

Weekly newsletter 26.1.24

Headteacher's welcome



We've had a fun-filled week at New Marston with visitors in and visits out. Our Early Years pupils had a PE session with superhero masks and capes. Our Reception pupils also had a dance session with Cherelle! They had great fun. Visits out have been to Oxford for museum trips and an exploration of our city.

We were happy to see so many parents attend the 'Learn with Me' afternoon. We hope you enjoyed seeing the lessons, which included geography (biomes and atlases), science (materials), dance, and personal development lessons about protests, amongst other things.

Parking has become an issue with neighbours again, which is disappointing with our value of community. Please do not block drives. I enjoy my time greeting our pupils, answering questions and saying goodbye, and would rather do this than be a traffic warden. Please prevent complaints by being responsible and courteous, parking further up the hill (Eden Drive).

Next week we have electives on Monday and also the Book reading in the forest, which is fully booked.

Learning in the Early Years

As mentioned above, our nursery and reception pupils enjoyed a sports session this week centered around superheroes. They were zooming around the hall and smiling, which is a great start to PE for them.

The children also made bird feeders this week and were concentrating very hard on their fine motor skills, threading cheerios for the birds to eat. They hung them outside so let's hope we get some visitors for them to see!





Learning in Key Stage 1

After reading Paddington and exploring the character, the Year 1 pupils have created some story maps. They have then used some amazing phonics skills to write up some of their ideas. Can you see the special friends they have identified?

Thursday 12th January 2013

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Learning in Key Stage 2



Our Year 5 pupils have now all been to Oxford for their visit to Christchurch and to the Ashmolean. They are learning about what makes Oxford famous, including some of the architecture and the Universities. They are also learning about the links to Anglo-Saxon times, so got to see some relics in the museums.

Year 4 have been busy learning about sculpture and Miss Henderson was busy making salt dough before school so that the pupils can recap the learning from Year 2 (joining) and move on to some new learning. Salt dough is a great activity to do at home and you can find a recipe [here](#).

Athletics

U11 Sportshall Athletics (at The Oxford Academy)

On Tuesday, pupils from Years 5 & 6 took part in the biggest ever (11 schools) Oxford City Sportshall Athletics competition. An event with over 200 pupils, plus many staff and sports volunteers ensured for a packed venue and noisy crowds. Children would definitely have been forgiven for not performing under such a raucous atmosphere and for feeling the nerves, but as it happened, they didn't struggle to perform at all. They thrived. The boys flew out of the blocks to win their first two races and set the tone for the rest of the morning. By the time the over and under relay was under way, New Marston left the other schools in their wake. And while the boys consistently finished in the top 2, the girls were out-jumping and out-throwing on the field events. Nour's incredible triple jump effort won the event by an astonishing 78cm (the 2nd placed girl was also ours - Emilie). Our girls also ran out individual winners in the speed bounce (this time, Emilie taking first place ahead of Rosa's 2nd place to ensure another NMPS top 2) and a huge 10m javelin throw from Bella also came out in first place to see New Marston dominate the early points up for grabs.

At the half-way point, the girls came onto track while the boys went to the field, but the results didn't stop going our way. The girls, winning 4 of their six races, also left other teams trailing behind their heels. The over and under relay again proved to be our favourite, beating our nearest rivals by more than half a lap. Meanwhile, Josh M was tearing up the throwing competitions (managing respectable 2nd and 4th place in chest push and javelin), and Antoni out-jumped all in the triple jump to be the only boy to jump further than 5m. Bukho's gravity-defying vertical jump effort also came out in first position by a huge 6cm gap over 2nd place and 11cm over third, and a joint-second place in the speed bounce for Antoni also worthy enough to get an individual mention.

But the final result was all about the team - both boys and girls. Had they collectively done enough to outscore the other 10 schools? We wouldn't find out until late on Wednesday. And as Mr. Wilson came running into the assembly as soon as the results came through at 3pm, you could hear a pin-drop in the anticipation. In reverse order, the excitement grew, as school after school were read out, leaving New Marston and St. John Fisher left in the top 2. The winners... by 12 points... New Marston.



Football - U11 girls v's Windmill



U11 Girls Manor Cup Quarter Final vs Windmill Primary

On Thursday, our U11 girls team came up against Windmill Primary for a place in the Semi-Final of the Manor Cup. They were looking to continue their fine form in the 7-a-side group in this 9-a-side competition.

The first half, although action packed, provided no goals for either team. Anaiya notably made a fantastic stop to keep the score level after Nakita and Gwen had gone close to giving us the lead up the other end. Bella was again putting in another eye-catching performance in midfield, with some great runs, tackles, through balls, and long-range efforts.

At half-time, New Marston's fresh legs entered the game, with Aya and Angeline coming on in attack and defence. But it was Grace who really started settling into the game, going on some impressive driving runs from midfield to take the ball towards the opposition goal. And it was her run who

started the move that ended up with a Bella through ball into super sub Aya who struck into the bottom corner to give New Marston a 1-0 lead.

It looked for a long time, like they would hold on, but with 30 seconds remaining, Windmill broke past the stubborn defence and with their first meaningful chance, found the bottom corner well to take the game to penalties.

New Marston 1 - 0 (Bella SCORES)New Marston 1 - 0 (Windmill MISS - post)New Marston 2 - 0 (Roheeya SCORES)New Marston 2 - 1 (Windmill SCORES)New Marston 2 - 1 (Nakita MISS - keeper saves)New Marston 2 - 2 (Windmill SCORES)

Sudden Death:New Marston 3 - 2 Windmill (Ivy SCORES)New Marston 3 - 3 Windmill (Windmill SCORES)New Marston 4 - 3 Windmill (Grace SCORES)New Marston 4 - 3 Windmill (Windmill MISS - Anaiya saves)

New Marston go through after winning 4-3 on penalties.

Important dates



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

19.1.24 - Mid year reports out

24.1.24 - Learn with me afternoon (2pm)

29.1.24 - Electives

9.2.24 - Y4 assembly (2.40pm)

9.2.24 - School finishes for half term

19.2.24 - Term 4 starts

19.2.24 - Science week