

WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone and wishing you all a very happy new year.

We had a fantastic end to the Autumn term with our festive activities and Christmas fair. Thank you to all those that supported these events – our pupils definitely had fun.

The pupils have all come back excited and ready to learn. We are all working on being resilient this half term and pupils have been learning about how to 'bounce back' and try again in their learning time and when regulating their behaviour and emotions.

It has been great to see the pupils working together both during the day and at lunch times to lay the wood chip in our allotment and social farm and when building our goat enclosure.

As you will be aware, the big tree on the KS1 playground has been felled due to health and safety reasons. The tree branches have been chipped and re-cycled to form the pathways in our allotment. This area where the tree was will now be converted into a role play and story-telling area for the children in EYFS and KS1 to use in lessons and at lunch time. This will be an exciting area for pupils to play and learn in.

I will continue to update you each week on events and activities that take place at school.

Please don't forget to follow our Facebook page for more news on what the pupils have been up to.

Mrs Zillah Cope
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Community Support

Thank you to CJ Wildlife for donating a bug hotel and two frog houses for our Eco Allotment and Social Farm. We cannot wait to see the wildlife using these.



Community Involvement

Bread made by KS2 pupils in a workshop provided by our catering providers Alliance in Partnership as part of Healthy Eating Week.



Award

We have just been awarded the School Games Gold Award for the 5th year running. We are now well on the way to achieving the platinum mark, which is the highest award in school games.



Trust Newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust Winter Newsletter has been published. If you have not had a chance to read it yet, the Newsletter highlights the Cross-Trust activities that students participate in and is available to view by [clicking here](#).



We are delighted to share the news that Coir Products have agreed to sponsor our chicken enclosure in our social farm. Their support will help us to introduce new areas of interest for our chickens to enjoy. Our pupils love interacting with Rocky, Woody, Snowy and Mrs Nugget and teachers often use the farm to engage pupils in outdoor learning.

Also, a big thank you to OVO Energy for donating 25 garden bushes through their 'I Dig It' programme. These will landscape our animal enclosures in the social farm. We are very grateful for this kind donation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

- 21st Jan 2020 – Marches Academy Trust Primary Varsity Competition
- 22nd Jan 2020 - Jake Evans Story Teller Visit
- 23rd Jan 2020 - Read the Game Workshop
- 23rd Jan 2020 – Year 3 and Year 4 Gymnastics Competition

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's award winners:

Fir Class – Eva McCaig
Willow Class – Isla Domagalski
Maple Class – Lily-May Haycocks
Rowan Class – Keera Partridge
Elm Class – Alfie Williams
Beech Class – Millie Riding
Oak Class – Vinnie Higginson



NEWS

As part of our Healthy Eating Week, all classes have worked with our catering company AIP to learn about healthy eating and how to prepare nutritious, tasty snacks which have included pizzas, flavoured breads as well as sampling some of the more exotic fruits.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have used virtual reality headsets to jet off into space and visit the planets in their space crafts. They then completed a fun quiz to consolidate what they had learned.

As part of our topic on Voyages and Discoveries, Year 5 and Year 6 teachers will be walking the Darwin Trail in preparation for the Y5/6 trip to Shrewsbury to learn all about Darwin and his theories about evolution.

Year 6 have completed their Bikeability training. Well done for being resilient to the cold weather!



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