

9th June 2017

# Marshlands News

## Danceathon

A reminder that children will be taking part in a Danceathon in school next Friday. Children need to bring in their sponsor form before the day for us to sign to say they have completed the challenge. Forms will then be returned to you to collect sponsorship money. Sponsorship money needs to be sent into school by Monday 26th June. Children can come to school wearing a bright colour top for the Danceathon. Thank you for your support.

## Smile Week

All the children have responded well to Smile Week. Nurse Heather has visited all the classes to discuss how to look after our teeth and we had a whole school 'Smile Cafe' today serving food that is good for your teeth. Please send back completed teeth brushing forms next week, for your child to get a prize.

## Scooters/Bikes

To avoid accidents we ask that children push bikes/scooters out of school premises at the end of the day. As you are all aware the car park does get very busy with vehicles and is not a safe place for children to ride around.

Thankyou

## Parents Evening

### Thursday 15th June

**4.00pm—6.00pm**

A reminder that our Summer Term Parents evening will be taking place next Thursday, if you have not yet requested an appointment, please return your slip to school. Thankyou

## Sports Day

Sports days will be taking place as follows this year

### Herons/Ducks/

### Ladybirds

Tuesday 20th June

1.30pm

### Dragonflies/Tadpoles

Wednesday 21st June

1.30pm

### Otters/Butterflies/

### Lapwings/Kingfishers/

### Swans

Thursday 22nd June

1.30pm

## School Menu Change

### Wednesday 14th June

A reminder that the children will be having a special BBQ menu next Wednesday for lunch

### Thursday 15th June

Roast turkey, minted new potatoes with gravy, spring cabbage and carrot batons.

Pudding will be oatie biscuits and fruit platter.

## Parent2Parent

During sports events this term the Parent2Parent support group are holding a mini summer fayre. Stalls will include tombola, hook a duck, treasure hunt and refreshments. If you have any donations for tombola or raffle please send them into school by Friday 16th June. All proceeds will go towards our sensory walk project.



## TERM DATES

### Term Ends

Friday 21st July  
2017

### Training Day

Monday 4th  
September 2017

### School re-opens to children

Tuesday 5th  
September 2017

# What have we been doing in class this week?

## TADPOLES

Tadpoles have started a 'seaside' topic this week. Our topic is based on the songs and stories 'There's a Hole at the Bottom of the Sea' and 'Portside Pirates'. Everyone painted a colourful beach hut picture and painted different sea creatures using water colours for our under water display. In maths we counted sea creatures and shells in the sand. We explored the letter 'd' in Jolly Phonics, sticking dinosaurs on a giant 'd' and joining in with the Jolly Phonics songs and actions. Very busy PE and multi skills sessions this week and we practised our Danceathon songs ready for next Friday. Out on the bus on Friday to look at nature in the local environment. Tadpoles Pupil of the Week is Martynas for joining in with the actions for our Dance a Thon song in music.

## DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have settled in well this week after their half term holiday. In maths we have been learning about grouping objects, the pupils have done really well with sorting shapes and colours. We have started reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' in English, we have had fun dressing up as bears and mark making in porridge oats. As part of learning about plants, habitats and the natural world for RE and science we have been on the key stage 2 playground to look at the chickens and the bug hotels, as well as smelling the herbs in the garden. As part of Smile Week Nurse Heather came in to talk to us on Wednesday about how to look after our teeth, we enjoyed exploring some plastic teeth and a giant toothbrush. Our pupil of the week is James.

## DUCKS/HERONS

Everyone has been keen to have a go at brushing their teeth after dinner. We have talked about what makes us smile and why, watched a clip about visiting the dentist and sorted food that is good or bad for our teeth. In RE we have started a new topic about 'Special Places', we have started by talking about places that are special to us and why. In art we did mono printing - drawing in paint and then taking a print. In Science we looked at the results of our experiment to see what seeds need to germinate - we had a very good example of what happens to a seed planted in the dark! In Maths in Ducks we have been focusing on prepositions and following arrows to find where Miss Davies was hiding! In Herons we have been looking at

left and right and turns e.g. half turn, quarter turn etc. In Creative Curriculum we have started to look at toys from the past in preparation for our trip to Brampton Museum. Our Pupil of the Week in Ducks is Jayden and in Herons is Thawne.

