



Markeaton

Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2019

To all Parents/Carers,

A relatively short term this time round but just as busy nonetheless! Highlights for me have included the photos from Y1's trip to Warwick Castle (an amazing day by all accounts), the number of children in school venturing more and more into the outdoors (Forest Schools etc) and our new approach to Writing really starting to evolve across the school.

As mentioned in previous Weekly Words, we are going to be taking a close look at the curriculum over the next few months and analyse what works well and what could be improved. With this in mind, I would like you to complete a short questionnaire. It shouldn't take you long and the feedback for the school would be invaluable. Enhancing the curriculum requires input from all stakeholders so if you get chance over the holidays please send us your responses. Everything we do at Markeaton, whether it be the curriculum, our approach to behaviour or the content of our assemblies is designed to complement the school's vision:



'We want each and every child to leave Markeaton with resilience, empathy, a strong sense of equality and confidence at the core of everything they do. We want our children to experience a challenging and immersive curriculum which will encourage them to become responsible and ambitious citizens of the future; looking back positively on their time at Markeaton.'

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Vision-and-Values>

Please click on the link below to access the online questionnaire:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XD39SLY>

In other news, I just wanted to quickly mention the ever-prevalent topic of social media; specifically, children's use of social media. Over the last few weeks, staff, including myself, have had a number of incidents brought to our attention regarding inappropriate online behaviour via social media platforms such as Instagram and Snapchat. Both of these websites/apps have an age restriction of 13 but we are aware that a fair few of our children in KS2 (and sometimes younger!) use these on a regular basis. What we have noticed as staff, more than anything, is how children deal with the consequences when something they post causes offence, deliberately or otherwise, and how the words they use are no longer their 'property' once they click send/post. We are also seeing more and more children make links to social media and their own mental health. If you have any concerns surrounding this topic then please do visit our website (<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/E->). There are lots of great websites and materials to look at, including a monthly E-Safety magazine called Ditto. We are also hoping to do a children's workshop after the holidays about E-Safety and something for parents/carers too.

And finally, a little summary of this week's Headteacher's Tea Party. This Friday it was the turn of the KS2 (Juniors) children. They enjoyed their hot drink in their teacup and saucer and we talked about a whole host of topics; ranging from Derby County's big match on Monday to favourite films!

Have a good week and see you on the 4th June (remember we are not open on the 3rd!).

Mr I. Johnson

Well done to one of our Y6 pupils who won first place in the 11-12 years duologue at Derby Arts Festival this month.



Six Streets Arts Trail Yarn Bombing!

Our Arts Reps would like to invite children, parents, carers and grandparents to take part in the Six Streets Arts Trail yarn bombing activity. Yarn bombing involves decorating a tree with handmade decorations made from knitting, crocheting or felt. The Arts Reps have chosen a tree outside 35 Bromley Street and have decided to dedicate the theme to 'Summer' which can include minibeasts, flowers, or anything that reminds you of summer. Please hand your finished decoration to Miss Gamble by Thursday 20th June. The Six Streets Arts Trail runs Saturday 22nd to Sunday 23rd June (our tree will remain decorated until Sunday 30th June).

We won!

Well done to our Art Reps who entered Hobbycraft's Easter Bonnet Competition. We came first and were rewarded with £100 worth of art resources. Thank you to everyone who voted for us!



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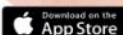
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Remember to check your Parentmail

Next term is an incredibly busy one with lots of upcoming trips and activities for all year groups. Please remember to check your Parentmail at least once per week as we use this as our main source of communication to let you know what is happening in the coming weeks. You will also find all events listed on our website under Dates For Your Diary page.

To ensure your child does not miss out on any trips or activities, please ensure you give consent (and where necessary, make your voluntary contribution) by the date specified.

Thank you for your support.

Languages Day!

This year, we are celebrating Germany as our theme. On **Friday 21st June** we are inviting children to come to school in clothing that represents the colours of the German flag (Black, Red or Gold – or they can wear all three!)



