



# Markeaton

## Primary School

### Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2019

Like every other, this term has been incredibly busy and I can't believe the Christmas holidays are so soon upon us. A trip to Tanzania, five star awards for the kitchen, new Music lessons and a little bit of Ofsted sprinkled on the top, are just a few of the many highlights since September.

That said, something which really stands out for me, is a moment during the KS2 Disco last Friday night (which raised over £1000 by the way!). Towards the end of the night one of the children in Y5 spoke to the DJ and requested a song. Bearing in mind what had played prior to this, it was somewhat of a surprise that Bon Jovi's 'Livin on a Prayer' came on (released in 1986 – a good 24 years before most of them were born!). What was more surprising is how all the Y5 and Y6 children grouped together in the middle of the floor and sung their hearts out like they were at Wembley!! There were more than a few entertained, yet puzzled, mums and dads stood on the side probably thinking 'where have they heard this and how do they all know the words!!?' One child in Y6 said it's the best song she's ever heard!! The truth is, it's all down to our new music scheme called Charanga, carefully selected by Miss Waller for all classes in school.

The children and staff absolutely love it and it is certainly bringing back a few memories from the 80s! But more importantly, it gets some of our more reluctant singers and musicians to be more involved. Click on the link below to find out more:

<https://charanga.com/site/>

Whilst on the topic of Music, Wednesday morning was our inaugural BSL (British Sign Language) assembly – hosted by Mrs Alvey and the 20+ members of the BSL Club which runs every week. They performed to the whole school, including parents/carers, 'I'm dreaming of a white Christmas' – with the sign language to accompany the words. The audience then learnt some of the sign language and were able to join in. It was brilliant. Well done to all the children involved and to Mrs Alvey for organising the club.

And finally, in response to feedback from the parents/carers and children, some of our Year Sixes will be running a healthy tuckshop at breaktimes after Christmas. Operating as a little business, the children will be buying stock, designing the advertising and generally overseeing the day-to-day tasks involved in a venture of this kind. They have already submitted their application forms and the successful candidates were told the good news yesterday. Watch this space for more updates.



Have a restful and enjoyable break and I will see you on the gate on the 7<sup>th</sup> January (remember we have an INSET Day on the 6<sup>th</sup>).

Mr I. Johnson

## Connecting Classrooms Project

This half term, Mrs Beddington, Miss Hughes and Miss Gaskin visited Living Hope Primary School, just outside Morogoro in Tanzania. It is all part of the British Council led project called 'Connecting Classrooms' – with the desired outcome being a wholesome and sustainable partnership being formed with a school in Africa. Next June we look forward to welcoming teachers from Living Hope Primary and other neighbouring schools here at Markeaton. Keep watching our Twitter feed for more information!



### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for half term Tuesday 7th January to Friday 14th February is **£63.80**. 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.



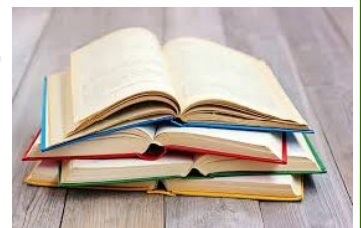
### Award for Our School Kitchen

Marie and Debbie from our school kitchen (on the right) received their 'High Five' award at the council this half term. This was to recognise their consecutive 5 stars awards over a number of years - an amazing achievement well done!!!



### Final Weeks to Collect Book Tokens

The Sun and The Sun on Sunday newspapers have been publishing book tokens to collect for schools between 23rd November 2019 and 18th January 2020. If you subscribe to any of these newspapers, we would be grateful to receive your book tokens. We need 3500 book tokens to be able to exchange for books for our school.





# Highlights from this half term



Without a doubt, this is the busiest but most exciting half term of the school year!

