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Headteacher's insight

What a fantastic first week back we have had across both schools! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for Autumn 2, and we have certainly hit the ground running with a busy and exciting start to the half term.

This week, some of our Key Stage 2 classes have enjoyed memorable trips to the iconic Royal Albert Hall and the Cambridge Museum, bringing learning to life beyond the classroom. Our Year 5 pupils have also had the opportunity to take part in a matball sporting experience, developing their teamwork, skills and confidence. It has been lovely to see so many children embracing these opportunities with such enthusiasm.

I also wanted to say a huge thank you for all the lovely comments, support and feedback following our staff dance video, filmed during their lunch break on Monday's INSET day! It was a bit of fun, and we are delighted that it brought so many smiles. At the heart of what we do is a commitment to delivering excellent learning and a school experience that is sprinkled with fun, laughter and joy. I firmly believe that this should be reflected in our staff experience too. Happy, connected staff who enjoy being part of their school community help create exactly the kind of environment we want for our children. And sometimes, that means a little dancing at lunchtime!

As we head further into this busy and festive half term, there is plenty to look forward to! This week's newsletter is packed with important reminders, upcoming events and calls to action for families. Please do take a few moments to read through everything carefully so that you don't miss any key dates, deadlines or opportunities to get involved.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a wonderful half term filled with learning, celebration, community spirit and, of course, plenty of fun along the way!



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher

Every bauble sold helps raise funds for our school's trim trail!

Marleigh Primary Academy

A little creativity, a lot of Christmas cheer!

CHRISTMAS BAUBLE FUNDRAISER

Let your child get creative this Christmas by decorating their own bauble at school.

Each bauble makes a lovely festive keepsake or a thoughtful Christmas gift for family and friends.





ORDER HERE



You can buy multiple baubles.

Payment deadline: Thursday 19 November

Children whose baubles have been purchased will decorate them during an art lesson at school.

Collect your child's decorated bauble from our collection stall at the **Christmas Fair on 3 December.**

Butterflies Christmas Performance

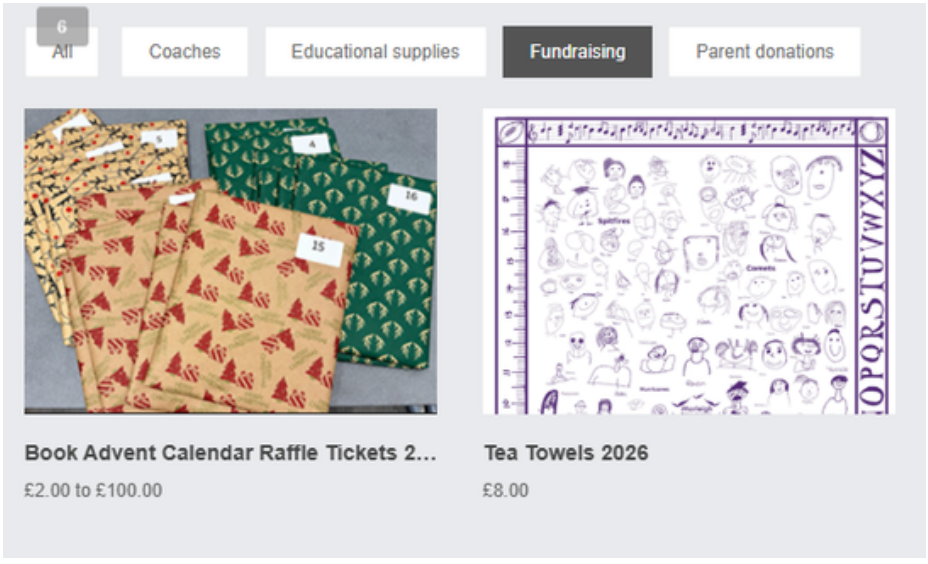
Tickets are now available for the Butterflies Christmas performance in **MCAS > School Shows**
Maxiumum 2 tickets per child at £3 each (free to PP), any spares will be announced on 4 December.



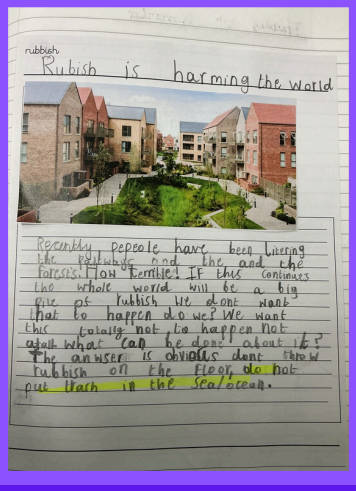
Last chance to order your Tea Towels!

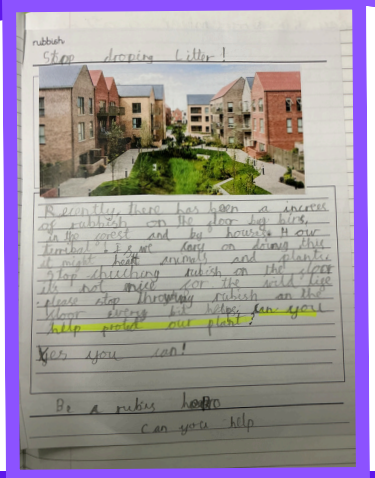
Our popular student portrait Tea Towel is available to purchase in MCAS until **Monday 9 Nov**, delivery will be to the school. You can order as many as you like, they make great Christmas gifts!

