



# Markeaton

## Primary School

### Newsletter

Wednesday 25th July 2018

Every July I say the same thing but I can't believe another school year has come and gone! Our FS2 children have now finished their first year and are getting ready to go into Y1 and our Y6 children are moving on to secondary school and starting another new journey.

I was looking through the Twitter feed the other day and it seems like only yesterday when we had our Basketball Wow Day and our Christmas performances!

As a school we continue to grow and evolve and we are always looking at different ways in which we can improve (but not losing sight of what we do really well). The questionnaire responses have been incredibly positive and although the exact analysis is scheduled for September, plus the annual Parent/Carer Forum, early indications suggest you agree or strongly agree that your child is happy, there is a positive atmosphere in school, you feel welcome when you come to school and you are pleased with the outdoor environment. There are, of course, questionnaire responses which point towards some changes that we do need to make but I just wanted to say thank you for taking the time to complete them. This feedback, alongside other conversations we have had with parents/carers throughout the course of the year really help us make those improvements and build on our strengths.

In terms of how we assess and what your child is learning, this is something we will look at again in the Autumn Term as some of you are still unsure about some of the details surrounding these areas. We have worked hard with this over the last few years but, based on what is coming back, we might need to fine tune this again. How we assess your child and how we map out the curriculum is very secure within the school and is applied consistently but maybe it needs to be communicated in a clearer way to parents/carers. We do have information on our website but perhaps a face to face presentation might work better. We have already had a few ideas so we will keep you posted.

When we come back in September we will also be sharing our latest set of results (FS2, Y1, Y2 and Y6) and our new School Development Targets – plus an update on how we did with this year's targets. It's a bit early yet but keep your eyes peeled for the date of the Parent/Carer Forum in the hall as we will cover it all in that meeting. For previous Parent/Carer Forum Presentations please visit the website.

In other news, the Governors and the Senior Leadership Team have been working hard to update our Equality Page on the website (<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/E>). We have updated our policy and our action plan so please take a look. All feedback is welcome.

And finally, I would just like to wish you a happy and safe summer holiday. Enjoy the sun (there is certainly plenty to go round at the moment!), and we'll see you all again in September.

Best wishes,  
Mr I. Johnson

## Markeaton Cyclocross Team

Well done to our Cyclocross Team (sporting our new Markeaton T-Shirts) for coming 4th in the Summer Games - what a great achievement!



## Markeaton Grass Cycle Team

Well done to our Grass Cycle Team - they won their event this half term and have qualified for the County Finals! AMAZING!!!



## School Dinners



Starting back in September, the cost of school dinners for half term Monday 10th September to Friday 26th October is **£77.00**. 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.

## 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.



## Gold School Games Mark!

Yes! We have achieved the **Gold School Games Mark** again for 2017/2018!! What an achievement and well done to all of the children and staff! Not sure what this means? Click on the link below and take a look at the criteria. Next stop - Platinum!

[www.yourschoolgames.com/how-it-works/school-games-mark/](http://www.yourschoolgames.com/how-it-works/school-games-mark/)



## Silver Artsmark Award

Markeaton Primary School are proud to promote the Arts in school. Thank you to Miss Gamble for hosting the Dance Celebration Assembly this term and for co-ordinating our Arts Week in July; also a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to make the week successful. Markeaton Primary School have recently been awarded Silver from Arts Council, England.



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

## Thank You to YMCA Derbyshire

No missing our new 'golden' bollards! Thank you to YMCA Derbyshire for our fresh lick of paint.



## Highlights from this Half Term

We've been really lucky that the sun has shone for most of the summer term and we have been making use of our fabulous outdoor space; we've had Sport Days, Arts Week, Foreign Language Day, Dance Celebration Assembly, a Picnic Day and Zumba workout sessions that the whole school have participated in. In addition to this, our School Councillors and House Captains were rewarded for their dedication and hard work throughout the school year by visiting Pizza Express and Wagamama for some exciting food exploration sessions. Unfortunately, the newsletter can only highlight a selection of our exciting lessons and activities, so why not take a look at our Twitter page where we showcase week on week what we are doing in school.

[twitter.com/MarkeatonSchool](https://twitter.com/MarkeatonSchool)



This half term **FS2's** topic 'Around the World' introduced the children to some unusual animals that they were then able to get up closer to during their trip to Twycross Zoo.

**Y1** have been expressing their inner 'Van Gogh' with acrylic painting this term. They have also enjoyed computing coding as well as enjoying a trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm which gave them a hands-on experience.

**Y2's** topic this term was 'Explorers'. A visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park allowed the children to observe a variety of animals from different countries, discover all about desert, polar, savannah and rainforest habitats, and also have the opportunity to handle live animals from these regions.

**Y3** have immersed themselves in their Mayan topic and discovered the origins of chocolate. The finale to this topic... or the chocolate topping on the cake... was an exciting trip to Cadbury World!

**Y4** put their persuasive writing skills to the test by producing their own Mayan Myths. They also produced their own chocolate bar wrappers and enjoyed a trip to Cadbury World.

**Y5** have been creating graffiti art on the school walls, in the style of Keith Haring, and have enjoyed creating Japanese Haiga inspired poems this half term. They have also learned about our coastlines with a hands-on exercise using clay to create their own coastlines to understand the process of creating undercutting, caves, arches, stacks and stumps.

This term could not have been any busier for our **Y6** pupils. They've visited their new secondary schools, participated in Careers Day, raised money during Enterprise Week for charity YWAMBlantyre.com, enjoyed their Leavers' Meal at Frankie and Benny's and spent a fantastic two nights at PGL.





## 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/>



You can now follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/YMCAD YKidz>



### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**YMCA Holiday Club will run from Monday 30th July to Wednesday 5th September (inclusive) to book your place go to <https://data.ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/?q=holiday-clubs>**

## Markeaton PTFA

Thank you to everyone who supported Markeaton PTFA this year; from those who helped set up/tidy away, run a stall, bought raffle tickets or came along to one of our many events. 100% of the funds raised goes back into the school to enrich our children's lives and education. For more information on what we have contributed towards this year, please visit our page on the school website [www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/PTFA](http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/PTFA)

We hope you have an enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to providing you with more exciting events in the new school year.

*Helen, Maria, Jo, Gemma, Jenny*  
**Markeaton PTFA**



### Markeaton PTFA Summer Fair 2018



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