



Markeaton

Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 22nd March 2018

To all Parents/Carers,

Well as soon as this term got started it has come to an end! If you subtract the snow days we have only been back 17 days! Before I get started I would just like to say I hope you all manage to have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Speaking of which, what a fantastic Easter Bonnet Parade we had this morning for the FS2, Y1 and Y2 children. As you can see from the picture there was a real array of bonnets on show and the children loved walking up and down the playground in front of their mums, dads, carers and lots of other family members! The children really enjoyed themselves and it was certainly made extra special by all the people who came to watch.



Earlier in the week the Y1 classes also had the opportunity to showcase their African Topic work in the hall; another event which was incredibly well attended. Once they had sung a few songs ('The Lion sleeps tonight' being one of them) the children were invited to walk their parents/carers around the hall so that they could see all their hard work. There were handmade parrots, rainforest collages, animal prints and lots of other creative ideas. Again, thank you to everyone who attended – we are very lucky to have such a supportive community.

In other news, this week also saw our attempt to raise money for Sport Relief via a sponsored run; a mile to be precise. All the children turned up in their sports gear and in between the hall, the classroom (a bit of running on the spot) and the field, every child ran at least a mile and we raised a lot of money for a very good cause.

On a similar note, our cake sale for Eva Rose on Thursday raised lots of funds and thank you to everyone that baked and spent their money. It was certainly much appreciated by all the staff and Mrs Morrison.

And finally, today we have had to say our goodbyes to Miss Brookes and Mr Hutchinson who are both leaving Markeaton. We would like to say a huge thank you for all their hard work and we wish them all the very best for the future. Miss Grant is also getting married on Saturday so when you all come back after the holidays she will be known as Mrs Simon – good luck Miss Grant we hope you have a wonderful day!

See you on the 9th April (remember—no school tomorrow!)

Mr I. Johnson

PS here is the link for our Sponsored Snowdon Climb:

<https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/ianjohnson/markeaton-midnight-snowdon-challenge.aspx>

Markeaton Cyclocross Team

Well done to our Cyclocross Team who finished second in their competition at Darley Park this half term. Next stop...County Finals!!



Markeaton Basketball Team

At the end of last half term, Markeaton Basketball Team came 4th out of 11 teams! What an amazing effort. A special shout out goes to the Team Captain who scored a 3 point basket!!



Year 5/6 Hockey Team

A huge congratulations to the Year 5/6's who participated in the Hockey Festival this half term. They won 5 out of 6 games !



House Captain Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the House Captains' cake sale this half term. They raised a whopping £176 to be spent on new games and activities.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for half term Monday 9th April to Friday 25th May is **£74.80**. Payment can be made half-termly or weekly and is due in advance. Please refer to our School Dinners—Payment and Arrears Policy on our website for more information.

We are a nut free school

Due to children who attend Markeaton Primary School that have a severe allergy to nuts, we kindly request that you do not send your child to school with nuts, or products containing nuts, for their snacks or in their packed lunches.

For some, contact with nuts could be life-threatening!

Thank you for your co-operation in making our school environment safe for all.



Highlights from this Half Term

With only 4 weeks in this half term, we have certainly packed it all in! With cake sales, World Book Day, Sport Relief, Music Celebration Assembly and an Easter Bonnet Parade, this half term has certainly been an eventful one.

F52 have been taking part in number hunts this half term whilst enjoying the outdoor space. This morning, they showcased their wonderful creations, along with KS1, in the Easter Bonnet Parade—we hope you enjoyed it.

Y1's topic this term is 'Where in the World?' The children have been getting creative making some African masterpieces. Continuing with this theme, the children welcomed Wildlife Workshop into school earlier this week where they got up close and personal with some unusual creatures and critters.

Y2 continued with the WW2 topic that they started last half-term. A trip to Holdenby House gave the children an experience of what life was like on the Home Front as an evacuee. The finale to this topic was definitely the 'VE-Day Party' where parents were invited to come along and join in the fun of WW2 celebrations.

In **Y3** the Viking theme continued with a visit from Partake Theatre which included role play activities as well as loom weaving and battle re-enactments. During PE lessons, the children have been learning the importance of setting up the apparatus correctly before using the equipment.

Y4 got off to a 'rocky' start! As part of their Science lessons, the children have been learning about the permeability and durability of different types of rocks. This half term, they have also enjoyed creating their own mythological creatures in art!

Y5 have been creating their own 'Pop Art' masterpieces—we have some talented artists here at Markeaton! An impromptu visit to Derby University's Sports Hall allowed the children to improve upon their ball skills and coordination.

Y6, along with Y5, participated in a trip to Kedleston Hall earlier in the term, which gave the children the opportunity to explore a stately home and learn about its history. Whilst in Science lessons, Y6's have started experiments to see which items rust.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who made their voluntary contributions for these trips and activities. Also, a very big thank you to Markeaton PTFA who subsidise these trips by £10 per child per year. Without your support, we would not be able to offer such a diverse and stimulating curriculum.





Please sponsor us!

The date is drawing nearer! On 19th May, Mr. Johnson and some members of staff will be attempting to climb to the top of Snowdon... IN THE DARK! Thank you to all who have donated so far - £1575 already raised towards our £5000 target so please keep donating to help raise funds for Alzheimer's Society and Markeaton PTFA. Please click on the link if you would like to sponsor us.

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Parentmail App for Android Users

Android users, you may have experienced problems when using the PMX app, particularly when trying to view your parent evening slot. We have been advised by ParentMail that a new, improved version of the app is now available that should overcome previous glitches that came up when using the ParentMail app on Android. Please download the new version by going to the Google Play Store and searching for 'ParentMail'; on the bottom of their app's page click 'I'm In'. The Beta version of the app will then be available to install.

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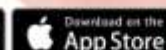
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YMCA Wrap-Around-Care

Based at Markeaton Primary School

In partnership with Markeaton Primary School we provide a safe and friendly environment for your child that provides lots of exciting activities before and after school, including: problem solving, arts and crafts, a range of sports, help with homework and much more. Our wide range of activities will support children's natural stages of development and interests alongside ensuring healthy and nutritious food is provided.

We support daily routines to enable children to become alert and ready for the school day and then offer time for homework and fun and games after the school day so children go home relaxed.

The Breakfast Club includes a nutritious breakfast and the After School Club includes a nutritious tea.

To book your place, please visit:

<http://ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/about/what-we-do/family-work/markeaton-primary-school/>



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note: YMCA Holiday Club will not run on Friday 23rd March

Dates For Your Diary 2018 - 2019

Further dates will be added throughout the school year

Fri 23rd March	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
26th March - 8th April	Easter Holidays - school closed
Tues 10th April	Y1 Phonics Meeting 3.40pm in School Hall
Wed 11th April	FS2/KS1 Book Banding Meeting 3.40 - 4pm in School Hall
Tues 17th April	FS2 Phonics Meeting 3.40pm in School Hall
Wed 18th April	Class Photographs
Fri 20th April	PTFA Quiz Night
Mon 7th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
14th - 17th May	Y6 SATs
21st - 25th May	Y2 SATs
Tues 22nd May	Y1 RSPB Bioblitz session
Wed 23rd May	Y6 PGL Parents Meeting 5.30 - 6pm
28th May - 3rd June	Half Term - school closed
Mon 4th June	INSET Day - school closed to pupils