



Dear Parents

I can't believe that we have come to the end of the Spring term already. I thank all of you for your continued support.

Our New School Uniform

For those of you who didn't get a chance to see the new uniform at the Parent Teacher Meeting on Thursday – here is a picture of the jumper. It is bright and reflects how we see Marsden now and in the future. It encapsulates our motto: Live to Learn, Learn to Grow.



The complete new uniform will be available to purchase in July from our local school uniform shops. We expect all children to wear the new uniform in September. There will be no alternative to the jumper as we want all learners to wear the jumper with the school logo on so that everyone feels part of the school community. As soon as the complete uniform is ready, including the school tie, I will send home a uniform list. We are currently in negotiation with the school uniform shops to see if they can offer any promotional deals. As a result of this change, please do not purchase a new jumper or tie for the Summer Term.

Reading at Marsden

On behalf of Mrs Macquarrie I thank those of you who have made reading a focus at home – ensuring that your children read at home makes a huge difference to the progress they make. We are definitely seeing the impact of this support in your children's reading test scores.

Well done to our reading Millionaires, a few of whom are pictured below:

Please visit our website to see more amazing winners as well as videos of our Learners of the Week.





Have You Visited our School Library?

Our school library is amazing....it is full of amazing books suitable for all ages and has a range of text types to choose from. All our learners have the opportunity to visit and exchange books throughout the day. You too can visit the library with your child daily from 8.30am.

Every Wednesday, you are invited to a Reading Breakfast. On this day, not only can you take out a book but you can also sit and enjoy the books with a piece of toast and a drink. In addition to this we also have Reading Workshops. Please look on the website for all reading events. Staff look forward to welcoming you to the library – why not come and see what it is all about!



Do you know what your child is learning about?



Every week, a year group gets the opportunity to add to a class BLOG on the website to keep parents and other learners up to date with their learning and what is happening in their class. Please visit our website to read these so you know what your children are learning about.

Here's a little taster

This week in 3M we have started lots of new and exciting learning. In maths we have been beginning to use the grid method. We had to multiply a teen number by a one digit number firstly using arrays and then moving onto numbers. We have also been practicing recalling our 3, 4 and 8 multiplication and division facts.

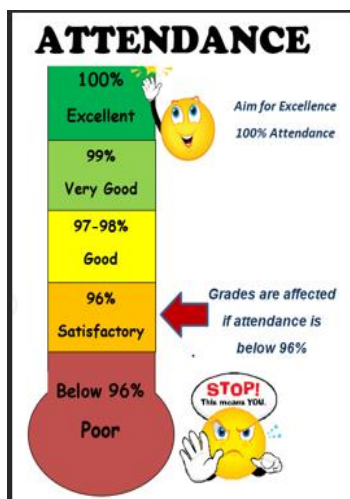


This example is from Year 3. The BLOGs are building each week, there is information as well as examples of work – please take a look. You can even add a comment!

Attendance

Have you thought about taking your children out of school during term time? Have you then thought about all the work they will be missing? Have you decided to not take them out of school because of this? If so, I thank you on behalf of all the teachers, for putting your child's learning needs first!





The law states that parents have a responsibility to keep their children in school. Lancashire's policy is that parent's must not book tickets before speaking to the Headteacher. We understand that sometimes you have to take your child out of school. Please can you make sure that you make an appointment to see us so that we can discuss the reasons for you having to take your child out of school. We want to listen to you and if we agree that the absence is unavoidable we will see if we can come to an agreed leaving and return date which has as little impact as possible on your child's learning. **Do not book your tickets before making an appointment!**

Attendance so far this academic year : 96.0%
Attendance in March :

RM	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M
86.0%	88.2%	95.7%	95.2%	96.5%	98.1%	94.2%
RS	1S	2S	3S	4S	5S	6S
93.9%	92.6%	95.2%	96.5%	96.0%	94.5%	97.2%

School Closes: Friday 5th April 2019 at 3:20pm

Summer Term 2019

School Opens: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

May Day: Monday 6th May (School Closed for Bank Holiday)

School Closes: Friday 24th May 2019 at 3:20pm

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27 May 2019 - Friday 31 May 2019

INSET DAYS Monday 3rd June 2019 – Thursday 6th June (Includes Eid)

School Opens: Friday 7th June 2019

School Closes: Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at 3:20pm

Well done to our Choir

On the 4th of March, our choir sang a variety of songs at King George's Hall, in Blackburn, as part of the Sing Together Project. They sang so well and looked so smart on stage. Thank you to Mr Boulton and Mrs Berry for teaching the children all the songs. We are very proud of everyone!

Class Assemblies:

Class Assemblies for parents are being continued this year to celebrate the learning that is being covered in class. Thank you again for attending these assemblies – the children love to share their learning with you! They take place on a Thursday from 2.30pm. Below are the dates for when your child's class assembly will be:

Date	Class
04.04.19	RS
02.05.19	1M
23.05.19	3S

20.06.19	6S
27.06.19	1S
04.07.19	2S

What's Happening in the World of Sport?

Girls Football Final

After qualifying back in November, our Girls' Football Team once again travelled to FisherMore High School to play in the Pendle Schools Final. Initially, they played a match against Park Primary, the final score was 2-0 to Park but the girls were not disheartened. They then went on to play Christ Church and drew 0-0 but in the final game they were victorious over Laneshaw Bridge with a 1-0 score. Overall they finished in second place.

It was a fantastic achievement to reach the final but to finish in second place is something that the girls should be really proud of.

The Girls' Football League starts on Wednesday 1st April and hopefully they can build on their successes over the last few years.

Athletics B Team Competition

Twelve Year 5 pupils went to Pendle Vale College to compete in an indoor athletics competition. They took part in two Field Events selected from the following categories: Javelin, Standing Long Jump, Standing Triple Jump, Chest Push, Vertical Jump and Speed Bounce.

Following the Field Events, all members of the team took part in the Track Events – competing in the one lap sprint relay; two lap sprint relay; six lap round and a relay event. Although each event split the team into boys and girls, the overall winner was determined by the number of points gained. The girls' team finished in second place with 264 points and the boys' team finished in fourth place with 258 points. Overall, the team finished in third place with 522 points.

This was a fantastic result for the Year 5 children at Marsden since the majority of the other teams were made up of children from Year 6. Well done to everyone involved!

Badminton

Twelve pupils from Marsden attended Nelson and Colne College to take part in a badminton event which involved an element of competition but also had a fun focus. Those involved received some extra coaching.

In the competition there were two teams made up of four children (2 boys and 2 girls).

Marsden Team A got off to a winning start, beating Wheatley Lane but, unfortunately, they were then beaten by Gisburn Road. Marsden Team B lost to Gisburn Road and Earby in the opening two games.

When Marsden Team A played against Marsden Team B, it was Team A that won and finished in third place with Team B finishing in fourth place overall.

Everyone worked hard throughout the Spring Term to improve their Badminton skills by attending the weekly Badminton Club so should be very proud of themselves.

It was very pleasing to see excellent sportsmanship throughout the competitions.

Best Wishes

Mrs Kubra Akhtar is retiring from her post as Learning Support Assistant. We wish her all the best for the future.

Have a wonderful holiday and Happy Easter to all our families celebrating at this time of year.