Obviously no names will be mentioned. Passing on the information will hopefully nip the outbreak in the bud.

## THREADWORMS

It has also been brought to our attention that there is a small outbreak of thread worms. The children involved have been treated at home. As thread worms are easily spread you may want to check your child to see if they have them.

### **What are thread worms?**

Thread worms are tiny worms that are about 1cm in length, and look like white cotton. You can catch worms by swallowing the eggs. These hatch out in your intestine, and quickly develop into adult worms. The female worms pop out of your bottom at night to lay their eggs on the surrounding skin.

### **What are the symptoms?**

The main symptom is intense itching around the bottom, especially at night. Some people have no symptoms.

### **What is the treatment?**

There are several treatments available. You should advise your child about good hand washing following visits to the toilet and not to bite their nails to prevent re-infection. If you have any concerns consult your pharmacist or doctor for advice.

## WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Jordan Crowther in Year 6; the correct answer to last week's puzzle was *Emily had 3 cats*.

This week's puzzle is .....

**When I'm young I'm tall  
When I'm old I'm short  
When I'm alive I glow  
But because of your breath I die**

### **What am I?**

Send the answer into school on Monday with your name and class on it and one correct answer will be rewarded with a treat - this will be drawn by raffle if more than one correct answer comes in. Get your thinking caps on for the correct answer and good luck to you all.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week are:

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|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Year 2</b> | <b>97.21%</b> |
| Year 6        | 97.09%        |
| Year 5        | 96.63%        |
| Year 4        | 96.23%        |
| Year 3        | 95.55%        |
| Year 1        | 95.26%        |
| Reception     | 94.10%        |

**Well done to Year 2 who are this week's winners with 97.21%.**

## LAST SCHOOL DAY    BACK TO SCHOOL

|                        |                       |   |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Summer Term</b>     | <b>20.07.16</b>       |   |
| <b>Autumn 2016</b>     |                       | <b>Mon 05.09.16</b>   |
| <b>Half Term</b>       | <b>Fri 21.10.16</b>   | <b>Mon 31.11.16</b>   |
| <b>Christmas</b>       | <b>Thurs 22.12.16</b> | <b>Mon 09.01.17</b>   |
| <b>February 2017</b>   | <b>Fri 17.02.17</b>   | <b>Mon 27.02.17</b>   |
| <b>Half Term</b>       | <b>Fri 17.02.17</b>   | <b>Mon 27.02.17</b>   |
| <b>Easter</b>          | <b>Fri 31.03.17</b>   | <b>Tue 18.04.17</b>   |
| <b>Half Term</b>       | <b>Fri 26.05.17</b>   | <b>Mon 05.06.17</b>   |
| <b>Summer Holidays</b> | <b>Wed 26.07.17</b>   | <b>PLEASE NOTE INSET DAYS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET, THEREFORE THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.</b> |