



MARLFIELDS NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 18TH 2022



PLANT-UP

On Saturday November 12th, our Head Girl Daisy Lawton, her sister Alice, older brother Charlie and Mum took part in the Plant-Up session in the large poly-tunnel which is adjacent to Congleton Park.

They all worked hard to plant up the display tubs which will be placed around the town centre.

The finished tubs look amazing! Thank you all so much for giving up your free time to represent Marlfields (mum included!). We hope you had fun taking part, you certainly look as if you did!



WORLD CUP



The World Cup Competition is almost upon us, and to celebrate the England team's first match on **Monday 21st November** we would like to invite the children to come to school **dressed in football or sports kit** should they so wish on that day.

During Monday afternoon the children will have the opportunity to watch the game should they so wish. They will also be able to take part in football themed activities.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Academy **Photographers** will be in school **Tuesday 22nd November** to take photographs of the children **individually**, and with their **in-school/Nursery siblings** (sorry they are not taking whole family photographs at this time). Please ensure that your child(ren) **wear their school jumper(s)**.

FLU VACCINE

School Health are also in school on **Tuesday 22nd November** to administer the **flu nasal spray** vaccine to the children whose parents have completed the on-line consent form and consented for their child to receive it.

PRIMARY DANCE FESTIVAL

For the past few weeks, Year 3 have been practising hard to take part in the Commonwealth Games Dance Festival which was held this week at The Quinta.



Six schools from the local area took part, and each performed a dance from a different county in the Commonwealth.

Our country was South Africa. Other countries represented were, Australia, Jamaica, India, Mauritius and Kenya.

Our dancers did us proud, and all looked amazing in their white T-shirts emblazoned with the flag of South Africa.

We were the final school to dance. Our children patiently watched as the other schools performed. Their behaviour was exemplary. Following our dance, all the schools took part in a Flash Mob dance, which was hilarious! They then had a short disco and refreshments before setting off back for school.



HELP NEEDED

We have been approached by Mrs Isobel Bailey, mum of Esmé and Iona, offering to help with training the children for inter-school sporting events.

Obviously, we will help her with this wherever we can, but she and we, would greatly appreciate further parental help.

We would really like to promote sport within school and engage the children and parents more in taking part. To this end we would like to form a Sporting Council, where we get parents involved to help ease the load on staff.

We are sure that you, as parents would love to see the sporting side of the school improved.

Would you be willing to help us train sports stars of the future and join the Sporting Council?

If the answer to this is "Yes, I would!" please either send an e-mail into the office, call in to the office or speak to Isobel on the playground, giving your details and days/times available to help and we will all get together to arrange a mutually convenient day/time to start the training regime.

JUMPING TO SUCCESS

Holly Goodwin in Year 6 jumped her way to 2nd place in the North Staffordshire Trampolining Club Competition last the weekend.

Her routine involved: a front landing, straddle jump, seat landing, half twist, tuck jump, pike jump and a back landing!

What a fantastic achievement - well done Holly!



PE KIT

Now that the weather is changing and becoming more blustery, cold and wet, it is essential that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. If their clothing gets wet, if they have their kit in school, they have something to change into whilst their uniform/shoes are dried.

COATS

Coats too, are an essential item to bring into school daily. The children need to go outside to let of steam after a morning of lessons. If they don't have a coat with them, they will be unable to go outdoors and must stay inside.

CONGLETON IN BLOOM



Last night, Mrs Isherwood attended a presentation evening hosted by Congleton in Bloom.

As you can see from the photographs we received a 'Commended' for our entry in the Wheelbarrow Challenge which took place during the Summer.

Sam and Jayden were proud to receive the certificate on our behalf. Thank you boys.



YEAR 6 POEMS

Year 6 have been working on war poems and would like to share a couple with you. Hope you enjoy them.

The Blackout

*Dark as a thousand nights,
Dark as squid on a moonless night.
Everyone succumbing to fears' blight.
No-one knowing who will end our plight.*

*Nothing overhead but ash and planes,
Nothing ahead but trenches and burnt terrain.
But then, a single spark of hope on the horizon.*

*A tiny promise of leisure and peace.
The only thing keeping us going and working
to appease.*

*This tiny, little spark that soon grew to the size
of Guy Fawkes' Bonfire.*

But soon of this endless cycle we will tire.

