

Marish Primary School Newsletter



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Dates to remember:

Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May

Y6 SATs

Friday 17th May

PGL Trip to France

Monday 20th May

- Reception Zoolab workshop
- Y5 Kindness workshop
- PGL children return from France
- Y5,6 Quad Kids Athletics competition

Tuesday 21st May

- Y1 Phonics workshop for parents at 8.50am
- Secondary school information evening for Y5 Parents 6.00-7.00 pm

Thursday 23rd May

- Y3,4 Mini Tennis Competition
- School Disco 6 to 8pm

Friday 24th to Friday 31st May 2019

May Holiday

Welcome back to Term 5! We hope you all have had a great week! This week has been a very busy with Year 2 finishing their SATs and year 6 preparing for their's next week. This term is jam packed with great opportunities for learning and lots of enrichment activities too! Please add the dates to the diary so that you can keep up with it all!

Meet our Senior Leadership Team

I am Miss Court and have worked at Marish Academy Trust for 12 years. I started as a newly qualified teacher and have worked my way to senior deputy head. Since joining Marish, I also had 2 boys aged 3 and 8. I enjoy spending spare time running around after them. Many of you will have seen me around as I have had the opportunity to work at both Marish and Willow in both key stages. I love working with children and wanted to be a teacher from the age of 5, so I worked hard to achieve my dreams.



Now I want to give the children the same encouragement I had - hope. I love helping children achieve their full potential: It brings me great joy when I see children make progress socially and academically. Happy children make happy families and happy teachers! I have learnt lots about school leadership since working alongside Mrs Denham and the SLT team and aspire to be a headteacher in the near future.

Year 6 SATs

As you are aware, we are fast approaching SATs. The tests will be carried out during the week beginning 13th May 2019 from Monday to Thursday (see timetable below).

It is vital children are well rested for this week, so ensure children have a good night's sleep. **A tired mind will not work to its full potential.**

Also please remember that the last Saturday school is on Saturday 11th May.



Everyone has worked exceptionally hard – so they just need to show those tests what they are made of!! Good luck to all our year 6 children.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – short answers (45 minutes)	English reading test Paper 1 – reading comprehension (60 minutes)	Mathematics Paper 1 – arithmetic (30 minutes)	Mathematics Paper 3 – reasoning (40 minutes)
English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2 – spelling (approx. 15 minutes)		Mathematics Paper 2 – reasoning (40 minutes)	

Summer is here!



Lets all enjoy the sunshine while keeping safe in the sun.

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before school. They will also need a named hat and water bottle at school every day!

If your child suffers with hay fever, please give them their medication and eye drops before coming to school.

Polite request

Y6 SATs Week

During SATs week most of our office and support staff will be helping out with the exams so we kindly request parents to delay calls and visits to the school office until after lunch on these days. Thank you for your support.



Thames Valley Hospice

This Easter Year 3 took part in some exciting Resilience Building activities which were aimed at developing children's key life skills such as team work, self-esteem, being kind to others and making a positive difference. Each Year 3 class made a hamper pack and designed Easter cards to send to patients in the Thames Valley Hospice in Windsor.

The aim of this project is to give children an awareness of their wider community and provide them with the opportunity to make a positive difference to others who are having difficult times. The hampers and cards were received with great joy and thanks from

the patients at the hospice. The school received a lot of appreciation from the Hospice. Here are some emails we received:

My dad is currently residing at Thames Hospice in Windsor and I can't tell you how much his spirits were lifted when he received the Easter cards from your wonderful children yesterday. He was overwhelmed, as were we, the time taken to make them and the words they offered lifted him so much.

Please pass on our thanks to your children, they really did make a difference.

***Kind regards,
D P***

My name is J and I live in Australia. My Dad is a patient at the Thames Valley Hospice in Windsor where he is very ill.

One of the cards was from Luca and had this envelope attached which helped me find out where they came from!

I was visiting him for the weekend when one of the friendly Nurses bought him some Easter cards from your Students which he had me pin up on his wall.

It made him smile and the inspiring messages that were in them made me feel better too.

So I just wanted to say a very big thank you to your students and wish them a Happy Easter in return!

Thank you very much!

JW

Year 1 Trip to London Zoo

Marish Year 1 visited London Zoo on Wednesday 1st May 2019. The children had a fantastic day and were lucky enough to see nearly all the animals in the Zoo!

They saw Gorilla's, Tigers, Komodo Dragons, Lemurs, Penguins, Tortoises and Flamingos all but to name a few. They also attended a 'hands on' workshop where they explored animal groups by investigating real animal hair, scales and feathers then used a variety of adjectives to label the textures, colours and patterns they discovered.





Healthier Lunchboxes

Good nutrition in childhood can help to prevent a variety of health problems, both in the short term and later in life. There is an increasing concern that many children are consuming too much fat, sugar and salt and too little fibre, fruit and vegetables. Packed lunches can contribute to almost a third of a child's weekly food intake and therefore need to be balanced and nutritious. We ask that packed lunches provide a healthy balanced meal.

