

Weekly newsletter 23.2.24

Headteacher's welcome



It's been a great start to the term with STEM week; the children have enjoyed learning about an aspect of engineering or science. We have had visitors in school, projects and challenges to focus on, and shared our learning in an assembly at the end of the week. Thank you for your support with dress-up day. We want the children to know that people in careers of these types are not always dressed up in special clothing and everyone can participate.

Our challenges or projects have been:

Y6 - to design a sustainable farm

Y5 - to make earthquake-proof house models

Y4 - to design an eco-friendly water park

Y3 - to explore moon rovers

Y2 - to learn more about ocean pollution

Y1 - to create a garden for flowering plants

Reception - to learn more about volcanoes and their eruptions

Nursery - to observe and talk about science in action, including bird watching

For some children, their learning in these areas will continue over the term but we hope to have sparked further interest in STEM subjects this week. Thanks to Miss Middleton for her organisation and all of the visitors for sharing your knowledge with us.



1 - Engineers in the making!



2 - We had Flora's mum visit Y2 to talk about animal poo!

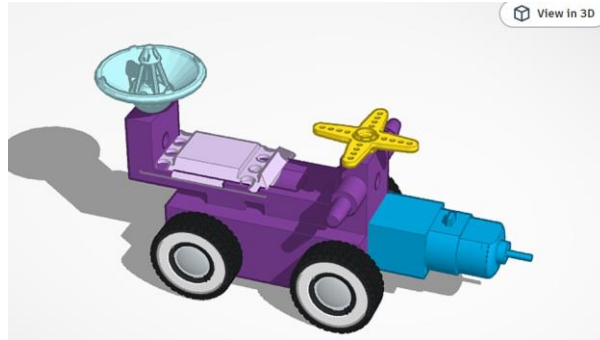


3 - Observing in nursery



4 - Look what happened!

Can you see a moon rover below? This was one was designed by Phoebe in Y3. Well done!



Andy the Hydrologist visited Oak Class - do you know what a hydrologist does? They study how water moves across the earth.



Building structures to withstand an earthquake in Y5



Building a water slide for the eco water park in Year 4. These look fantastic!

Charity collection

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clothes, toys, bric-a-brac & more!

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 New & Used Clothes, Bric & Brac, New & Used Toys, Small Electrical Items, Household Items, Hair & Beauty items, Gift sets, bags, backpacks, school clothes, shoes, folders, belts, handbags, sports equipment, kitchenware, cutlery, crockery, pots and pans, paintings, games, tools, homeware, books

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We now have a collection bin in the front entrance, through the office, which we can use to support a charity. Please do send any clothes, toys, houseware.... basically anything you no longer want that is listed on the poster (there is a long list).

Some AMAZING news!



Imagine Mr Wilson's face when we received an email to say our Under 11 girls team had qualified for the regional finals in Bristol! Our team has the chance to qualify for the national competition later this year. A huge congratulations to the team!

We might be in need of any adults who are able to use BSL to help us. Can you sign? Can you help? Please do get in touch if so.

Attendance

We continue to strive for the attendance at New Marston to be in line with national figures... in fact, I always strive for us to be better than 'average!' We know that winter can bring bugs, coughs and colds. Hopefully we are now coming out of the cold months and so attendance will improve. Please do send your child to school on every day possible. We see a clear correlation between attendance at school and progress.

If your child's attendance is below 90% we will contact you by phonecall or letter. We will help if we can. We do then offer a contract with some clear actions to improve attendance.

We do not authorise holidays in term time - please do speak to us **before** booking a holiday to see if we can discuss the arrangements and next steps with this. There is also a form to fill in by the office.

Important dates



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

19.2.24 - STEM week (There is the option to dress as a scientist or engineer on Friday!)

26.2.24 - Y6 residential week

5.3.24 and 7.3.24 - Parent/carer consultations - change of date

7.3.24 - World book day (There will be the option of dressing up as a book character)

7.3.24 - Learn with me morning

18.3.24 - PTA Easter egg hunt

25.3.24 - Electives

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

28.3.24 - School finishes at 1.30pm