



Markeaton

Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 25th July 2019

To all Parents/Carers,

Where has that year gone!?? Perhaps it was fitting that on the last day of the Summer Term it was a glorious day and the children had lots of fun outdoors. You will be pleased to know that 'own clothes' day, although impromptu, was very well received and it was a great way for the children to keep cooler. You wouldn't believe how many children wear their shirts and jumpers in the hot weather and we have to remind them! Opening the Forest School area also helped as it has lots of natural shade in there. We don't normally do that but bearing in mind it was 33 degrees it seemed like the best idea. Thank you for responding to the school's request at the last minute – it's not often we have to cope in heat like that!

This week, like every other, has been really busy and no more so than for our Y5 and Y6 children who have been performing 'Rock Bottom' non-stop! Directed and led by Mrs Edge and the Y5 and Y6 staff (see right), this year's performance has been fantastic and it has been a great opportunity for the children to really express themselves and show how confident they are. The curtain came down last night and it is safe to say they saved the best till last. Roll on two years for the next show! In other music related news, well done to all of our drummers who took part in yesterday's drumming assembly with Joe (the tutor). The children got up on stage without a care in the world and drummed their hearts out! It seems they may have inspired everyone in the hall to take up lessons so Joe was delighted!! Children at Markeaton, despite the normal worries they may have about performing in front of an audience, are generally very confident and this is exactly what our vision states:



'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.'

In other news, I would like to say a few goodbyes. My first goodbye, on behalf of everyone at Markeaton, is for Mrs Surga, Mrs Mabbutt, Miss Jeffers, Mrs Le and Miss Vizbule. They have all been brilliant members of staff and they will be sorely missed by all of us. Hopefully they will come back and visit us in the future but for now, good luck and see you soon.

My second goodbye is for our Y6 children. Today was their final day and I would like to say thank you for being such a super year group. I would also like to wish them the very best for the future and I hope that you continue to work hard and achieve at Secondary School.

Lastly, before we head off for Summer, a huge thank you to you all for continuing to support everything we do at Markeaton. I have worked in other schools in different cities and I have never known such a warm, caring and supportive community. I hope you all have a great Summer and see you in September!

Mr I. Johnson

Parent/Carer Questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5TTSMKX>

RSPCA Cake Sale

Well done to some of our Y4 pupils who ran a cake sale after school to raise money for the RSPCA shelter in Derby. They managed to raise £130!



Dance Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the dancers who took part and a big thank you to the Art Reps for leading the auditions a few weeks ago.



Sports Day

Team *Wright* won the 5/6 sports day. Everyone showed excellent team spirit and we fought off the initial bad weather to enjoy a wonderful sports day. ... and well done to Mr Campbell for beating Mr Johnson in the teachers' race!



Cyclo-Cross Team

Markeaton Primary School came first in their division and 4th in the finals of Derbyshire School Games CX. We displayed excellent sportsmanship and did ourselves proud.

Well done team!



Job Vacancies

We currently have a number of job vacancies within our busy school:

- **Relief Midday Supervisor**
- **Relief Kitchen Assistant**

If you would like to be part of our team, please contact *Sally Shaw, School Business Manager*, for more information.

S.Shaw3@markeaton.derby.sch.uk

Helping Our Environment

Well done to some of our Markeaton pupils who have been doing a local litter pick.



Guten tag!

Our German Language Day this half term was a huge success - we even had a special assembly from German Club! We practised German greetings, learnt about culture, German artists and even tasted some food! Which country will we learn about next year? Only time will tell...



A Message From Our Football Coaches...

The Year 5/6 football team has represented the school outstandingly this year so we thought they could do with a mention in the school newsletter.

They won 4 of the 6 games played with both great individual skill and a strong desire and commitment to the team.

Behaviour has been exemplary both home and away and they have been a real credit to the team, the school and themselves and thoroughly deserve a mention.

Thank you to Mrs. Cameron and Mr. McLoughlin who have coached our Y5/6 Football Team this year. Without their commitment and dedication, it would not have been possible.

If you are interested in helping coach our Football Team when we return in September, please contact the School Office.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for half term Monday 9th September to Friday 25th October is **£77.00**. 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.



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.

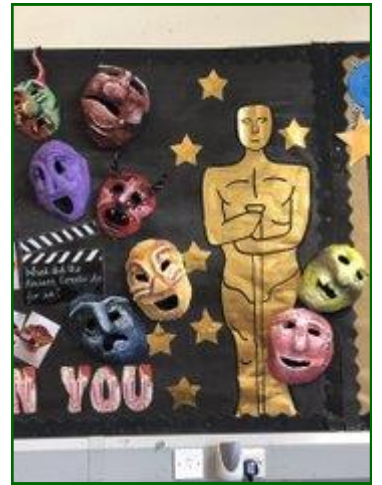
For some, contact with nuts could be life-threatening!

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



Highlights from this Half Term

The end of the school year is always a hive of activity and this year is without exception; we've had Sports Days, STEM Week, Foreign Language Day, trips to Blue Planet Aquarium, Twycross Zoo, Hartington Village and Markeaton Park. Year 6 completed their 2 day residential at Lea Green, we've hosted an NSPCC assembly and finished off the end of the year with some energetic Zumba workshops for the whole school. Thank you to parents, carers, the PTFA and members of community who have donated their time, money or experience to help provide our children with a jam-packed, fun filled curriculum. Here are some of our best bits from 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.





STEM 2019

Thank you to the PTFA for subsidising this event and to all the parents/carers who contributed £1. Without your support, exciting and educational events such as this would not be possible.



Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our campaign to recycle crisp packets. You have recycled over 6000 crisp packets through the Terracycle recycling scheme we have been part of. It is amazing to think we have saved that many crisp packets from going to landfill.

Please continue to collect your crisp packets over the Summer Holidays and bring them into school in September!

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Markeaton PTFA Summer Fair 2019







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Holiday Activity Club

YMCA

Join us for our Summer Holiday Club 2019!

**Monday 29 July -
Tuesday 3 September**

**At Markeaton Primary School
Bromley Street, Derby, DE22 1HL**

Open to children from all schools.
Suitable for 5 - 11 year olds.

Join us for six weeks
of fun, themed activities!

- ▶ Week 1 - The Great British Seaside
- ▶ Week 2 - Under the Sea
- ▶ Week 3 - The Circus
- ▶ Week 4 - Sports & Games
- ▶ Week 5 - In the Jungle
- ▶ Week 6 - End of Summer Celebration



Early bird prices available now!

Short day: 8.30am - 3.30pm **£18** (available Mon - Fri)

Full day: 8.00am - 5.30pm **£25** (available Mon - Thu)

Early bird prices run until Monday 22 July 2019. Any bookings made after this date will incur a further £2 charge per session booked. To book please visit:

www.ymcaderbyshire.org.uk