A good packed lunch contains:

- A starchy food, such as bread, rolls, pitta bread, naan bread, potatoes, cold rice or noodles. (These foods are good for children to fill up on.)
- A good source of protein, iron and zinc such as meat, fish, beans or eggs.
- A good source of calcium such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.
- And one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad to provide all the other vitamins and minerals. A piece of fruit could be a piece of fresh fruit, dried fruit or tinned fruit in fruit juice. A piece of vegetable could be fresh vegetables such as a carrot stick, salad or a vegetable soup or vegetable dish.

Our school meals are a great choice and provide a choice of nutritional meals each day, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then the [Change 4 Life Healthy Schools website](#) has some great hints and tips on what their lunchbox should contain as well as easy to prepare ideas.



We have some children in our school who suffer severe reactions to nuts. We would request that all our parents be extra vigilant about packed lunches. Please ensure sandwich fillings do not have nuts or traces of nuts. If packed lunches include processed/ packaged items, please check ingredients.

[Healthy lunch ideas](#)



School Uniform

Can we remind parents that our school uniform changed last September and the correct uniform with the new logo is available to purchase from our uniform provider-Aqua uniforms. **As we have moved to navy trousers and skirts, please ensure you only purchase these colours if your child has outgrown their current uniform.** We are proud that the finished product embraces the values and the aspirations of our trust, as well as elements from the previous two schools badges. We hope that our new motto 'Strive for the heights' will encourage everyone involved to unlock their potential and be the best they can be.



School Disco

It is time for some fun!

Thursday 23 May there will be a school disco from 6.00 to 7.45pm for all children from KS1 & KS2. Tickets cost £3 per person or £10 for a family of 4.

Tickets will be on sale in playground Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th May, first come first served.



Children's Reports

In our effort to be a paperless school, we will continue to send children's annual reports via email. Please ensure you have given school office a correct email address to access these before May half term. You can do this either by email: officemarish@marishandwillow.co.uk Please mention clearly your child's name & class or by calling 0175381900



Year 6 PGL

This year's PGL is in Paris. The children will be taking part in PGL activities (rock climbing, abseiling, archery and other activities). They will be visiting the Eiffel Tower and spending a whole day at Disneyland Paris! Children will be leaving Marish on Friday 17 May at 7.00am and they will be back at Marish on Monday 20th May around 7.30 pm. PGL updates will be available via our website.



For children aged 5 and over.
Tuesday 28 May-Friday 31 May
8.30am-5.30pm at Marish School
Cost: £20.00 per day for the first child and £25.00 per day for 2 children.
Please provide a packed lunch.
Limited numbers! Please return the slip to the school office by Thursday 16 May.
Full payment must be paid on ParentPay by Monday 20 May.

Marish at the cycling event

Last week Marish participated in the SSSN cycling competition at Iqra Primary school . After very challenging races, Marish finished 1st and now progress to the Berkshire School games in June! We also had some fantastic cycling from Natalia and Abheeram who were both crowned District silver medalist in Slough. Well done to all involved.



Y3 & 4 Cricket Skills

On Thursday 2nd May Marish participated in a Year 3&4 Cricket Skills Competition held at Slough Cricket Club. Marish had to complete two circuits of four different cricket skills stations, while trying their best to get as many points on the board to progress to the Berkshire School Games. A Massive well done to Chidimma , Shaheer , Amber , Josh , Zaid , Myles , Nihaal , Rayan Jodeci , Sienna ,Demi and Zameer who all took part. Marish won 5th spot out of 13 schools.



The Islamic holy month of Ramadan has begun. Here is an account by our year 5 pupils on how Ramadan is followed

Ramadan

Ramadan is celebrated by Muslims.

We fast all day-not drinking water or eating any food and have one meal at the end of the day, either in the mosque or at home. Ramadan lasts for a month. We chose to fast so that God can forgive us for our sins. Before we start eating, we send a prayer to God. We pray to God everyday as a way to show that we care. We also read our holy book, the Quran, towards the evening to end our fast. We normally wake up very early in the morning, around

2.00 to 3.00am, to have a meal so we don't starve throughout the day.

Many people throughout the world participate in Ramadan from a variety of ages. Although younger children may not always fast during Ramadan, they show their respect to God by praying like the rest of the family. Ramadan is a very special time of the year for Muslims. Secretly, I always look forward to this month as a new year begins.

Ramadan in my opinion is the most special time of the year for Muslims. It is a very big, important yet stressful month. We dedicate ourselves towards doing the fasting to show that we love God and our religion. Ramadan is known worldwide but it is only Muslims who celebrate. Shops such as Tesco try to help by placing banners and food stalls of traditional Asian foods.

Overall, Ramadan is a very special time for all Muslims.

By Alvina Year 5

Ramadan is the 9th month of the year. Muslims celebrate this and fast to know what the poor people have to go through every single day without anything to eat or drink at all. We must pray every single day and read our holy book, the Quran. The men go to the mosque and the women stay at home to pray. We call this Namaz and we have 5 in a day, all at different timings.

When it is really early in the morning, if you fast, you are allowed to eat just before the day starts and we call this a Sheri. It's not only one country that celebrates this, there are many Islamic people throughout the world who participate. Not only adults, some children too actually fast.

Ramadan is only for one month every year.

Just before we start eating, which is called an iftari, we must say an important prayer and then we start eating.

In my opinion, Ramadan is something really important and very religious to me and my family.

By Aroush Year 5