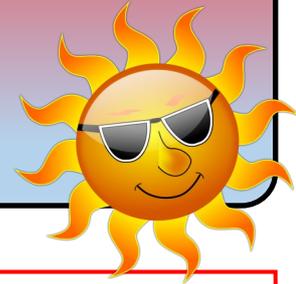




Marlcliffe Primary School

Summer 2017 Newsletter



A Message from the Headteacher

I am delighted to announce that we are ending the school year with some amazing results. We are immensely proud of our children who have risen to the challenge of the higher expectations in the curriculum. The teachers in Y6 and Y2 have also had a huge amount of additional work to complete to prepare for external assessments; I am grateful for their commitment to the children.

Year 6 SATS	Marlcliffe expected standard	National	Sheffield	Marlcliffe Greater Depth	National
Maths	86%	75%	73%	29%	23%
Reading	74%	71%	69%	38%	25%
Writing	84%	76%	77%	21%	18%
Grammar, spelling	90%	77%	74%	43%	8%
Combined (R,W,M)	70%	61%	60%	10%	9%

The Year 6 children have performed extremely well; their hard work, perseverance, resilience and effort have paid off. The teachers have done an amazing job with children that have been well supported, nurtured and challenged.

phonics	Marlcliffe	Sheffield
Y1 phonics	82%	77%
Y2 resits	100%	61%

Year 2	Marlcliffe expected standard	National	Sheffield	Marlcliffe Greater Depth	National
Maths	76%	75%	76%	22%	21%
Reading	76%	76%	74%	32%	25%
Writing	71%	68%	68%	22%	16%

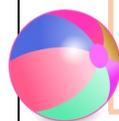
Reception	Marlcliffe	Sheffield
Good level of development	72%	70%

Have a lovely summer with your families, Alison Mann

Office Information Due to budget cuts we are losing a member of office staff from September and will be down to 3 staff. Please bear this in mind when ringing with messages, bringing in things that children have forgotten or coming to collect a child early. We will endeavour to do our best, but we may not always be able to respond as quickly as we have in the past.

Staffing changes

This summer we are sad to be losing some members of staff. Mrs Woollacott is retiring after an amazing 24 years at Marlcliffe; she will be missed by staff and children. Mrs Robertson (Reception TA) is also retiring after nearly 17 years here, we are grateful for her commitment and gardening skills! Miss Broxholme is moving onto another school in Sheffield; we are grateful for all her hard work in Y5/6. I would like to wish Miss Waller (TA in Y1 and Y2) good luck in her new role in another local school. Mr O'Mara (TA in Reception) is also leaving, we wish him well in his future ventures. Mr Feetham (school office) is also leaving to take up a job with the police. He has dealt with your parental queries and staff requests with patience and humour for three years - he will leave a big hole in the office team. Due to the reduced school budget, none of the support staff roles will be filled.



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Y3 Manor Lodge Trip

Children in Y3 visited Sheffield Manor Lodge to learn about the seasonality of the fruit and vegetables we eat. This linked nicely into science work covered at school. They had a great time digging, planting and weeding in the vegetable garden, and cooked delicious soup from scratch using the ingredients they'd harvested. Lots of children went back for seconds (or even thirds!). They also got to try honey straight from the comb and press their own fresh apple juice using old fashioned equipment.



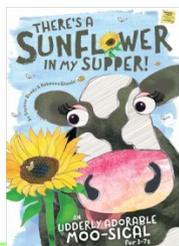
Sporting Achievements

Once again Marlcliffe has achieved the gold award for sporting achievement. This is a reflection of the dedication of staff in keeping the profile of PE high within school but also recognition of the out of school opportunities that they are able to be involved with. We really appreciate the support of parents as well; many of the events require transport for small groups of children, our parents are always willing to step in and help. We have put a powerpoint on the school website which shows just how many different sports and activities we have been involved with over the past academic year. Our children are fantastic representatives of Marlcliffe School. Their enthusiasm and energy, as well as their excellent behaviour, is something to be really proud of!



Y2

What a wonderful time we have had practising and performing our play, 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper!'. We have seen just how talented the Y2's are, including musicians, narrators, dancers, singers and actors. We have also really enjoyed being out in the garden, remaking our own bird's eye plans, creating Andy Goldsworthy sculptures and growing a variety of plants. Visits to Hillsborough Park Garden enabled to identify many wild and cultivated plants and trees, hopefully we are impressing families with our knowledge! We teachers have really appreciated the tremendous support we have had from families this year, reinforcing just how great a community this is to teach in.



School Dates 2017 / 2018



Training Day 1	Monday 4th September 2017
First day of term	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Last day of half term	Thursday 26th October 2017
Training Day 2	Friday 27th October 2017
Training Day 3	Monday 6th November 2017
First day of half term	Tuesday 7th November 2017
Last day of term	Friday 22nd December 2017
First day of term	Monday 8th January 2018
Last day of half term	Friday 16th February 2018
First day of half term	Monday 26th February 2018
Last day of term	Thursday 29th March 2018
First day of term	Monday 16th April 2018
May day Bank Holiday	Monday 7th May 2018
Training Day 4	Thursday 10th May 2018
Last day of half term	Friday 25th May 2018
First day of half term	Monday 4th June 2018
Training Day 5	Friday 15th June 2018
Last day of summer term	Tuesday 24th July 2018



Y5

We have had a fantastic final term in Y5 studying the Rainforest as our topic. The quality of the homework has been amazing, from model jungles to outstanding stories! During music week, all the Y5 children took part in an African drumming workshop led by Mr Edmondson. The drumming group performed brilliantly at the Summer Fayre and then again at the KS2 music week performance. In addition, we were also able to enjoy some beautiful singing from all classes.



Fundraising Thanks!

We really appreciate your willingness to support school in all the fundraising that we do. This term you have been amazing in coming along and being so generous - from the summer fayre to buying sunflowers, the book fayre to the KS1 sponsored event. This has helped us to raise over £3,000 for school fund! In the past we have used this money for the extra nice things in classes and around school. More and more this money is being used for essentials such as assessment materials, books, etc. Thank you for all your support and we hope you have a lovely summer break!

