

To be inspired and be inspiring



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Welcome to our October Newsletter!



As always, the Marshgate children have had lots of great learning experiences. The Year group pages provide a glimpse into school life during October. The resounding sense is that the children are now fully in their stride within their new year groups, and the adults provide a rich balance of learning, personal development and enjoyment opportunities.

We hope you found the recent Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings helpful.

I know that parental engagement has always been a strong feature of life at Marshgate, and I spoke recently with the Class Reps about my commitment to further increasing opportunities for parents and carers to become involved in supporting the children's experiences during the school day.

An important message about the safety of the Marshgate children

The photograph below is of the Queen's Road entrance to the school. I am becoming increasingly concerned by the danger posed to children and families at the end of the school day by cars parking and double parking in this area. No cars should be stopping in this area. There is a bus stop, that is frequently in use, directly outside the school and cars stopping in this area is prohibited.

When cars block up this area, buses are unable to access the bus stop, and I have witnessed them mounting the pavement to reach their stop.

This poses a very serious risk to the safety of Marshgate families and the general public. In addition, multiple cars entering and exiting this area to pick up children from school increases the risk of children and families exiting the school by foot being hit by a car.



No cars waiting or parking here, please.



Harvest
DONATIONS

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

We want to thank all of the families who contributed to our food donations for the Harvest tables this year. It is certainly the biggest haul we have ever collected - filling more than three tables and stacked, in places, ten items high. Richmond Food Bank was extremely grateful for our generous donation. These items will go a long way to helping those in our local community who need a little extra support this year. We would also like to thank the group of Yr 6 children that helped to bag up the donations and parents Tien He and Jianwei Wang for transporting the many bags to the food bank.





We are very proud of our Kick coach Johnny, who will be featuring on an upcoming BBC London News segment. Johnny achieved a bronze medal with England in the first Transplant Football World Cup in Italy, just three years on from receiving a life-saving kidney transplant from the NHS at Hammersmith Hospital.

Johnny and his teammates in the England Transplant Football Club narrowly missed out on a gold medal after being knocked out by Spain in the final seconds of the semi-final match of the 7-a-side tournament, which took place in Cervia, Italy, between 8 and 14 September.

Johnny is such a wonderful role model for the children and they love participating in his weekly PE sessions as well as the games he organises during lunchtime.



School Clubs

There are over thirty school clubs available to the children across each school week. These include French, Spanish, Art, Drama, Choir, Chess, Football and Cooking. Below is a selection of photos from Art and Cooking.



Farewell Mrs Cameron

After eighteen years of dedicated service to the children and families of Marshgate, Mrs Cameron is retiring.

We held two special assemblies in the final week of our first half term so the children and staff of both KS1 and KS2 could show their appreciation to Mrs Cameron and wish her well for all her future adventures.

The children presented her with cards and sang beautifully, serenading her with an uplifting and inspirational song - which was very fitting. Of course, Mrs Cameron joined in with gusto! Mrs Valero prepared the choir and musicians brilliantly, and they added much to the atmosphere of the assembly.

Staff and children alike enjoyed viewing photographs of Mrs Cameron spanning the years. They illustrated many of the ways in which Mrs Cameron has positively impacted the school.





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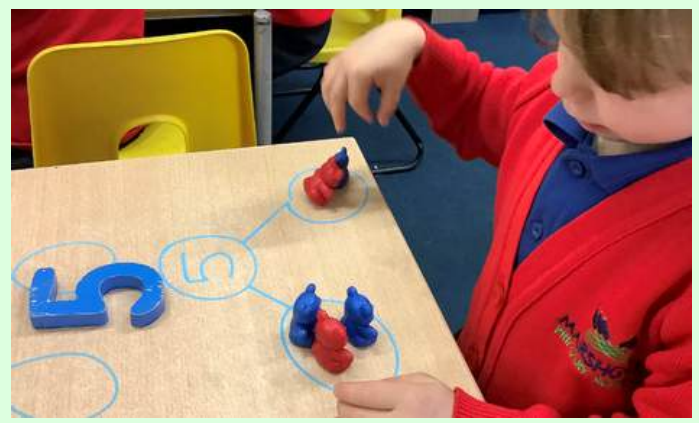
Miss Cox
Caterpillar Teacher

We had a fantastic first half-term in Reception. The children have continued to establish daily routines and form new friendships. We have been extremely impressed by the children's resilience and enthusiasm for learning. We have continued our topic 'all about me' and have been enjoying discussions about our family through their family photos. Thank you for sending these in!



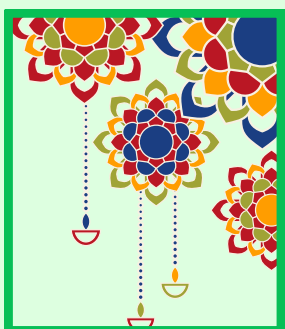
Miss Filby
Butterfly Teacher

We have read a range of storybooks. Our first book was 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt,' we learned the Makaton signs to go along with the story. The children were very engaged in this, and we will continue to learn new Makaton signs as the year progresses. We also read 'Not a stick', which inspired the children to use their imaginations to consider what their stick could be and then illustrate this through mark making. The book 'Room on the Broom' appeared to be a favourite for many children. This text created various exciting learning opportunities, including creating a class spell, designing broomsticks and wands, and taking a class broomstick ride around the playground.



