

Weekly newsletter 22.3.24

Headteacher's welcome

It has felt like a VERY busy week at New Marston as we end term. Our Year 3 and 4 pupils have been busy rehearsing their play, children from Y2-6 have completed some mid-year assessments, we're finishing projects and topics, and we have had trips and visitors in.

In addition to the above, our PTA ran a very enjoyable Easter Egg Hunt on Monday raising over £150. It was a lovely Spring evening and the children enjoyed the challenge (and treat at the end!). The profits from this will be going towards our library renovation. This project is almost completed and we hope to re-open the library next term. The new furniture, books, and soft furnishings will make it an inviting space to read in and the new cataloging system will prepare our children for using libraries in the future. Thank you so much to the PTA for their support with this, to any volunteers who have been helping, Mr. Field for his organisation and vision, and anyone who has donated books.

We finish term next Thursday at 1.30pm and I hope you all have a restful break. Happy Easter to those celebrating.

Learning in the Early Years



Our Reception pupils have continued with their forest school sessions, developing their use of tools this week. During their sessions, they are taught a skill, get to practice the skill, have some time to explore the activities in the forest freely and have time around the fire with a hot drink and biscuit. Thank you to Donna for your continued efforts to keep us learning outside!



Planetarium

Our Year 5 students enjoyed the visiting Space Dome this week. They went into the inflatable black dome and a projector was used to fill the sky with stars. They listened attentively to the information shared about space and the planets. We hope they enjoyed it!



Football



On Saturday, Miss Henderson and I were very proud of our U11 girls football team as they represented the school and our country, Oxfordshire, at the South West Regional Finals in Keynsham, Bristol. We came up against high quality opposition and the county winners from around the South. Unfortunately, the girls lost 3 and drew 1 and didn't progress to the National Finals, but we are exceptionally proud of them becoming the first team at New Marston to get this far. There are special mentions for Bella and Gwen who scored our goals, but it was a huge team effort to earn our draw - including an ever-improving Anaiya in goal who kept a clean sheet.

Thank you to the parents for travelling up with them, and we are confident they will have learnt lots ahead of two more finals within Oxfordshire to come.

Oxfordshire Cross Country Finals

4 of our pupils made it through to the finals and attended the event this week at Radley college in Abingdon. As a team, New Marston came 4th. Amazing efforts from all, especially Emilie (who came 7th) and Bella (who came 16th).

In Miss Henderson's words, "They were all unbelievable!"



Important dates



The 2023-24 dates can be found [here](#).

25.3.24 - Electives

27.3.24 - Y3/4 production (2pm, 6.15pm)

28.3.24 - School finishes at 1.30pm

15.4.24 - School begins

29.4.24 - Electives

6.5.24 - Bank holiday (No school)

10.5.24 - Learn with me afternoon

13.5.24 (Mon-Thurs) - Year 6 SATS

17.5.24 - Year 3 assembly

17.5.24 - School disco

20.5.24 -(Mon-Fri) - Year 2 SATS

20.5.24 - Electives

23.5.24 - Year 5 production

24.5.24 - School finishes at 3.15pm