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.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for half term Tuesday 4th June to Thursday 25th July is **£83.60**. Payment can be made half-termly 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.



Thank You YMCA

A huge thank you to Dave Finn and his team who worked incredibly hard over two days dredging the pond, revitalising the paths and planting some new bulbs. Our Outdoor Learning Area looks amazing.



Highlights from this Half Term

Although it has been a short half term, we have packed a lot in!

We've had Maypole Dancing, a trip to Warwick Castle, Y6 and Y2 SATs as well as many interesting topics and lessons being taught. See below just some of the exciting things we have been doing this half term.



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



We are proud to be a recycling point for various initiatives. Please see adverts below.
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All brands are accepted!

Flexible single use mask packaging and the blue plastic film put on top of the tissue mask (used for personal care and beauty products)



Flexible plastic wipes packaging (used for personal care and beauty products)



Personal care and beauty product packaging caps, pumps and trigger sprays (rigid plastic bottles are not accepted)



Plastic pots and flexible plastic tubes (used for personal care and beauty products)



Hair colourant kits (except rigid plastic bottles and cardboard packaging)



Plastic roll-on deodorants (aerosols are not accepted)



Personal Care and Beauty Programme

WASTE THAT IS NOT ACCEPTED

- Rigid plastic bottles (used for shampoo, conditioner, hair serum, hair colouring, skin care, sun protection and body care packaging)
- Plastic pots and flexible plastic tubes not used for personal care and beauty products (such as food pots and tubes, grout tubes and glue tubes)
- Cardboard packaging
- Aerosols
- Flexible plastic wipes packaging not used for personal care and beauty products (such as surface cleaning wipes packaging ; baby wipes packaging ; window wipes packaging)



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Please ensure you drop off your items by Monday 1st July.

Why not get your friends and neighbours involved! The more we collect, the better chance we have of winning a new playground worth £10,000 - all made from recycled plastics!



Sensory Tech 2019

View and try the latest technology available to make living with a visual impairment easier. Drop in to meet the experts, and bring your devices.

Includes wearable technology, help with reading and everyday tasks, and advice on getting the best out of your smart phone, tablet or computer.

Wednesday 12th June
10.30am to 3pm

The Post Mill Centre
off Market Street
South Normanton
Alfreton DE55 2EJ

Hosted by:



Registered charity no. 1080986

For more information call
Sight Support Derbyshire
on 01332 292262

EVENT SHOWCASES TECH HELP FOR LIVING WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Ever since a photograph showing a blind woman with a cane using a mobile phone went viral on social media earlier this year, there has been interest in how visually impaired people use technology in their day to day lives.

Now an event hosted by a local sight loss charity is showcasing how current technology can make life easier for people who are blind or partially sighted.

Sensory Tech 2019, organised by Sight Support Derbyshire, is aimed at visually impaired people, their family and friends, as well as professionals working in the health, social care and education sectors.

It takes place at the Post Mill Centre in South Normanton on Wednesday 12th June from 10.30am to 3pm.

We have exhibitors coming from all over the country to show how technology and Artificial Intelligence is helping visually impaired people now. We'll have wearable technology, such as glasses which use High Definition cameras, and smart bands which use sonar waves to help the user avoid obstacles when they're out and about. The experts will be on hand with advice on getting the best out of your smart phone, tablet or computer. Don't forget to bring along your own smart phone or tablet to find out what it can do for you.

Other products on display include electronic magnifiers to help with reading, talking book players, and a Braille notetaker / tablet which brings the tactile language of raised dots right up to date. Sight Support Derbyshire will also have information available about its services to help blind and partially sighted local adults and children stay independent.

The event is free and visitors are welcome to drop in at any time. For further information contact Sight Support Derbyshire on 01332 292262

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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/>



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YMCA Holiday Club runs Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May. To book your place, go to <https://ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/about/what-we-do/family-work/markeaton-primary-school/activity-club/>