

MARLCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Headteacher - Alison Mann

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 very high expectations of the curriculum. The teachers have also had a huge amount of additional work to complete to prepare for the assessments; I am grateful for their commitment to the children.

Year 6 SATS 2018	Marlcliffe expected standard	National 2018	Marlcliffe Greater Depth	National
Reading	89%	75%	27%	23%
Maths	84%	76%	38%	25%
Writing	84%	78%	21%	18%
Grammar, spelling and punctuation	87%	78%	43%	8%
Combined (R,W,M)	73%	64%	11%	9%

Year 2	Marlcliffe expected standard	National 2017	Marlcliffe Greater Depth	National 2017
Maths	77%	75%	24%	21%
Reading	77%	76%	30%	25%
Writing	74%	68%	24%	16%

Phonics	Marlcliffe	National '17
Y1 phonics	85%	81%
Y2 resits	86% 12/14 children	92%

Your child's report will have included details of their individual results in these assessments if they are Reception, Y1, Y2 or Y6.

Please talk to their teacher if you have any questions.

The **Year 6** children have performed extremely well; their hard work, resilience, perseverance, and effort has paid off. The teachers have done an amazing job with the children they have been well supported, nurtured and challenged. We are especially pleased with our reading which is 14% above national. Being a confident, fluent reader means that the children are well prepared for secondary school.

Reception	Marlcliffe	National
Good level of development	73%	71%
reading	81%	77%
writing	75%	73%
number	86%	79%



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Governing Body News

Don Whittle (Chair of Governors) and Ashley Larder (Finance) have both stepped down from our governing body. We are very grateful to them for the time and commitment they have given to the school over a number of years. Karen Bailey-Smith is taking over the role of Chair from September. Steve Chu is our new parent governor and John Docherty has joined our finance committee as a co-opted governor.

We have a new teacher called Mr MacDonald joining us in Year 4 (3 days a week) to work alongside Mrs Barber. Mrs Neale will be teaching full-time in Year 3.

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Music Lessons - We have external teachers who come into school and offer music lessons in a number of instruments. Mrs Doherty teaches clarinet, saxophone, flute and runs a recorder club. Mr Clegg teaches piano and Mr Oldfield teaches guitar. We have information and contact details for any parents who think they would like their child to learn in a one to one, or two to one setting. Please call at the office if this is of interest.

School Dates 2018



Last day of term	Tuesday 24th July 2018
School Dates 2018 / 2019	
Training Day 1	Monday 3rd September 2018
First day of term	Tuesday 4th September 2018
Last day of half term	Thursday 25th October 2018
Training Day 2	Friday 26th October 2018
First day of half term	Monday 5th November 2018
Training Day 3	Friday 30th November 2018
Last day of term	Friday 21st December 2018
First day of term	Monday 7th January 2019
Last day of half term	Friday 15th February 2019
First day of half term	Monday 25th February 2019
Last day of term	Friday 29th March 2019
First day of term	Monday 15th April 2019
Good Friday	Friday 19th April 2019
Easter Monday	Monday 22nd April 2019
Training Day 4	Thursday 2nd May 2019
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2019
Last day of half term	Friday 24th May 2019
First day of half term	Monday 3rd June 2019
Training Day 5	Friday 14th June 2019
Last day of term	Wednesday 24th July 2019

Key Stage One have been buzzing this half term learning about bees. With the help of Peter, from the Allotment Society, we have been planting flowers which will attract bees into the secret garden. We want to make sure we can help them as much as we can. During Bee day we had the opportunity to try honey and used a centrifuge machine to extract the honey from the hive. We learned a waggle dance (ask the children to show you) and hunted for mini-beasts in the secret garden. We are now bee experts and are looking forward to visiting the bee hives in the secret garden.



Some of our bee related art work was displayed in the Infant Hall as part of our Arts Week exhibition, along with our bee shaped lavender bags that we have sewn.

Y2 have worked really hard to learn and perform their end of year play, 'There's A Sunflower In My Supper'. All of the children have done a fantastic job singing, dancing, playing instruments, acting and narrating. We couldn't be prouder of them!



It's been a busy term for Y6! As well as receiving amazing SATs results and enjoying their well-deserved cinema and pizza days, the children have also been rehearsing and preparing for their end of year show, 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. From designing and creating costumes and props, to helping choreograph dances and perfecting the endless string of one-liner jokes, everyone has given 100% to make this show one of the very best. What a talented and dedicated bunch of performers we have! We will be sorry to say goodbye to our Year 6 children; they are a lovely group who have been excellent role models for younger children this year. Y6 parents are welcome to join us for the Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday afternoon (1.30 pm). We wish every success at their secondary schools.



Lower School Council and Art Club



This half term, the Lower School Council have been working on raising funds at the Summer Fayre. They decided on the theme of 'bees'. They costed out and designed Hama bead key rings and necklaces to sell. They then worked hard to make the goods, assisted by girls from Art Club, who turned up every Tuesday lunchtime without fail - they were always enthusiastic to start making! The necklaces sold out very quickly and the keyrings were not far behind, raising lots of money for school fund. Erin from Lower School Council made lots of other goodies, and sold them on behalf of the charity, 'Children With Cancer'.



We carried on this theme at our summer fayre and our arts week was part of this. If you visited the exhibition you would have seen that the standard was very high and represented lots of different artistic processes, including sketching, painting, shading and 3D work (bee pebbles). The atmosphere was 'buzzing' (sorry about the pun!). There were lots of bee-themed goods, games and activities, including beeswax candle-making, bee-shaped lavender bags, bee soap, bee squishees, bee shrinkie keyrings, bee pong and pin the sting on the bee. 'Throw a Sponge at a Teacher' was not bee-themed but proved very popular! We raised £1,506 which has gone to buy new maths resources.

In year 3 and 4, the children have really enjoyed our topic of 'The Second World War'.



One of the highlights was a trip to Kelham Island Museum, where we pretended to be members of the Auxiliary Fire Service, baggage handlers at a train station and code-breakers! We watched 'Children's Hour', spent time in an Anderson shelter and found out what it was like to work in a munitions factory. All in all, it was a very busy day! The children have produced a range of work linked to the topic: 'Make Do and Mend' cushions, silhouette artwork inspired by the Sheffield Blitz and a range of writing across various genres, including evacuee diaries and non-chronological reports about the different aircraft used. The children have worked extremely hard. Aside from our topic work, our Y4 children gave a great clarinet performance for the Y3s, showcasing the skills they have learned this year. All the children produced fantastically detailed bee sketches as part of our Arts Week. Well done!

Y5 have really enjoyed their crime and punishment topic. The trip to the Galleries of Justice was excellent; they took part in a real court room trial, saw the dungeons, historical torture equipment, solved a murder and saw how the police analyse forensics to solve crimes. The children wrote some wonderful 'Victorian' child diaries which are on display outside our classrooms.

