

MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Living and learning with Faith, Community and Hope."

Our value this term is Compassion

"And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother."
1 John 4:21

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have been aware, we were inspected by the Church of England Education office on Thursday. Our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) was a one-day inspection led by Mr Gary Price. He looked at how the school lives out its Christian vision; how the school community flourishes through that and through Collective Worship; how our children can show 'courageous advocacy' and the impact of RE.

May I say a big thank you to those parents who were able to engage with him that day – at such short notice. It was appreciated.

The report should be with us in about 3 weeks time and we will share the outcomes with you then.

Science Week

From 27th - 31st January it was science week! Across the whole school there was lots of activity from experiments to scientists, even to food tasting.

We had such a good time exploring how science fits into our world. We had visitors who all shared their passion for the subject. Every class had a visitor (or went on a trip). (a big thank you to those people who came in) We also had an afternoon for the whole school to mix up and explore different experiments. We had walking water, exploring coke, lava lamps and more! Finally, each class was given a 'big question' to predict, explore, experiment and conclude the answers too. It was a fantastic week full of science. The children were brilliant and asked some interesting questions. A big thank you to Miss Ball, Miss Priddle, Mrs Terry-Smith and Mrs Phillips. It wouldn't have been possible without your help. There are pictures and more information on the website so do take a look!

Miss Knowles

What a week our Year 6 pupils had!

We are delighted that our Year 6s have had a marvellous time on their residential visit to Wales (Glasbury Outdoor Education Centre) last week. They were physically (and sometimes emotionally) challenged as they tackled activities that perhaps they had not done before. I'm sure that they will share all their news with you in the next newsletter and on the website in due course. Many, many thanks to Mr Clayton, Miss Jarvey and Miss Priddle who went with the children and lead, encouraged, guided and supported the children over the 5 days.

We look forward to hearing all about the adventures soon!

Learning of the Week

Pandas

We had a lovely day on Thursday learning about Chinese New Year with Year 1s. It's the Year of the Snake! On Friday we learnt the tricky words. 'me' and 'we'.

Leopards

Leopards have been enjoying a very busy two weeks; Science Week gave us all lots of opportunities to watch, take part and comment on lots of different experiments. Using our senses to try and identify lots of different items was a great challenge and we found out how much we are often using two senses at a time. We had lots of fun on Thursday taking part in science experiments and found the fizzy fliers the most exciting experiment. On Monday of this week, we took part in a yoga workshop and enjoyed bending and stretching our body before our busy week of learning commenced. Thank you to our visitors this week who have helped us learn about China. We have written great riddles about the animals which raced across the river to gain a place on the Chinese zodiac. On Thursday we took part in Chinese Day with the children from Pandas class, working in mixed groups we were able to participate in activities around Chinese New Year finishing with a dragon dance.

Tigers

The Tigers have been learning a Canadian First Nation's story about a beaver and a porcupine. They have produced lots of great descriptive writing this week. To enrich their story writing, they have also been exploring the houses, crest poles and art of the Haida people, who lived on the Haida Gwaii islands off the Pacific coast of Canada. In Maths we have started working on multiplication moving from repeated addition, counting how many groups there are and how many things are in a group.

Kangaroos

This week, Kangaroos have been writing persuasive letters. In Maths, they have been learning the 8 times table and multiplying and dividing by 8. In Art, they learnt about the artist Hokusai and they recreated 'The Great Wave' using watercolours. They also have been learning more about their topic Mountains Volcanoes and Earthquakes and they have learnt about how earthquakes occur and how scientists can predict earthquakes.

Meerkats

In Art, we have been creating our own pieces inspired by Allen Jones' Buses. We looked at the background and colours, considered what it represented and how we interpreted it. We thought about how we could recreate the piece in our own style.

We are really excited to write up our diary entries from Shackleton's crew on board The Endurance next week. We will be presenting them on tea-stained paper to make them appear old.

Wolves

Over the past two weeks, Wolves have been busy! We have had lots of practice writing for our non-chronological report unit. We have started our maths topic on decimals and fractions and are moving onto percentages soon. We have spent a lot of time looking and discussing our RE unit which is on Christianity. It is all about baptisms and how these events illustrate religious belief. Finally, we have just been playing a basketball match with the whole class which involved lots of cheering!