By Arthur

The Blackout

*Blue, brave skies now faded into hidden,
broken hearts.*

*Love ceases to exist with blindfold trains
leaving our precious homelands.*

*Alone in brutal thick air, breathing in smoke
that cries beneath innocent homes*

*Callow dawn rises, the darkness never
leaves*

*Knowing the lethal bombs will fall like
lightning bolts, taking a piece of our hearts
one by one.*

*Out in the cold, smiles hide far from
warmth.*

*Unknown spies, following the trains to
despair.*

*Too young to understand the dangers of
the moment.*

By Olivia

ATTENDANCE

Attendance/Lateness of children is becoming a concern.

Children are expected to attend school for the full 190 days of the academic year, unless there is a good reason for absence.

There are two types of absence:

- Authorised (where the school approves pupil absence)
- Unauthorised (where the school does not approve absence)

It is expected that parents will provide an explanation if the child or young person is absent on the first day the absence occurs. This can be by letter, telephone, text, personally at the office or by appointment

If contact, explaining the child or young person's absence, fails to be made by parents or carers, then the school will contact home by text message on the initial day, following this with a letter after 3 days of unexplained absence.

LATENESS

School begins at 8.55am and all pupils are expected to be in school for registration at this time.

Pupils who are consistently late are disrupting not only their own education but also that of others.

Where persistent lateness gives cause for concern further action may be taken.

Every Minute Counts

Lateness = Lost Learning (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!

20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Leave of Absence (holidays) during term time

Parents are strongly urged to avoid booking a family holiday during term time. **Parents do not have the right to take their child or young person out of school for such a holiday.** In exceptional circumstances a leave of absence may be granted.

What can parents do to help?

- Let the school know as soon as possible why your child or young person is away
- Send a note when your child returns to school
- Try to make appointments outside school time
- Do not allow your child to have time off school unless it is really necessary

If you are worried about your child's attendance at school what can you do?

- Talk to your child; it may be something simple
- Talk to the Head teacher and staff at the school
- Talk to the Education Welfare Service

You may contact the Education Welfare Officer, who will work with you and the school to resolve the situation.

The school aims to have ALL children or young people attending regularly and punctually and parents need to know that should their child fail to attend in this way then the matter will be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Parents need to be aware that Cheshire East Council in conjunction with Schools are operating Fixed Penalty Notices for non-attendance/persistent lateness.

If your child is ill and is going to be off school, please leave a message on the absence line (01260 633120) as soon as you can, letting us know the reason for absence. Please do not send a message about illness on Class Dojo. If your child is booked in for a school lunch please remember to cancel it on SchoolGrid or you may be charged for it.

ENERGY EFFICIENT FUNDING AVAILABLE VIA CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

You may be aware of a new scheme known as the 'Home Up-grade Grant Scheme' (HUG) which is available in your local area.

The scheme aims to improve the energy efficiency of properties which would benefit from better heating and insulation systems.

These improvements can help offset the increased energy price cap, which has led to many families suffering from the costs of higher energy bills.

You could be eligible for up to £25,000 worth of free energy efficiency products, including air source heat pumps, cavity wall insulation and/or solar panels.

Qualifying homeowners will not need to contribute towards the scheme, it will be fully funded via Cheshire East Council. If you are living in a rented property, you can still take advantage of this scheme. (council/social housing not eligible).

Improveasy are working with Cheshire East Council and 'Home Up-grade Grant Scheme' to help raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits, as well as arranging and overseeing installations.

Improveasy will assess your property to see what energy efficient measures are best suited, check your eligibility, apply for funding and carry out the installations of your new energy efficient upgrades.

Here are some of the free energy efficiency measures you could be eligible for:

- Solid wall insulation (internal or external)

- Cavity wall insulation
- Loft insulation
- Air source heat pump
- Solar PV for electricity generation

Funding for the Home Up-grade Grant is limited to 450 homes and distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.

To qualify, you need to be in receipt of one of the benefits below or have a total household income of less than £30,000.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Credit (UC) • Working Tax Credit (WTC) • Child Tax Credits (CTC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income support (IS) • Income based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) • Income based Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)
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