



Marhamchurch C of E Primary School

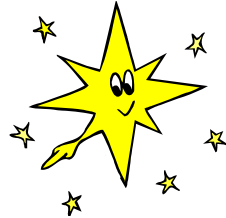
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Mission Statement: Together, we can achieve and succeed with God by our side.

Dear Parents,

CONGRATULATIONS.....

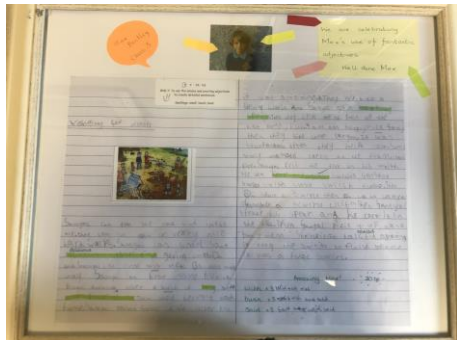
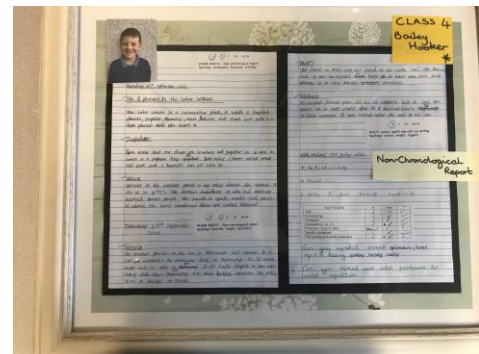


To our STAR PUPILS who this week are; Ivy, Charlie, Rosie, Lowenna, Clayton, Ethan, Amelie, Isla, Tilly, Zoe & Daisy.

To Lowenna, Bailey and Max for their amazing writing which has been selected to be on our 'Wall of Fame' display. IMPRESSIVE EFFORT!

To Tia, Florence, Cali, Zac, Tyler P, Megan, Angel & Serena who have all received their pen licence today.

To all our super swimmer Phoebe who received the Swim England Stage 5 certificate & badge this week. WELL DONE!



LONDON MARATHON – “On Saturday 1st October, I travelled up on an executive coach from Bodmin with the FLEET London marathon team and registered at the ExCel, London, where we collected our kit bag and race number. That evening, we



stayed in a posh Hotel near Heathrow airport overnight. I found it difficult to sleep because I was both excited and a little nervous. On Sunday 2nd October (marathon day), we left the hotel at 6:30am to travel to the start line at Blackheath in Greenwich, London. At 8:30am, I went to the red start zone to prepare and crossed the start line at 10:06am, trying my best not to get over excited and set off too fast. I kept trying to pace myself because I was determined to run at a similar pace throughout the 26.2 miles. At 13 to 14 miles, my legs began to feel a little heavy, but I kept running right to the end. The spectators encouraged the many other runners and me every step of the way, which really helped. The atmosphere was amazing with lots of live music and sights of London to enjoy along the way. Towards the end, many other runners began to slow down, but I was determined to maintain my pace, which I did right to the finish line on The Mall near Buckingham Palace. Crossing the finish line felt great! I was buzzing and a little emotional - especially when I heard that my time was all 3s - 3 hours 33 minutes and 33 seconds. What is the likelihood of that! I was proud of myself and pleased with my time.” Mr Hoare



SCHOOL COUNCIL – A secret ballot has taken place in classes this week and the following School Council Officers have been voted in; Chair – Amelie, Vice Chair – Phoebe, Secretary – Bailey, Vice Secretary – Maisie, Treasurer – Bea & Vice Treasurer – Roo, Sports Officers – Lewis & Max.

KS1 BALL SKILLS FESTIVAL – Our first sports event of the year took place at Budehaven on Tuesday of this week. Our KS1 children had a fantastic time bouncing, kicking, shooting and volleying their way through four activity stations. It was great to see so many ex-Marhamchurch students amongst the Year 10 Sports Leaders who all did an amazing job running their first festival. Well done to Fin, Axel, Jago, Archie, Henry, Evie, Summer, Sienna, Lewis, Lucas, Maya, Ethan, Rose, Maya and Sebby - Mrs Rice and Mrs P were very proud of you all for representing our school so well. Watch out for details of the Year 3 & 4 Ball Skills Festival which is coming soon.



“The best thing for me was the football ~ there were different points to score for each goal, 5, 10 or 15 points.” Archie

“My favourite one was the volleyball ~ you had to push it over the net to the sports coaches.” Henry

“My best thing was the basketball ~ it was really fun because we had to do big throws and it was easy to catch.” Fin

ATTENDANCE – Every month the attendance percentage for each class is calculated, transferred on to a bar chart and the winning class get an up to £5 treat. Most of the classes have made a good start this September in achieving the governments’ target of 96%; congratulations to Class 2, Class 4 & Class 5 who have won with 97.44%, 97.61% & 97.41%! If you would like to find out your child’s class attendance % please come in to reception and see the attendance display board. Children achieving 100% attendance are also celebrated and receive certificates at the end of each half-term, term and for the year. Their photos are taken and these will also be displayed on the board.

POLICE DOG VISIT – As part of class 1 & 2’s topic of Superheroes this term they had a visit from a police dog handler and his dog today. PC Mayhew came with Hamilton, a very large and fluffy German Shepherd dog. All the children enjoyed meeting Hamilton, who was very well behaved. They all went out to the car park for a tour of the police car and tested all the lights and sirens. PC Mayhew also brought in some police uniform for the children to dress up in.

“We learnt that Hamilton has night vision so he can see in the dark. He was very friendly and he gave me a lick.” George

“I really liked stroking Hamilton.” Mia

PSFA CLASS 5 CAKE SALE – Once again this year each class will have a cake sale after school with all the proceeds going to the class and the children choosing how to spend it. The first sale this term will be for Class 5 on Wednesday 12th October. Please could we ask parents/children to donate cakes, tray-bakes or biscuits and to bring these in to school on the day of the sale. Thank you.



PSFA AGM – At the Widemouth Manor on Wednesday 12th October at 8pm. All welcome.



#Hello Yellow – This October Wednesday 19th is World Mental Health Day and we are fundraising for a charity called Young Minds. Please come to school wearing yellow or bright colours and give a suggested donation £1 to show young people they are not alone with their mental health! By Hetty, Cali & Jessica

Say #HelloYellow for World Mental Health Day



HARVEST FESTIVAL - All parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to our School Harvest Festival Service in St. Marwenne's Church on Friday 21st October, 1.15pm. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the School Council's chosen charity this year and we will be collecting tins/jars/bottles or packets of food for Bude Food Bank, which we hope will be well supported. Children will be dismissed from school straight after the service, about 2.15pm so please ensure you are outside school for 2.15pm, if you are unable to join us for the service, so that we can hand children over. Thank you.

PSFA CHRISTMAS CARDS ART PROJECT - We are taking part in the cauliflower Christmas card project again this year. This is where your child/ren design their own Christmas cards / paper / labels / mugs etc. A percentage of all orders goes directly to the school. Forms and letters explaining the process will come home with your child before half term. Please bring your completed form and artwork back to school by Wednesday 2nd November. The cards will be delivered to school the end of November/beginning of December. Thanks as always for your support. PSFA



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - North Devon Schools Gymnastics Competition 18th March 2023. Please save the date if you think your child might like to compete.

D. Hoare

