



Markeaton

Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 15th February 2019

To all Parents/Carers,

I really wanted to start the newsletter this week with the news that our Y5/6 Basketball Team (see right), who competed in a tournament last night at Noel Baker Secondary School, were highly commended by the event organisers for their sportsmanship and overall positive representation of Markeaton Primary School.

I have to say, in the three years I have been here, this type of feedback has been given on numerous occasions and it is always great to hear. Indeed, the volunteers at Derby Museum were also keen to let us know that the children who attended last week were polite, inquisitive and extremely respectful. Well done!

In other news, the PTFA have very kindly agreed to pay for some new Reading Books for the classrooms. They are all centred around the theme of Equality and they go from FS2 all the way up to Y6. Yesterday in Y3 I read 'Beegu', a story about an alien who crash lands on earth and tries her best to fit in. There are some really powerful texts in the collection and they will be used throughout the year during R-Time lessons and assemblies. We will also put the full reading list on the Equality section of the website:

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/E>

This week has also marked the beginning of our status as a recycling school, something I touched upon a few weeks back. Via Terracycle.com, we are now an official crisp packet collection site. So if you have any crisp packets that you would like to recycle then please empty the bags, give them a quick clean and drop them off in the entrance. There will be a clearly labelled recycling box for you to use and hopefully, in the future, we will be recycling other items too. On a similar note, a big thank you to everyone who supported our Bags2School fundraiser. The PTFA were pleased to announce that £92 was collected!

And finally, it is with sadness that we waved Mrs Holmes off towards retirement yesterday! After 29 years of service at Markeaton she has made the decision to say goodbye to her days of working in a school and enjoy a well-earned rest (plus prepare for a few holidays!). Mrs Holmes, over the years, has played an integral and widely recognised role in supporting numerous children with visual impairments. Her dedication, care and expertise will be sorely missed but we do hope she has a fantastic time – I believe Morocco is her first destination! Thank you Mrs Holmes and good luck.

Have a lovely half term and I'll see you on the gate on 25th February (which is also the start of the Book Fair).

Mr I. Johnson



Spring Art Competition

We are holding a Spring Art Competition in school. Children can make or draw anything related to Spring; example, a 3D spring garden in a shoebox, a painting of spring animals, a decorated Easter egg etc. All masterpieces should be submitted with details of your child's name, teacher and year group.

The closing date for all entrants is **Monday 1st April** and will be judged by the Art Reps in two age categories: FS1/KS1 and KS2. There will be a prize for the winner and runner-up in each category.

So... get creative this half term!



School Book Fair

Our School Book Fair will be taking place each day from **Monday 25th - Thursday 28th February, 3.30 - 4pm** under the Bike Shelter. Please come along and support us; for every book sold, school receives commission to spend on more books for school. Thank you for your support.



Music Celebration Assembly

Calling all pupils: do you have a musical talent you would like to share with us? If so, complete an entry form (available from the School Office). Final date to enter: **Monday 4th March**. Auditions:

Wednesday 13th March (12pm).

Celebration Assembly: Thursday 4th April 9.30am



Final Days to Cast Your Vote!

Please help us to secure a prize from the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme. **Closing date 28th February!** Collect your blue tokens and drop them in the boxes at any of the following stores:

- 5445 ALLESTREE DERBY EXP DE22 2GP Express
- 2257 CHADDESSEN EXPRESS DE21 6NA Express
- 2380 DERBY ALVASTON EXP DE24 8QN Express
- 2381 DERBY HILTON EXPRESS DE65 5JR Express
- 5886 DERBY METRO DE1 2AB Metro
- 2404 Derby Mickleover DE3 9NH Superstore
- 6060 DERBY STENSON RD EXP DE23 1HG Express
- 2649 Heanor DE75 7EX Superstore
- 6428 CHELLASTN DRBY RD EXP DE73 6PY Express

To cast your vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Our project, along with two other projects in our region, will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Please get voting for us to be in with a chance of receiving a grant for our Infant Outdoor Playground with Gym.

Thank you for your support



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for half term Monday 25th February to Thursday 11th April is **£74.80**. Payment can be made half-terminly or weekly and is due in advance. The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 per day/£11 per week.

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.



Highlights from this Half Term

A great start to 2019! The children, as always, are enthusiastic to learn. Here is just a small selection of what we have been doing this half term:

FS2 got off to a wintery start by putting the correct number of buttons on their snowmen and learning a funny poem about snow. As part of our penpal handwriting scheme the children start the day with some fun gross motor and fine motor warm-ups.

Y1 have been looking at Chinese patterns as we celebrate 'The Year of the Pig'. They have also mastered the art of making their own pots by coiling clay - hard work but some amazing results! 'Amazing Me' has taught the children how to identify human body parts and lessons in 'our senses' lead to some funny faces when exploring our sense of smell!

Y2's half term activities have been focussed around World War II. The children have built their own Anderson shelters and gardens, made pop-poms, sampled 'rations' and planted some carrot seeds as they 'Dig For Victory'. Thank you to all the parents who responded to the evacuee letters the children penned.

Y3 have been busy this half term classifying animals using computer programme 'Popplet'. They also enjoyed a visit to Derby Museum to view real life Egyptian mummies which helped bring their classroom learning of Ancient Egypt to life.

Y4 's topic this term is also 'Ancient Egypt'; the children immersed themselves into the role of detectives as they uncovered the mystery of the tomb raiders. Exploring the work of artist, Leonid Afremov, produced some fabulous masterpieces as the children created their own reflection art pieces of the River Nile.

Y5 have looked at the stigma surrounding mental health and explored artists who embrace their mental health and emotions in order to create wonderful art. The children created their own masterpieces inspired by artists, Kandinsky and Jean Michael Basquiat. Ever mindful of our environment, Year 5 have also been investigating how many products they could find that contain palm oil.

The new year kicked off for **Y6** with a Murder Mystery; the children investigated the scene of the crime to infer what could have happened, putting their reasoning skills to the test! Also this half term, Y6 have been germinating their own cress in order to understand the conditions required to make cress grow successfully. And finally, as well as keeping our minds stimulated, we also participated in RAMMIE's Skipping Programme to keep our bodies active too!



Why not follow us on Twitter [@Marketon Primary](https://twitter.com/MarketonPrimary) to view more of our fabulous activities and events throughout the school year.







PTFA

ADULTS ONLY!

QUIZ NIGHT

TROPHY FOR THE WINNERS



BAR

Don't miss out
places fill up
fast!!!

8th MARCH AT 7PM
£10 PER PERSON

INCLUDES FISH AND CHIP SUPPER
VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

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>



YMCA Holiday Club runs Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February. To book your place, go to
<https://ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/about/what-we-do/family-work/markeaton-primary-school/activity-club/>