



Markeaton

Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 26th October 2018

To all Parents/Carers,

This half term has absolutely flown by and you'll see from the newsletter we've been pretty busy!

As it is fresh in my memory, we have to start with 'A to Derby' which took place on Wednesday. Bearing in mind how quickly the pilot event was put together, it really was a fantastic occasion and thank you to the whole school community for getting behind it with such enthusiasm.

The issues surrounding traffic and parking in and around the local area are well documented so it was encouraging to see so many children arrive on scooters and bikes and how much thought was given to alternative methods of transport to and from school. As they arrived they were met with music, stalls, some bikes that I had never seen before (see right) and, best of all, Rammie! There were lots of positive discussions about how we can work together to solve the problem and the importance of daily exercise; with the general consensus being; let's try and do this again. One email I received from the organisers stated:

"During the school run, I was amazed to see so many kids and parents walking, cycling, scooting, hopscotching etc their way in. It was wonderful to see all partners involved in deep conversations about their offers with parents who were showing a real interest."



Another highlight of the term, without question, has been the children taking part in the Daily Mile – which is what they also did yesterday. What started off as a bit of an experiment has now evolved into something that is starting to become part of the school day and the benefits are becoming more and more apparent. Not only does it get the children active, it appears to be aiding concentration and focus in lessons. Whether they walk, skip or run, it is something that every child can take part in and they seem to be really enjoying it. Click on the link below for the advert which has been showing on ITV:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We1ue3xY2QQ>

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to announce a few staffing changes. At the end of next half term Mr Rowcroft will be leaving us to pursue a career as a Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University. As a result, we have decided to move Miss Herriman into Y6 and Miss Waller, who we appointed earlier in the week, will be moving into Y5 from January 2019. In addition to this this, Miss Gamble, who currently teaches in Y1, has been appointed our new KS1 Leader. This means that our Senior Leadership Team is as follows: Mr. Johnson (Headteacher), Mrs. Edge (Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning), Mrs. Balfour (Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and SENDco), Mrs. Clayton (Lower Key Stage Two Leader), Miss Gamble (Key Stage One Leader) and Miss Sidebottom (FS2 Leader).

As always, thank you for continuing to support the school and everything we are striving to achieve – it is much appreciated and I hope you have a restful and relaxing half term.

Mr. Johnson

Markeaton Cross-Country Team

Well done to our Y5/6 pupils for representing Markeaton Primary School at Cross-Country this half term. Great team effort!



School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to our School Book fair this half term. With your support we sold £808 worth of books which we will receive commission from.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for half term Monday 5th November to Friday 21st December 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.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along, enjoyed a cuppa and some cake at our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. We managed, with your support, to raise **£388.20** for this worthwhile cause.



Website/Twitter



Have you visited our website yet?

In addition to our Parentmail PMX system you will also find a host of information on our website: term dates, upcoming PTFA events, downloadable trip letters and application forms for extra-curricular activities and clubs. There is also a page advertising what is going on in your local area.

Parents told us that they would like more visibility of what their children were learning about in school. In addition to Parents Evenings, Come To Lunch Dates and Class Assemblies, every Year Group now has their own Twitter feed.

You do not need to subscribe to Twitter to view it, simply go to 'Our Learning' on our website www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk to find out more.

Highlights from this Half Term

The weather has cooled over the Autumn months; however, we have been lucky enough to still have some balmy sunny days. The children have been enjoying the outdoors in our Forest School Area as well as participating in our Rammie's Daily Mile as part of our commitment to healthy living. We've also had 'World Mental Health Day' where the whole school undertook projects and attended an assembly highlighting the importance of positive mental health.

Our **FS2** children are settling nicely into a daily routine, developing their independence and making new friends. This half term they have been reciting 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and enjoying energetic 'Squiggle While You Wiggle' dancing with scarves.

Y1's topic this half term is 'The History of Toys': the children have been combining IT with Art by designing their own toy using a paint program and enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Fitt, a previous teacher at Markeaton, who talked about what it was like growing up in the past and what toys she played with when she was little. The topic concluded with a trip to Sudbury Hall, where the children were able to get hands-on with toys from the past.