Giraffes

Giraffes have been out of school last week on their residential visit. More to come from us in the next newsletter.

A reminder...

We do like to share with you what we've been learning about in school and we always try to say a little bit about our lessons in each newsletter. However, as stated in the last newsletter, there is the opportunity to find out more about what is happening in your child's class through our class sharing assemblies, the first of which is on Friday afternoon. Here is a reminder of the timetable.

Year group/class	Date for sharing assembly
Reception - Pandas	3 rd July
Year 1 – Leopards	20 th June
Year 2 – Tigers	16 th May
Year 3 - Kangaroos	2 nd May
Year 4 – Meerkats	21 st March
Year 5 - Wolves	7 th March
Year 6 - Giraffes	14 th February

Put the dates in your diaries!

Website

Take a look at our school website where we have shared our recent science week with you. This can be found on our Whole School Events page.

<https://marcham-cofe-primary.secure-primariesite.net/whole-school-events/>

Diary Dates

	Date	Event	Time
	10 th – 14 th February	SEN reviews this week	See specific details.
	12 th February	Dance festival – 10 pupils (Yr 4-6)	pm
	17 th – 21 st February	Half Term break	
	25 th February	National Measuring Service visit to school	am
	6 th March	World Book Day	All day

Attendance

Well done to Morland House with the best attendance 27th Jan to 7th Feb 2025 .

Term 3 Tues 7 th Jan to Fri 14 th Feb 25 Mon 6 th Jan 25 INSET day	Term 4 Mon 24 th Feb to Fri 4 th Apr 25
Term 5 Tues 22 nd Apr to Fri 23 rd May 25 Mon 21 st Apr Bank holiday Mon 5 th May Bank holiday	Term 6 Tues 3 rd June to Tues 22 nd Jul 25 Tues 2 nd June INSET day

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Duffield 97.21%	Morland 98.80%

Mental Health week

We are pleased to be able to take part in some yoga-based activities on Monday last week to raise awareness of this important and crucial issue.

Thank you to Michelle (from TattyBumpkins) for working across the whole school and enabling children to be more aware of their bodies and their feelings, and giving them physical activities to help them regulate their emotions and feelings. Thank you too to Miss Knowles for organising it.

Clubs

After half term, there will be a **Salsa Dancing club** on Thursdays after school, led by Mrs Hutchinson, for Years 3 and 4 - from 3:20 – 4pm.

There will also be a **Crochet Club**, led by Miss Jarvey and Mrs Hutchinson, on Tuesday lunchtimes for Years 4 – 6.

Craft Club will also take place on Mondays for Years 1 and 2. This will be led by Miss Fairey. Do look out for the permission slips for these sessions.

Recipients of our celebration awards over the past two weeks have been:

	Living the Vision awards	Excellence in Learning awards
Pandas	Finley	Phoebe
Leopards	Melissa	Joey; Olly
Tigers	Clayton; Aidan	Ivo; Isaac
Kangaroos	Efa; Amelie	Emily; Ethan
Meerkats	Paul; Sienna	Sienna; Jamie
Wolves	Romy; Joe	Ally; Lena
Giraffes	Sanaya	Ben



Booking Essential. Please Call:
01865 595509



Abingdon

Racing Robots

Friday 21st February

**Come along and experiment with
Racing Robots**

30 minute sessions from 10.30am to 12.00pm

Ask at the Counter or call 01865 815005 to book

This event is suitable for children aged 7 yrs + with their parents or carers

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MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

Starting Mon 24th Feb in the School Reception area

KS1: Mon 24th Feb - Fri 7th March

KS2: Mon 10th March - Fri 21st March

Pay what you can

Suggested donation 50p - £1 per item

Card payment accepted - scan the QR code onsite

Parentkind
Member Association

The PTFA would like to sell off their remaining stock of second-hand uniform. We'll be putting them on racks in the School Reception area starting on Mon 24th Feb (after half term break).
KS1: Mon 24th Feb - Fri 7th March
KS2: Mon 10th March - Fri 21st March
Please pay what you can; suggested donation 50p - £1 per item.
We'll be setting up a new system for second-hand uniform so please do not bring any more donations to the school. Look out for information in the coming weeks.

Thanks - PTFA