



# Marsden Community Primary School



Newsletter  
July 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

| Our Mission   | Our Expectations   | Our Values  |
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| At Marsden Primary School we promote an educationally sound, safe and challenging environment in which everyone is actively engaged in learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Treat other people how you would want to be treated</li><li>• Listen carefully to others and respond politely</li><li>• Wear the correct uniform with pride</li><li>• Keep the school clean, tidy and safe</li><li>• Always be the best you can be</li></ul> | Respect<br>Tolerance<br>Good Manners<br>Being supportive<br>Being motivated<br>Being responsible<br>Forgiveness |

This is the last newsletter for the academic year 2017/18. Where has the time gone? It has been another fantastic year at Marsden and once again we celebrate the achievements of our learners. Let's take some time to reflect on what has been happening in school for the last few weeks...

## **SATs:**

The Year 6 preliminary SATs results were published on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Once again, our learners have done well and our results 'subject to validation' were either above, in line or just below National. Year 6 learners sit public examinations for Reading, Spelling and Grammar and Mathematics. In Mathematics they are tested on their speed in answering arithmetic questions, their general understanding, and their reasoning skills. In Reading they focus on higher order comprehension skills, spelling always has difficult words. In Grammar learners have to identify various features of sentences and punctuation.

Our Chair of Governors Mrs Ruby Anwar said "Wow, yet again Marsden SATs results are good and we now need to strive even higher. Well done to all the teachers and children".

Mrs MacQuarrie jumped up with pride when she saw the results and congratulated her colleagues and children throughout the day.

## **Some learner comments include:**

"I was really happy when I got my SATs results and I am thankful to all the teachers who helped me achieve. In January I was not At Expected in reading but in my SATs I scored 107 – yippee"

"I was overjoyed with my SATs results especially with my reading because I struggled with my reading but with all the boosters, I was able to achieve greater depth".

"I was extremely happy when I got my results, the teachers helped me a lot with my work, especially Mr Boulton and Mrs Macquarie".

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"I was shocked when I got my SATs scores as I wasn't expecting to do as well as I did. I want to thank all of the staff in year six for helping me this year. Thanks also to all the previous teachers who have helped me build up my confidence".  
"Before getting my results I was scared, but I was extremely happy when I got them".



A huge thank you to the Year 6 team, Mr Boulton, Mrs Macquarrie, Miss Hourigan, Miss Kelly, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Ali and Mrs Preston who worked tirelessly to make SATs as stress free as they possibly could.

Year 6 learners were not the only ones to have completed their SATs. Our younger learners in Year 2 also went through a similar process with very pleasing outcomes. Mrs Fenna and Miss Bailey said, "We are so proud of Year 2 for putting in so much effort and believing in themselves. Even when the work became challenging – they never gave up!"

Our Year 1 learners undertook their phonic assessments and again our results were extremely positive – the highest so far! Learners in EYFS have made exceptional progress this year.

All learners have made progress this year (as I am sure you would have seen in your child's report). We have a skills-based Marsden Curriculum which is linked to the needs of our learners. Our aim is to always make the curriculum exciting so that our learners are motivated because motivated children make fantastic learners.

I am indeed proud of all our learners and extremely thankful for the efforts made by all staff to ensure that Marsden offers your children the best opportunities to fulfil their dreams and potentials. Thank you to all parents for giving us the privilege to teach your children.

## EYFS Graduation



Well done to the EYFS team for an amazing graduation ceremony.

## Summer Fayre:

A fun afternoon was had by all who attended the fayre. The children put so much effort into their science and art projects as well as making their food from different countries. Well done to Ms Akhtar who organised the day and to the staff who supported the learners and helped on the day. Thank-you to you, we made over £1000 which we will use to the benefit of the children in the new year.



## Attendance Award Day

Well done to the children below who were all rewarded with a visit to Blackpool for achieving 100% during this academic year. There were a total of 38 children this year. For some it was even their second or third visit! Hopefully more children will be rewarded next year! Thank you to Mrs Arif for organising the fun day out. Your child too could have a fun day out paid for by the school, if they attend school every day in the next academic year!

Zoya (RM), Ameena (RM), Amarah (RS), Isa (1M), Awais (1M) Zaida (1M), Sameeha (1M), Abdullah Ibn Umar (1S), Vivien (1S), Madiha (2M), Iqra (2M), Halimah (2S), Aleena (2S), Mujtaba (3M), Humayal (3M), Aleena 3M), Mansour (3M), Marwah (4M), Laraib (4M), Zainab (4M), Akmal (4M), Hamza (4S), Madiha (4S), Fatimah (4S), Ayesha (4S), Iman (5S), Huzaifah (5S), Zara (5S), Hamaad (5S), Mahnoor (5S) Malieka (6M), Zoya (6M), Abdullah (6M), Isa (6M), Raza (6S), Amina (6S), Sarah (6S) Areeba (6S)

## Year 4 visit to Blackpool Zoo

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Year 4 had an amazing time at Blackpool Zoo. They got to see some amazing animals and learnt about different habitats.