The children have been working extremely hard in Phonics. We have been learning new sounds and red words. We started blending certain sounds together, enabling the children to read some CVC words. In addition, we have been focusing on letter formation and pencil grip. The pupils have demonstrated a high level of determination regarding this. We hope the children enjoy exploring the books we have sent home over the half term holidays!

In Maths, we continued to learn about numbers 1-3. We looked at compositions, time, one more, one less, identifying coins, subitising, and comparing length, height, and size. Continuous provision activities have enabled the children to explore independently, solve problems and use mathematical language.



With Diwali approaching, we learned about the festival. We looked at nonfiction books, made Diva lamps, created beautiful firework pictures, and made Rangoli patterns. The children enjoyed learning about this occasion and remained curious throughout.



YEAR 1



Miss Lambert
Frog Teacher

What a fantastic first half-term Year 1 has had! The children have really settled into their new routines and have been busy with some lovely learning.



Miss Bennett
Tadpole Teacher

In English, they've been diving into the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Highlights include a fun 'what's in her basket?' circle time, a wolf experience day, and a sensory walk through the forest. After all that excitement, they've written some amazing descriptive sentences, packed with exciting adjectives and adverbs. Anyone wandering past the classroom, can hear them singing the 'Does it start with a capital letter?' song as they check and perfect their super sentences!

In Maths, the focus has been on understanding parts, wholes, and the concept of addition and addends. The children have been using part-whole models and cubes to help with their addition skills, and soon we will move onto learning their number bonds to 10.

In PSHE, the children have been learning about the zones of regulation and different strategies to help manage their emotions. One lesson had them exploring the history of worry dolls and even making their own! We have also been talking about how to figure out whether problems are big or small, and what we can do about them.



PE has been a blast this half-term! We've been working on the basics of movement, including jumping and moving in different directions. We have also begun learning to use the skipping ropes so the children can have fun independently at playtime. Year 1's skipping skills have blown us away! And finally, we are all about singing in Year 1, and we can't wait to start practising for the Year 1 Nativity after the half-term break. Stay tuned!



YEAR 2



Miss Dhillon
Cygnet Teacher

What a fantastic and fun-filled half-term we have had in Year 2! We are so proud of all the children's achievements! Year 2 has delved even deeper into their learning about Castles, exploring how enemies attacked the castles in the past using a range of siege weapons. As curious and inquisitive historians, they have written historical information about the different siege weapons and how they were used.



Mrs Macpherson
Swan Teacher



The children's creative flair has been strengthened and celebrated in English this half-term when writing their own setting descriptions, using amazing adjectives and verbs. They have also explored poetry and Year 2 have produced some brilliant diamante poems, showcasing their writing talent!



In Maths, the focus has been on adding and subtracting. Year 2 have shown great work using a range of methods and strategies to work out calculations. Partitioning has been a method we have practised lots in class to help us add. It's been a joy to see the children tackling challenges in Maths and explaining how they solved a calculation, using their mathematical vocabulary.

Science lessons have been packed full of engaging discussions, especially about recycling and its importance! The children have a super knowledge of different types of materials, and how objects should be sorted for recycling. They've even been busy creating eye catching and informative posters encouraging others to recycle!

Art has been a blast! Year 2 have certainly enjoyed shaping and sculpting their clay vessels inspired by Shoko Koike. We were utterly impressed with their unique creations.

In PSHE, we've had lots of mature and thoughtful discussions about our rights, responsibilities, rewards and consequences.

Finally, next half term looks to be an exciting one with our Year 2 Nativity practice starting and our trip to Windsor Castle!



Mr Farrelly
3FK Teacher



Mrs Kollross
3FK Teacher

YEAR 3



Miss Brewster
3B Teacher



It's been a busy few weeks in Year 3, and the children have been working hard and learning a lot.

As part of our Geography learning about the local area, the children went on a walk to see some of the nearby geographical features and have mapped the route they followed. We were lucky with the weather and thank all the parent volunteers who accompanied us.

3FK were busy preparing for their class assembly and presented all their great science learning about the skeleton and muscles. Thanks for being a great audience. The children put on a super performance and worked really hard to learn their lines.

Recently, some of the Year 3 boys participated in a borough football tournament. The boys represented Marshgate well and played successfully as a team. Great work boys!

3B have also started preparing for their Stone Age assembly and are looking forward to performing for you all in November.

In DT, we have been constructing castles from various boxes and 3D nets.

The children have really enjoyed being creative and have built a wide variety of castles with different features for different purposes.

Poetry has been the focus for our writing for the last few weeks and the children have composed some excellent colour poems using similes and metaphors. We also wrote our own versions of the poem 'The boy who couldn't see' which involved using our senses to describe different colours and emotions.





