

#### 14th November 2024

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#### Headteacher's insight

We began this week with an important assembly to mark Armistice Day. We learnt that 'The Armistice', was an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, which began at 11am on 11 November 1918. Across the United Kingdom many people mark Armistice Day with a two minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month and we proudly did the same. I was very pleased with how well the children engaged with this learning opportunity and it provided a positive opportunity to learn together as a school community.

Pupils contributed to our assembly by confidently reading aloud to us all and we all reflected on the words they shared. We were very impressed with their self confidence and oral skills as opportunities such as these can be daunting but are valuable opportunities to develop these important skills.

I am pleased to share with you that following a very positive Governor meeting last week we are moving in to this half term with a caretaker co-chair arrangement whilst we recruit a permanent chair, following the resignation of Stuart Wood. We have link governor visits arranged for this half term and after we meet on 9th December I will share with you the permanent chair arrangements. I am very grateful to our committed and supportive governors or serve a crucial role in our school development.

Emily Thompson **Executive Headteacher** 





#### **News from our classrooms**



## **Comets**

#### We're All Going on a Bear Hunt

On Tuesday 12th November Comet celebrated Michael Rosen Day by joining the nursery children to go on their own sensory bear hunt, in the school grounds, whilst retelling the story. The children walked through the swishy swashy grass; the squelchy mud, across the splishy sploshy river (water in a tuff spot), across the sticks, through the swirly whirly snowstorm and tiptoed to find a deep dark cave where a bear lived. Suddenly they saw a bear and then the children ran all the way back again to where they started their bear hunt journey. It was such fun!

#### Remembering

The Comet children enjoyed decorating poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November







## **News from our classrooms**

# **Hurricanes**

Hurricane class have had a great start to the half term with lots of outside learning. We made 2D shapes from sticks in maths and created pictures from dry leaves, seed pods and twigs in our science lesson while looking at Autumnal changes.





#### **News from our classrooms**





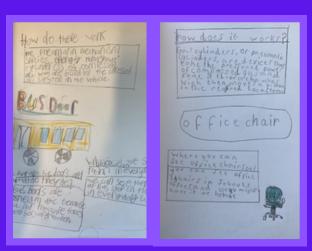
**Blackbirds** 

We have had a fantastic return to school after the half-term break. We hit the ground running with assessments, and I'm incredibly proud of how the class approached them. They tackled each task with focus, resilience, and a positive attitude—showing just how much progress they've made over the last half term.

In Science, we dove into the fascinating world of rocks. The class explored the three main types—igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic—using magnifying glasses to examine the textures, colours, and features of various rock samples. We identified these against our rock sample chart using our descriptions and documented these in our books. It was a hands-on lesson that encouraged curiosity and sparked some great discussions as they compared their findings.

Meanwhile, in Design and Technology, we introduced the concept of pneumatic devices. Blackbirds learned about how air pressure can be used to create movement and force, observing simple mechanisms using syringes and tubes, to understand the basic principles. They researched their own pneumatic device and created a poster to share with the class on how this worked, where they might find this pneumatic device and its components. This will set the foundation for their upcoming project, where they'll design and create their own pneumatic systems. We are looking forward to seeing their designs come to life in the next few weeks as we learn more about the topic.

It's been a very positive start to the half term, and we are looking forward to continuing our learning this week!







# **Upcoming Dates & Reminders**



Talking to your children about 'trusted adults' from time in time is a good idea to support their ability to safeguard themselves.





#### **Key upcoming dates:**

#### **November**

8th - Individual and sibling school photos Week beginning

11th - Anti bullying week 11th Remembrance Day

15th - Children in Need - Non uniform day

15th - Author Keith Hatton visiting to lead a KS2 assembly and KS1 story telling. Signed book sale from 3pm open to all.

28th - 9am Year 3/4 class assembly

#### **December**

4th and 5th - Parents Evening appointments 4-6.30pm

11th - Santa STEM day (parents welcome 3-3.30pm

12th - Winter jumper day

17th - Nativity performances 9.30 and 2.30

18th - Panto trip, Christmas celebration performance and

Festive Fayre event

19th - Christmas lunch

20th - Last day of term





# Important information about Breakfast Club

On the next page you will find an important announcement regarding our Breakfast Club. For those already attending you can expect to receive an invoice from us up until **22nd November**, after this date all bookings and payments should be made directly with Premier Education.

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# **Staff Spotlight**



Name: Mrs Parker

Role: Executive Deputy Headteacher

What do you love about your job? I love

being part of a school community. It is a very

special family!

**Favourites** 

**Subject: Maths** 

Food: Chocolate!

**Animal: Cats (I have two!)** 

**Children's book: The Tiger Who Came to Tea** 



#### **Breakfast Club Provision - Launching 25th November 2024**

Dear parents and carers,

It is with great excitement that we announce that Premier Education will be launching breakfast club provision at Marleigh Primary Academy from Monday 25th November 2024. As a continuation of the childcare provision we currently offer, we will be expanding to provide the before school club provision.

From Monday 25th November 2024, Premier Education will offer before and after school wraparound care provision every day the school is open. Our aim is to create an outstanding safe, secure, and fun environment that children and parents can trust.

Premier Education will be extending the before school provision, which will be delivered daily from 7:45am - 8:45am, adding 15 more minutes to the previous before school provision offer.

The before school provision will take place in the school hall, with parents and carers able to drop their children off through the main reception.

The provision will be led by Hannah Taylor who leads the current after school wraparound care provision. Hannah will be supported by a school member of staff with a level 3 childcare qualification, which enables Premier Education to offer the before school club to nursery children.

Over the years, we have used parent feedback to build several USP's into our offer, making our service as seamless as possible for parents to use, and to create fun environments where children can thrive.

The breakfast club provision will include a variety of stimulating activities, to engage the children to take part in light activities in preparation for the school day, supporting the needs, interests and ages of all children within our care. Below you can view the activity schedule for the before school club provision:

#### Take a look at the flyer









# Premier Education at Marleigh Primary Academy

**Timetable** 

# **Activity Timetable**

**Marleigh Primary School** 

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
07:45	SIGN IN				
07:45 - 08:00	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
08:00 - 08:45	YOGA	MULTISPORTS	ARCHERY	DANCE	DODGEBALL
08:00 - 08:45	FREE PLAY				
08:45	CLASS DROP OFF				





Daily children will be provided with a variety of healthy breakfast snacks, including toast with a variety of spreads, cereal, porridge and more! All dietary needs and requirements are met to ensure all children are catered for within our care

Bookings are now open for the provision, which can be booked through the Premier Education website. To make a booking please <u>CLICK HERE</u>! Please note: For parents & carers booking nursery children for the breakfast club provision, please contact <u>krayner@premier-education.com</u> to complete your booking.

If you need any further information or support, please feel free to email us on <a href="mailto:office-020@premier-education.com">office-020@premier-education.com</a> or call (01223) 631310.

Yours truly,