## LAPWINGS

We have been working hard this week after our well-deserved half-term break. We have been looking at measures in maths and we have been busy with our tape measures and rulers going around Lapwings' classroom to find out the length of different objects. In P.E. we have been practising our throwing again and we are getting better with our javelin throwing. In phonics we have been learning about the letter B and practising writing this in our handwriting and listing all the words we know that start with the B sound. In RE we have been looking at the special places that Christians go to, to worship. In Science we have started a new topic; Habitats. We talked about all the different things animals and people need to stay alive. Our pupil of the week is Michael for trying really hard to sign and say the alphabet.

## LADYBIRDS

A lovely week back in Ladybirds this week. We have all enjoyed coming back to school and settling in for the last half term of the year. We have started a new nonfiction topic in English, looking at recounts. We read a story about Maisie's Dragon and thought about how she retold the events of finding her pet. We used this to begin to write our own recount about a trip around school. In Maths some of us have been working hard looking at our 2 and 5 times tables and how to use this to complete multiplication and division sums. In Science we looked at habitats, what habitats are and why they are important to different animals. We had a go at grouping animals together depending on their habitats. We have enjoyed Smile Week and have taken part in different activities looking at our teeth. We have made a Smile Week book and filled it with work and pictures. We have thought about what we can do to keep our teeth healthy, how important our teeth are and what food we can eat which will keep our teeth strong. We have enjoyed brushing our teeth after lunch every day and are going to continue to do this until the end of term. We enjoyed our Creative Curriculum lessons this week - learning about the archaeological dig at Sutton Hoo. We even pretended to be archaeologists and dug through sand to see what we could find. Pupil of the week is Ryan for a brilliant swim, lifting up his legs and kicking them behind him. Have a lovely weekend.

## SWANS

This week we have been using real money in maths, adding and taking away using silver and bronze coins. In English we have started a new story called 'Boris and Sid go Camping', it rains a lot and they have to go to a museum to keep dry! In science we were going to walk around the school and draw plants, but it rained, lots! We looked at how the Vikings lived on their farms and settlements in History. All the children enjoyed hitting the tennis ball in PE, we have some budding Andy Murray's in the class! Brendon was our pupil of the week.

## BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies have had a good week. This week we enjoyed taking part in smile week. We wrote instructions on how to look after your teeth. We had a good swimming session this week. On Wednesday we made Greek salad pitta wraps. We enjoyed bikes on Thursday. In Art we have been finishing our Greek pots ready to paint with our patterns. We enjoyed the smile cafe today. Our pupil of the week is Leo for trying hard in everything.

## OTTERS

A great first week back for Otters. We have begun our artwork focusing on Benin applique patterns. Everyone has chosen their favourite animals and they're starting to come together really well. In English we have been doing a lot of speaking and listening to poetry, with a focus on how important expression is. Otters are working very hard with their cycling, practicing how to ride slowly and with control. Our pupil of the week is Josh. Have a great weekend.

## KINGFISHERS

This week in Kingfishers we have enjoyed some really useful functional skill activities - we have made dental appointments on the phone giving accurate information and completing forms. We have made shopping lists, priced up the items and then made the sandwich. In RE we looked at the Jewish Faith and how different a Synagogue is to a Church. We have done some absolutely beautiful observational art - looking at a variety of leaves and making sure the detail is accurately represented on paper. Yesterday we hosted a "Real Life Polling Station" - the pupils were invited to vote for our House Captains and Vice Captains for next year. The results have been counted and are currently being verified by an independent adjudicator. Look out for the results in the coming weeks. Our Pupil of the Week is Josh - he has had a really good week with an excellent attitude to his learning this week.