Mrs Davies
4D Teacher

YEAR 4



Mr Harrison
4H Teacher

What a fantastic month we've had in year 4!
The boys' football team had a fabulous time representing our school in a borough tournament. They showed off their teamwork, sportsmanship and, of course, football skills and managed to score 4th place overall. Well done boys!



This half-term, we've really enjoyed our athletics lessons in PE. In particular, learning to run and jump effectively as well as throwing in different ways to achieve a long distance. The children loved completing their very own Marshgate Olympic events and trying to beat their 'personal best' scores.

In art, the children have had the opportunity to use the sculpture technique of mod roc (similar to a medium which in the past was often used to make plaster casts). The children have managed to create the most intricate details to add a personal touch to their Roman shield-inspired art as well as reinforcing them to make them much stronger. Such unique pieces have been made and the children can't wait to bring them home for you to enjoy too!

We've adored our writing focus in English where we have been writing descriptive stories inspired by 'Bike Boy'. Like true writers, the classes have been working on their editing and writing skills by creating their stories on word processors on Chromebooks. They love listening to each other's stories and have relished their time to absorb the incredible masterpieces created by our aspiring authors.

The children also loved exploring the new books available in our year 4 classroom too and have started forming class recommendations to inspire others to challenge themselves with different authors and themes.

Natalie 4D

"I loved Wider Opps but it was a bit tricky because we're learning to put all the pieces of the clarinet together"

Hugo 4H

"I love Maths and Art because you learn loads of different things. I'm really good at times tables!"

Ana 4H

"I loved making the Roman shields!"

Alice 4D

"I loved making the shields but they were quite messy!"

Morgan 4D "Maths is my favourite subject. I especially like times tables"

Sumeira 4H

"I have had so much fun this half-term!"

YEAR 5



Miss Beck
5B Teacher



Miss Charlton
5C Teacher

Year 5 had an exciting and enriching first half term! We successfully wrapped up our unit on the Tudors, diving deep into the fascinating history of this significant period. One of the highlights was our study of the Spanish Armada, where we learned about the naval battles and the impact of this conflict on England and Spain.

The children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity about this pivotal period in history, learning about all the routes the ships took from Lisbon and back.



A standout event for 5C was their Class Assembly, which focused on the wives and children of Henry VIII. Well done to Year 5C for their hard work and dedication in bringing this assembly to life! The children performed with confidence, sharing facts and stories about each of Henry's wives and insights into his children Mary, Elizabeth, and Edward. Their teamwork and creativity made the assembly not only educational but also super entertaining. It's wonderful to see the children engage with history in such an interactive way.

In Science, we explored the concept of time zones. The children were fascinated to learn how time varies around the world and how it affects communication. Miss Beck shared that she can only connect with her family who live 12 hours ahead of London time in their evening and her morning.



One of the most enjoyable and practical lessons this half-term was learning to cook spaghetti Bolognese. The children loved getting hands-on in the kitchen, and now many of them feel confident enough to prepare full family dinners (apparently)! It was a fantastic way to incorporate practical skills into our learning.

We've delved into factors, prime numbers, and multiples, developing our problem-solving skills and mathematical understanding. The students tackled challenges with enthusiasm, demonstrating their growing proficiency in these areas.

As we look forward to the next half-term, there is much anticipation for the upcoming assembly by Year 5B. We can't wait to see what they have in store for us! Overall, this first half-term has been filled with learning, growth, and achievements, and we're excited for what's to come in the next half-term

Here's to a fantastic rest of the Autumn term!



Miss Gray
6G Teacher

YEAR 6



Mr Healy
6H Teacher

In Year 6, we've been learning even more about the Second World War. The focus of our learning has been on the social impact of World War 2 on Britain. Since our last update, we have looked at how food was rationed during the war, and how little families were given to survive on and how propaganda was used in many instances to boost morale among the British public. After the half term, we will examine women's changing role in society due to the war and host our annual VE day, which the children are really looking forward to.

In Art we studied - People in Motion. In this topic, we have looked at how artists create the idea of motion in a static image. Year 6 have created numerous versions of their own movement art inspired by the art we have observed; they have used a variety of different styles and media to produce their wonderful pictures.

After half-term, Year 6 will begin their DT unit of learning to design and create their own waistcoats.

Our learning in Classification in Science has continued unabated. Year 6 have conducted numerous experiments such as conducting a test to find the conditions that would will grow the best and testing the effect of temperature on fermentation.

We have been very impressed by the athletic abilities on display in PE lessons this half term. The children have been enjoying developing their skills in a range of activities, including triple jump and shotput. Congratulations to our two pupil parliament representatives: Emma and Aahil. A huge well done is also due to all those who put themselves forward for the role, delivering speeches in front of their peers. There has been some inspirational writing this half term. Over the last three weeks, children have drafted, edited, re-drafted and delivered their speeches on climate change. There was some fantastic writing across the year and lots of thoughtful discussion. Well done Year 6.

We are looking forward to the upcoming half term break and Halloween activities.