Y2 have been learning about different beliefs and faiths. During Outdoor Learning, the children collected natural resources to make models of Sukkahs, traditionally built during the Jewish festival of Sukkot. They have also designed, made and evaluated their own rockets as part of their Space topic this half term.

'Staying Alive' has been the theme for **Y3's** topic this half term. The children got creative making and trying their own healthy smoothies to discover which tastes they liked and which they did not so much. Do you know what a 'vertebrate' is? Year 3 do!

Y4 have also been taking a look at the human body, in particular, the digestive system. They creatively used socks, tights, Weetabix, milk, banana and potato to demonstrate the process how food is broken down by the body as it moves through the digestive system. Yuck! With the weather being so lovely this Autumn, why sit indoors to do maths? We made the most of the fine weather and our amazing grounds and took some lessons outside.

Y5 have been using lolly sticks to create Roman numerals this half term. Why not ask a Y5 pupil why the Romans used specific letters; it's a **HANDY** fact to know... During this half term, their topic has been 'Stone-Age' - during Outdoor Learning, the children enjoyed cooking Neolithic Stone Age snacks on our school camp fire, making fire bread and stewed fruit... **DELICIOUS!**

Y6 pupils also immersed themselves in their topic 'The Stone Age' by creating their own rock images, piecing together pottery and doing some excavation work during Stone Age Workshops.





Autumn Half Term Highlights

Attention all parents!

Download the ParentMail App
for the best way to pick up school messages

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★★★★★

"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"
★★★★★

"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"
★★★★★

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Please note: If you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message.

Parentmail - Have you connected yet?

To all new parents, you should by now be receiving our correspondence via Parentmail. But, did you know that this system also allows you to easily pay for trips, give consent, book Parent Evening appointments, as well as paying for School Dinners (Y3 -Y6 only). If you have not yet connected, it is a simple process. Please contact the School Office for your registration email.

When logging in to pay for a school trip or activity, always click **Payments**, and if you cannot find the item you are looking for, click **Shop** at the top of the page. This will take you to a full list of items (including those you have already paid for). The reason the activity can only be found here is because the payment due date has passed.

Relief Midday Supervisor & Kitchen Assistant Vacancies

We currently have a number of job vacancies within our busy school for lunchtime Relief Midday Supervisors and Relief Kitchen Assistants. If you would like to be part of our team, please contact *Sally Shaw, School Business Manager*, for more information.

Please Help Us to Help You

The School Office is a busy hub of activity any time of year but more so in the run up to Christmas. In order to help us run as smoothly and efficiently for you all, please could you help us help you by doing the following:

If you know in advance that your child is going home with another adult, please send a note in with your child for their class teacher or email/phone the School Office by 12pm.

If you know your child is due to participate in a school trip, please ensure you give us written consent by the date requested in the letter. The easiest way to do this is by visiting your Parentmail account, go to Payment Items, Shop, select the correct trip and add it to the basket and make sure you tick the consent box at checkout. The information is sent to us instantaneously therefore reducing the need for us to follow up with phone calls, emails or messages to the class teacher. The office staff are happy to help if you need guidance navigating this system. Chasing last minute consent so that your child does not miss out on a trip is time-consuming and could be better spent helping you in other ways.

If your child forgets their homework, lunchbag etc. please ensure these are dropped off to the School Office by 10.30am. These items will be delivered to class by 12pm unless deemed urgent.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to provide an smooth, efficient service for you all.

The School Office Team

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 be running from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November (inclusive). To book your place go to <https://ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/about/what-we-do/family-work/markeaton-primary-school/activity-club/>



Markeaton Primary School Christmas Shopping Evening

7-9pm Thursday 15th November 2018

£2 on the door.

Make up and
Skincare
cosmetics

Prosecco Bar
Mulled Wine

Sumptuous
Christmas Puds

Usborne Books

Award winning
fine Wines
from Renishaw

Award winning
Beer

Head and
neck massage

Cinema room for
the kids!

Hand made
craft goods

Nail Bar

Homemade jams,
Chutneys
and Preserves

Food Fayre

Beautiful designer
jewellery



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