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Headteacher's insight

We have fully embraced the festive spirit this week in school. Our school tree is up and looking fabulous. The rehearsals for the nativity are in full swing and the children are so excited to perform to their families in the last week of term.

We are looking forward to **Wednesday 18th** when the whole school will be visiting the **Pantomime** in the morning and then entertaining our families at our 2:30pm **Christmas Celebration performance** before ending the day with our **Festive Fayre** led by our wonderful **PTFA**. You will be receiving 2 tickets for our Christmas Celebration performance (and the nativity, if your child is performing) and we look forward to welcoming you in to school to join us for these showcases.

Did you see our new climbing wall on our **Facebook** page this week? Please do take a moment to follow our page and engage with our posts by liking, commenting or sharing them.

Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





News from our classrooms

Spitfires

Over the last couple of weeks, the Spitfires have enjoyed noticing the changing weather as we head into Winter. We have had a few days when ice has appeared in the garden and the children were fascinated with collecting it and watching how it melted over the day. Then we had an extremely wet day, but this did not deter some of our children from putting on coats and wellies and heading out to enjoy the rain!

They worked together to create a **system of gutters** and found that they could send boats down by collecting the rainwater and pouring it into the gutters. Sometimes the boats got stuck so we had to do lots of **problem solving**.



Inside we have really enjoyed listening and joining in with the story of **The Gingerbread Man**. Some of us explored a little collection of tiny gingerbread people and were able to use them to represent different numbers. We also begin to practise our singing and can't wait for you to join us at our **Nursery Christmas Singalong!**





News from our classrooms

Vulcans

Last week in **DT**, Vulcan class started making our model vehicles. We began by constructing the cardboard boxes we're using as our chassis. After decorating them, they are now ready for us to attach our **wheels and axles**. It was great to see all the different designs the members of Vulcan class came up with!

As part of planning our creative write in **English**, we went out into the forest. We explored the different sights you might encounter in a **woodland** and the words we could use to describe them. We also sat and listened to the wind in the trees, the birds singing and we even managed to hear some of the **Wild Things** roaring in the distance!





Staff Spotlight

Name: Mr Parker

Role: PE lead

What do you love about your job? Inspiring the next generation to start their passion for movement, physical activity and sport. I believe everyone can find their passion for physical activity and my favourite thing in helping students on their journey.

Favourites

Subject: Physical Education is my main passion and will always be my favourite subject. Alongside PE, I enjoy teaching PSHE as it's a chance to go deeper into our understanding of ourselves, other people and our communities.

Food: Steak (Must be cooked rare) and my favourite fruits are Mango and Pineapple!

Animal: I have two cats at home and I love the characteristics of a cat! Other than pets, I'd say Chimpanzees!

Children's book: Iron Man by Ted Hughes! I also enjoyed the Horrible History Books! Now, it would be anything to do with Superheroes!

Spotted by staff



Ashley in Blackbirds for sharing his lines so confidently.

Samantha in Blackbirds for representing the school so well at the Hill event this week.

The group of children who contributed to the Cambridge United music video - they blew us away!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Muhammad - Spitfires
Vivien - Spitfires
Viveka - Vulcans
Mariyah - Hercules





Marleigh Primary Academy
PTFA presents

festive fayre

**18 DECEMBER
3:30 – 4:30PM**

Festive Fayre Tombola Donations

With the Festive Fayre fast approaching, our PTFA welcome donations for the tombola. Unopened and nut-free treats, bottles of drinks (wine, beer, champagne, soft drinks etc), unopened bubble baths, toiletries and similar items. New toys too!


Please hand all donations to our PTFA who will be at the school gate on **Monday 9th and Friday 13th at drop-off**. Email ptfa@marleighprimary.org with any queries.

Alternatively you can drop donations to the office at a time that suits you.

If you haven't already booked your tickets you can do so now by clicking the button below...

BOOK NOW 


* FESTIVE FAMILY FUN! *



It's that magical time of year, and the PTFA Elves are busy preparing a wonderful afternoon of festive activities at the MPA Festive Fayre – a fantastic way to kick off the season!

Entry is **£5 per child** (£3.50 for concessions); **adults and children aged 3 and under enter for free**. The entry fee covers all games and the bouncy castle.

The café, raffle tickets, and tombola will accept both card and cash.



Don't forget to purchase your entry ticket in advance via MCAS to speed up entry on the day!

* BOUNCING CASTLE *

* TOMBOLA *

* FESTIVE GAMES *

* RAFFLE *

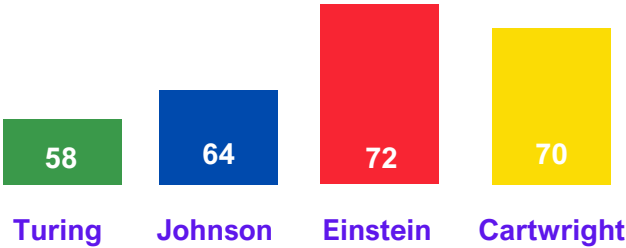
* REFUEL WITH FESTIVE TREATS FROM OUR CAFE *



£5



House Point Totals



Upcoming events and reminders

December

- 9th - Dodgeball event Years 5/6, 3:15 - 5:15pm
- 11th - Santa STEM day (parents welcome 3-3.30pm)
- 11th - Flu vaccination (for those who missed the first round) [click to consent](#)
- 12th - Winter jumper day
- 16th - Marleigh Nursery Christmas Singalong
- 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

January

- 7th - First day back at school (Tuesday)
- 9th - 9am parent forum and coffee morning

Reminders

With Christmas around the corner, now seems a good time to remind all parents about the age restrictions on video games!

3 PEGI 3	7 PEGI 7	12 PEGI 12	16 PEGI 16	18 PEGI 18
Games with a PEGI 3 rating are suitable for all ages.	Games with a PEGI 7 rating are suitable for ages 7 and above.	Games with a PEGI 12 rating are suitable for ages 12 and above.	Games with a PEGI 16 rating are suitable for ages 16 and above.	Games with a PEGI 18 rating are suitable for ages 18 and above.
They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">child-like settingscomical violencelanguage more suitable for young children	They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">some scenes or sounds that could be frighteningmild forms of violence (non-realistic or with no detail)	They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">violence of a slightly graphic nature involving fantasy characterssuggestive activities or languagegamblingmild bad language	They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">violence and adult content that looks like real lifebad languagescenes demonstrating the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances	They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">extreme violenceexplicit adult contentthe glamorised use of illegal substances
For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Just DanceFIFADiRT RallyAnimal Crossing	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">MinecraftRobloxAmong UsLego Series	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SimsFortniteDragon Ball FighterZSuper Smash Bros. Ultimate	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marvel's AvengersBattlefield 2042Halo InfiniteMarvel's Spider-Man	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Call of Duty: WarzoneGrand Theft Auto VFar Cry 3 Blood Dragon