Weekly newsletter 26.4.24

Headteacher's welcome



Happy Friday team New Marston!

The school week has been busy as always, with a lot of work going on in the offices as we move to a new registration system (BromCom). If you get two messages instead of one, or an extra phonecall about attendance, please bear with us!

In assembly today we spoke about **Food Waste day**. The children had some great ideas for how we can minimise the 33% of food that goes to waste. Finn had a great idea - leftover day - making a meal from all of the food you have before buying more. I'm going to try this in my house! We also talked about the children eating what they put on their plate, not choosing too much for their plate and embracing smoothie making etc. Some of the children talked about sharing any leftover food with others, which is a kind thought to have.

I am not sure if you have used an app called *Too Good to go* but it is worth signing up for. Local businesses offer boxes of their food for a set price. You never quite know what you will get but you get some food to eat, which would otherwise have gone to waste.

We have also continued our discussion about grit and have all set a goal for two weeks. Ask your child what their goal is!

Payments for trips

We have trialled a system this year for trips. We sent out one consent form and put one payment on the system so you could pay in one go, or in installments to suit you. We have had good feedback on this. When we put on the one-off payment, the deadline given was May half-term. Please consider this when budgeting this month and make any final payments onto Parentmail. We will then evaluate the system.



Learning in the Early Years

Our Reception pupils were very busy playing in their role-play area this week. It has been turned into a Post Office recently and they were busy wrapping parcels and cutting stamps to attach to them. The postmaster was receiving the parcels and the children have been able to use their writing and maths skills well, along with developing their physical/fine motor skills.







Learning in Key Stage 1

Our Year 1 pupils are trying so hard to demonstrate our value of grit, both in and out of school. Charlie told me all about his grit at swimming, which was lovely to hear. In class, the children are working to improve their writing, practicing their red words and using them in their work. Their phonics screening check is coming up next term and I am really confident they will be ready. Keep showing us your grit, Year 1, and keep up the hard work.



1 - Look at all their names on the recognition board for showing grit!

Learning in Key Stage 2

ALL of our key stage 2 pupils (Y3-6) attended a cross-country event on Thursday at St Edward's school. The event was organised by Mr Wilson as a trust event and lots of schools attended. The children ran 1km and during this, had obstacles (hay bales), bubbles, and face paints. They finished with biscuits. We are incredibly grateful to St Edward's for their offer of help to set this up and run the event so well. Well done to all the children who showed real grit running (some did it twice or three times!)

Photos to follow:-)

Important dates



The 2023-24 dates can be found here.

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