

MARLFIELDS' NEWSLETTER

13th October 2022

ALLOTMENT CLUB

As the cooler Autumn nights come along winter begins to make an appearance, it's time to harvest the last of the crops. The children began by splitting into two work teams, Team 1 organised and picked the last of the corn and Team 2 picked the last of the tomatoes. After all the hard work it was then time to add all the debris to the compost heap in the hopes of producing a nice, rich fertiliser for future crops.



All members of the Allotment Club worked their socks off – keep up the good work in the weeks to come and we will have an allotment to be proud of.

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB



This week during Performing Arts, the focus was what could be seen at the circus. The children were asked to mime various scenes they could think of from the circus including, tight-rope walkers, strong man, clowns and bicycle acts. The session then moved onto scene hopping where the children had to hop in and out of a scene to make it their own and manipulate it further to advance the scene.



As you will imagine, the whole session was filled with laughter, smiles and happy children.

GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

This week the team of up-and-coming footballing legends started with some drills, including amongst others, manoeuvres passing and toe taps.

After a few rounds of these it was time for the main event!! Year 3 v The Rest of the School. Shots were taken, tackles were made and eventually the score was 2-0 for the Year 3 team. It was an edge of the seat battle! Everyone had a great time. Why not come and join in next Tuesday?

We still have a few spaces left at some clubs.

Why not check with the office if your child is interested in joining a club and **is not already** attending a club.

FLU SPRAY

Marlfields Primary Academy - session date is Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

The Health Team will shortly be undertaking the Nasal Flu Spray within school. It is important that all children get the opportunity to have their nasal flu spray, so if you want your child(ren) to receive their vaccination and **have not** completed the on-line consent form already, please contact the immunisation team via e-mail: wcnt.immunisation@nhs.net You will be asked to provide them with your child's full name, DOB and school and they will help you to fill in the E-consent form.

Please note parents need to be in touch by **Friday 21st October** for them to order the vaccine so they will have them in time for the session.

KEY STAGE 1 PHONICS MEETING

Many thanks to those of you who attended today's Phonics Meeting. Hopefully you found it informative and helpful. Schools work best when school and parents work together. Congratulations to Aria-Ashleigh's mum for winning the shopping voucher raffle.

NETBALL

This week saw us taking part in the first Netball League matches of the season. Our first game was against St. Marys. The team weren't quite match ready for the first match and sadly they lost 5-0. By the time for the second match they were properly in the zone. Although the game ended 0-0 against Smallwood, it was a much better game that we played.

Great teamwork from everyone who took part in the matches. Congratulations to Thomas Davies who was voted Players' Player of the Match!

CROSS COUNTRY



Our happy, smiling Yrs. 3 & 4 Cross Country team before they started their race earlier this week.

Each one of them ran their hardest to cross the finishing line. Thank you for representing us, and as always with Marfields' children you all showed great sportsmanship as you crossed the finishing line.

VIDEO & ON-LINE GAME PLAYING

It has been brought to our attention that several of our children are playing inappropriate games either on-line or on games consoles; games such as Fortnite, Marvels Avengers and Star Wars : Battlefront II etc all of which have a 13+ age rating. By them playing these 'games' their playground behaviours are changing as they re-enact what they are seeing on screen. We would like to ask you, as parents to monitor the games that your child plays.

CHILDREN REVIEWS (Formerly known as Parents Evening Meetings)

Since the start Covid-19 we have held these meetings over the phone with individual parents and would like to continue to do so. We have found this to be a more time efficient way to hold the meetings with the added bonus of parents/carers not having to come out at night or to have to find a babysitter.

This term the meetings will take place on **Monday 7th November** between **3:30 – 5:30pm** and **Wednesday 9th November** between **5:00 – 7:00pm**, each phone call will last for a **maximum of 10 minutes**.

Please e-mail the office with a preferred time. Obviously, we will endeavour to give you the time slot of your choice, but on occasion when multiple people want the same time for the same teacher this is not always possible, and we will aim to be as close to that time as possible.

The time slots are:

Monday 7th: **3:30 / 3:40 / 3:50 / 4:00 / 4:10 / 4:20 / 4:30 / 4:40 / 5:00 / 5:10 / 5:20 / 5:30**

Wednesday 9th: **5:00 / 5:10 / 5:20 / 5:30 / 5:40 / 5:50 / 6:00 / 6:10 / 6:20 / 6:30 / 6:40 / 6:50**

REMINDERS

1. If your child is absent from school, please let the office know as early as possible the reason why.
2. If your child is absent and has school dinners, please cancel it as soon as possible to avoid being charged for it and to also prevent food waste.
3. Children on the playground remain under the guardianship of the adult who brings them to school until our staff take over at 8:50am.

Always keep a vigilant eye on your child: destructive and bad behaviour has been witnessed before this time when parents are chatting to each other or are on their phone.

4. Lateness is becoming quite prevalent, with many children arriving at school after 9:15am, some arriving as late as 11:00am for no valid reason. Lateness and absence are currently being monitored closely. If we start to see patterns emerging, we will need to get the Educational Welfare Officer in for meetings with the persistent latecomers/absentees which may culminate in both parents receiving a fine or in the worst-case scenario a court appearance.
5. The car park at school is NOT for the use of parents but for Staff. Similarly, parents should not walk down the driveway to get to the playground and must use the walking gates instead. This is to prevent accidents and to keep your children safe.
6. If you do need to drive in to school to collect your child due to illness, you may use the car park, but we ask that you adhere to the 5mph limit that we have.
7. Please be courteous to our neighbours when parking on the surrounding roads and to not inconvenience them by inconsiderately parking over driveways.
8. Headlice: please, please check your children's hair regularly to prevent the spread of headlice.

FRIENDS OF MARLFIELDS CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

Although the shops are already filling up with Christmas cards and gifts,

**PLEASE DON'T BUY ANY
CHRISTMAS CARDS JUST YET!**

Over the last few days, the children at Marlfields have been busy designing their Christmas cards which will be sent away to be professionally printed.

Over the next few weeks, you will receive information about how to order multipacks of cards printed with your child's design. Mugs, bags, tea towels and wrapping paper will also be available.

More details to follow in the coming weeks.