Log into MCAS and go to **Products > Fundraising**



Squirrels Class





In English, Squirrels Class have been considering the theme 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' through the book 'The Tin Forest'. We have been writing our own persuasive leaflets to encourage others to look after our local environment. We have also been reading 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl and have enjoyed the fun language he used to portray the Big Friendly Giant. We have reached the part where the BFG leaves Sophie at the Queen's bedroom after blowing in a dream. We had a laugh at this part.

In maths, we are coming to the end of our unit on addition and subtraction. We have been working hard at the column method and learning how to exchange and borrow. We have then been applying this to word problems and multi-step reasoning questions which have tested our knowledge and understanding.

In Computing, we are about to start our new unit of Scratch. We certainly enjoy using iPads for research and weekly TT Rockstars up to now.

In Science, we finished looking at movement and muscles by considering what we eat and food which gives us the most energy or helps us become stronger of healthier. We used our knowledge to sort foods we like to eat into different categories.

In Art, we have created a gallery of pictures based on the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. We experimented using chalk, pastels and paint building up to painting a background and adding detail in the last lesson. Our finished pieces are all very unique and colourful, We think we have mimicked Jean-Paul well. We linked this art work to our RE topic to think about or inner and outer selves.

This week, we have also enjoyed some themed learning about Bonfire Night, and its history and traditions. We also discussed firework safety, as many people will be enjoying firework displays and bonfires over the next few days.



Hedgehogs Class





Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term. Hedgehogs have had a busy few weeks, and it has been lovely to see the children becoming more settled and confident in Year 4. We are continuing to build independence, take pride in our work and persevere when learning feels challenging.

In English, we have been exploring The Matchbox Diary, thinking about memories, family and the stories that everyday objects can hold. This is now leading into our biography writing. Our reading of Zombierella has also given us plenty to discuss, with its unusual twist on a familiar fairy tale!

In Maths, we have been building on our understanding of number and developing confidence with addition. We are now beginning our new unit on area, while continuing to practise our times tables regularly.

After exploring plants and how seeds are dispersed, we are beginning our new Science unit on forces and magnets. We will be investigating how pushes and pulls affect movement, how objects move on different surfaces and how magnets behave. There will be plenty of opportunities for practical exploration, making predictions and discussing what we discover.

In History, we have continued thinking about how children's lives have changed over time. This week's visit to the Museum of Cambridge links to our learning about Victorian children and gives us an opportunity to explore history beyond the classroom.
Across our learning, we are encouraging the children to share their ideas, listen to one another and approach new challenges with confidence.



Thank you for your continued support with reading, homework and Times Tables Rock Stars. Regular practice at home makes a real difference, and talking about what children have read is a valuable part of this. We look forward to another busy half term together!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Learner reviews

You can now log into your MCAS (My Child At School) account and book a 10 minute meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. If you have any issues logging into your account please email the office.

Monday 9 Nov	Badgers Year 6, 08:30-11:30 Ladybirds Year 1 , 08:30-16:00
Tuesday 10 Nov	Hedgehogs Year 4, 08:30-11:30 Owls Year 5, 08:30-16:00 Squirrels Year 3, 08:30-11:30
Wednesday 11 Nov	Squirrels Year 3, 13:00-16:00
Thursday 12 Nov	Caterpillars Nursery, 08:30-12:00 Dragonflies Year 2, 08:30-16:00
Friday 13 Nov	Butterflies Reception, 08:30-16:00

Class Assembly Dates

UPDATE: Class assemblies are taking place at **2:50pm**

Badgers	Wednesday 11 November
Owls	Wednesday 18 November
Hedgehogs	Wednesday 25 November
Squirrels	Wednesday 2 December



Christmas at Marleigh

Monday, 9 Nov	Donations open for the Christmas Fayre (bottles for the tombola, raffle/tombola prizes, toys etc) Deadline for order a schoool teatowel via MCAS
Friday, 13 Nov	Non uniform Day! Make a donation to the Christmas Fayre
Thursday, 19 Nov	Deadline for buying a bauble for your child to decorate, via MCAS or GoodHub
Sunday, 29 Nov	Deadline for purchasing entries via MCAS for the Book Advent Raffle
Wednesday, 2 Dec	Squirrels class assembly 2:50
Thursday, 3 Dec	Christmas Fayre, 3:15 - 4:45
Wednesday, 9 Dec	Christmas lunch (book on School Grid)
Wednesday, 9 Dec	Year 3 & 4 parent and child workshop Times Tables 3:15-3:45
Friday, 11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (non uniform day). Donate to Save the Children
Friday, 11 Dec	Butterflies Christmas performance 9:15, tickets to be purchased through MCAS
Monday, 14 Dec	Years 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas Service at Fen Ditton Church 2pm, families can register to attend.
Tuesday, 15 Dec	Ladybirds and Dragonflies Christmas Performance 2:30pm tickets can be purchased on MCAS
Wednesday, 16 Dec	Nursery Family Christmas Sing along 2:30pm, families register to attend
Wednesday, 16 Dec	Santa Dash event (whole school - Santa hats encouraged)
Thursday, 17 Dec	Last day of term

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- **Available across all R3FORM locations until 19th November**
- **Book up to 10 days in advance**
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- **Purchase as many passes as you like!**



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