### **Year 3 'Families Making Friends Project'**

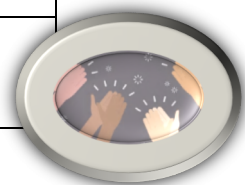
On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July there was a Workshop held at Marsden for Year 3 parents to work with other Year 3 parents from different schools, together with their children, to produce some art work to celebrate diversity. Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported not only their children but the school as well. This is much appreciated.

### **Goodbye Year 6:**

It is Goodbye and Good Luck to our Year 6 pupils. We wish each and every one of them the very best and hope that they continue to achieve great things. They have been an amazing year group who will leave the School totally ready to take on the challenges of Secondary School. We would also like to bid a fond farewell to the parents who have Year 6 children but no younger siblings at the school. Thank you for your co-operation and the excellent working relationships that you have developed with the school over the years.

Below are the names of our Year 6 prize winners for 2018. Well done to you all.

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| <b>Mildred Spencer Award:</b><br>Kaamil<br>Laiba | <b>Reading Award:</b><br>Alveena<br>Areeba |
| <b>Writing Award:</b><br>Maryam<br>Aaminah       | <b>Maths Award:</b><br>Aman<br>Aiden       |
| <b>Science Award:</b><br>Abdullah<br>Ayaan       | <b>SPAG</b><br>Sulaiman<br>Zaynab          |
| <b>Sport Award:</b><br>Malaika<br>Shumail        |  |



### **School Meals:**

#### **Increased price for School Dinners**

Lancashire County Council have made the decision that all school dinner prices will be increased from September 2018 from **£2.20 per day to £2.30 per day**. School dinners from September will now cost **£11.50** for the full week rather than £11.00. Please can all parents ensure payment is made on a weekly basis to avoid large debts.

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### **School Uniform:**

Please can you make sure that children come back to school after the holidays wearing the correct school uniform. Girls with long hair should have it tied up and boys must not get designs, especially tram lines, cut into their hair. Ties must be worn at all times by all learners.

#### **Winter**

White shirt (long or short sleeve)  
V-neck navy blue jumper or cardigan  
School tie  
Black trousers  
Black skirt or pinafore  
Black/white socks/black/white/navy  
tights  
Black shoes

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Pair of Wellies to be worn or old trainers when attending Forest School

#### **Summer**

White shirt (long or short sleeve)  
V-neck navy blue jumper or cardigan  
School tie  
Checked blue dress  
Black trousers  
Black skirt or pinafore

Black/white socks/black/white/navy  
tights















### **Attendance**



Thank you to all the families who have not taken their children out of school for an extended period of time. You have supported the school in working towards achieving our school target of 97% attendance.

Please be reminded that you should not be making any arrangements to take your children out of school during Term time. If you do need to take your child out of school, please ensure that you do not book any tickets before discussing your individual circumstances with me.

**Attendance for July 95.8%**

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| <b>RM</b><br><br><b>96.2%</b> | <b>1M</b><br><br><b>95.3%</b> | <b>2M</b><br><br><b>96.4%</b> | <b>3M</b><br><br><b>96.4%</b> | <b>4M</b><br><br><b>96.3%</b> | <b>5M</b><br><br><b>94.5%</b> | <b>6M</b><br><br><b>95.4%</b> |
| <b>RS</b><br><br><b>96.9%</b> | <b>1S</b><br><br><b>98.2%</b> | <b>2S</b><br><br><b>93.2%</b> | <b>3S</b><br><br><b>96.9%</b> | <b>4S</b><br><br><b>95.2%</b> | <b>5S</b><br><br><b>93.6%</b> | <b>6S</b><br><br><b>96.5%</b> |

### **Farewell:**

As always, at the end of an academic year, it is inevitable that we will have to say Goodbye and Good Luck to various staff members who leave the school to take on new posts, or to pursue personal interests.

Teachers leaving this year are Miss Hourigan who has taught in Year 6 and Ms Robinson who has had a Year 5 class. Both are leaving to take on teaching positions in different Primary Schools.

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We also say Goodbye to Mrs Fryer who has been a teaching assistant at Marsden for the past 16 years. She is heading out of the school sector and into working for the church. Mrs Wendy Laing, a teaching assistant, in Year 1 is also leaving us.

I am confident that you will join me in thanking these members of staff for their commitment and dedication to the School during the time they have been at Marsden.

**Welcome:**

We welcome Mr Oates who will be teaching in Year 6 and Miss Murphy who will be teaching in Year 3.

**Sports Hall & Meeting Room Hire**

The sports facilities and the Meeting Room in the Sports & Arts centre building are available to hire for badminton, football, basketball, cricket, table tennis, fitness classes.

Prices are as follows per hour :-  
£15 sports hall and meeting room  
£8.00 Badminton court

Bookings are available Monday to Sunday at various times throughout the week. Please contact Gareth Martindale on 01282 610893 or email to [gareth.martindale@marsden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:gareth.martindale@marsden.lancs.sch.uk) for bookings and more information

**Finally**

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing holiday!