

Weekly newsletter 9.2.24

Headteacher's welcome



# Let's eat **CAKE!**



## **PTA BAKE SALE!**

**Friday 9th February 2024**

**3:15-3:45pm**

**Cake donations welcome!  
Please leave at the main office  
at school drop off on Fri 9th  
Feb**



**Prices from  
50p to £1**



End of term 3 - wow! We have had so much to learn and do within a short 5 week term BUT we have done it and the light is now creeping into the beginning and end of the day. We hope you have a brilliant half-term break. Please check the dates carefully at the end of the newsletter. These have also been added to dojo as events.

As we start back for Term 4, we have a STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) and Miss Middleton is organising some challenges and visitors linked to digital engineering (Key Stage 2) or sustainability/science (Key Stage 1). She is keen to open up the classrooms so you can see what children have learned on Friday 23rd from 2.45pm if you can arrive slightly earlier. She would also like to invite children to dress as a scientist, engineer or mathematician! This could be a specific person or an addition to their own clothes (<https://makerkids.com/famous-people-stem-makerkids/> or <https://www.parametricstudioinc.com/blog/10-stem-professionals-who-changed-the-world>)

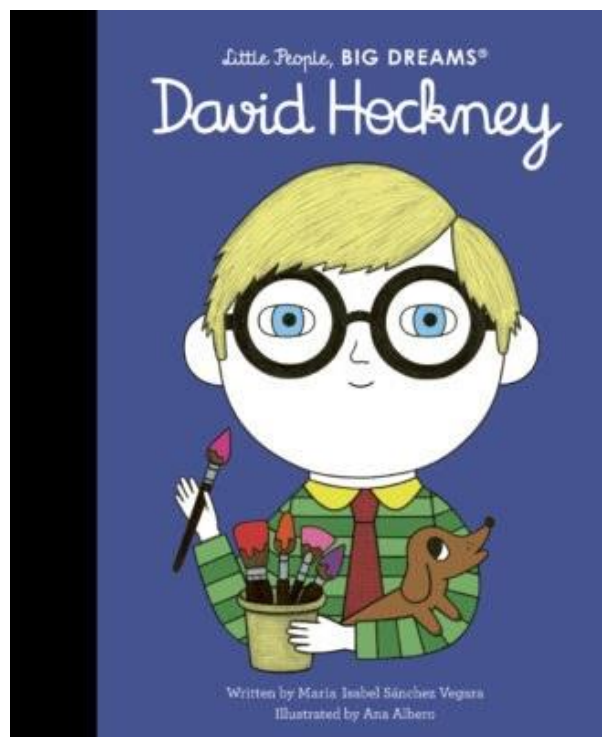
## Attendance

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.

## Book of the month



Our recommendation this month is a series rather than a specific book and it's linked [here](#). We have used some of these in class and the children LOVE them. The books celebrate role models from all different backgrounds, with various job roles and/or achievements. I would highly recommend them. I particularly enjoyed the Beyonce one and Year 2 have read the Rosa Parks version.

## Trains!



In DT this term, Year 1 have been thinking about wheels and axels. They have designed and made their own trains with various recycled materials and then some wooden wheels and axels. The children spent most of the morning on Thursday completing these and even continued their DT learning in the afternoon. We talked about ensuring the wheels didn't fall off and making sure they weren't stuck to the box or carton, so that they actually moved. The children's models were a success! I hope they told you all about them.

## Year 4's exploration day



Our Year 4 pupils spent the day at Headington Girls on Monday and they came home so enthused about their learning from the day. They made toothpaste, built an aqueduct, and had a drama lesson. One of the things they enjoyed most was the lunch! Apparently, the Katsu curry and watermelon were a real hit. The children really enjoyed their day and were a credit to New Marston Primary School. Their learning was truly enriched with some subject specialists and hands-on learning.





## Important dates



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

9.2.24 - Y4 assembly (2.40pm)

9.2.24 - School finishes for half term

19.2.24 - Term 4 starts

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