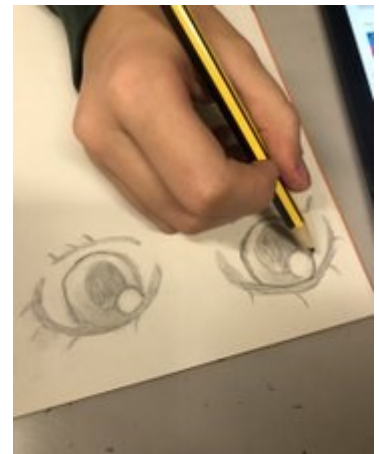
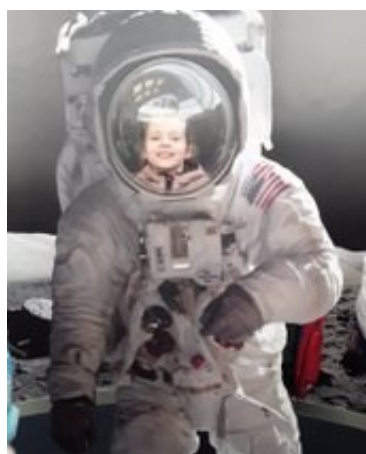
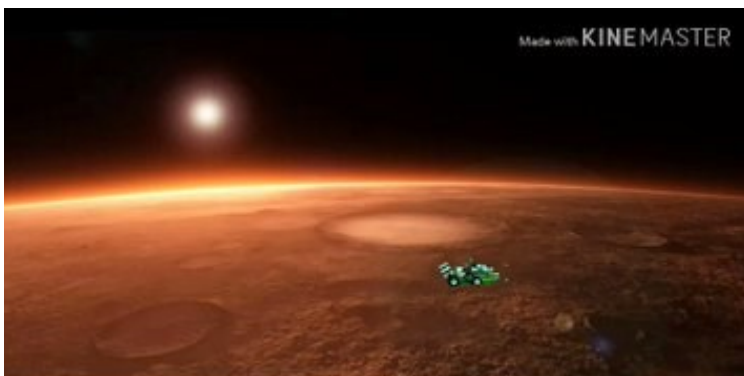
We've celebrated Diwali in FS2 with a visit from Deda, participated in an assembly with Hot House Music Derby, raised money for Children In Need and held a 'Zero Waste Day' where our children looked at the damage caused by waste in our seas and how to combat it. Year 2 had fun at the National Space Centre and on the same theme of 'Space' - Y5 and 6 experienced a pop up Planetarium in the school hall.

In addition to this, the excitement has been building on the run up to Christmas with FS2 visiting the National Forest Adventure Farm earlier this week and the rest of the school participating in pantomimes at nearby venues. To the parents/carers of children in FS2 and KS1, we hope you all enjoyed our Christmas productions!

Thank you to parents, carers, the PTFA and members of our community who have donated their time, money or experience to help provide our children with a jam-packed, fun filled curriculum.

**Wishing you all a very merry Christmas from all at Markeaton Primary School!**





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.



# Christmas Treecycling

6 - 10 January 2020

In exchange for a donation, we will be collecting Christmas trees to be recycled in the following postcode areas:



- NG9 \_\_\_
- NG10 \_\_\_
- NG16 1 \_\_\_
- NG16 2 \_\_\_
- NG16 3 \_\_\_
- DE7 \_\_\_
- DE21 \_\_\_
- DE22 \_\_\_
- DE1 1 \_\_\_
- DE1 2 \_\_\_
- DE1 3 \_\_\_
- DE3 9 \_\_\_
- DE23 3 \_\_\_
- DE56 0 \_\_\_
- DE56 1 \_\_\_
- DE56 4 \_\_\_
- DE72 2 \_\_\_
- DE72 3 \_\_\_
- DE73 5 \_\_\_
- DE75 7 \_\_\_

Book online:  
[treetopshospice.org.uk/treecycling](http://treetopshospice.org.uk/treecycling)



Treetops Hospice Care, Derby Road, Risley, DE72 3SS  
 0115 949 1264 | [www.treetopshospice.org.uk](http://www.treetopshospice.org.uk) Registered Charity No. 519540



## Supporting Treetops Hospice Care

Treetops Hospice Care is a registered charity providing nursing care and emotional support for people with life limiting conditions, or who are bereaved.

We provide all our services free of charge to patients and their families, and rely on voluntary donations to continue our vital work.

### What your donation helps pay for:



£10 for a child's bereavement box



£25 for a complementary therapy session



£87 for a supported bathing session for a patient

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Thank you to everyone who donated to **Children In Need** on 15th November. With your help we managed to raise **£299.99.**



## Derby Lions

A big thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food items. Derby Lions came to collect last week and were overwhelmed by your generosity.

## DERBY LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019



Supported by the Derby Evening Telegraph

Dear Parent,

Your child's school has given us permission to ask you to support our Annual Christmas Appeal for those in need, an appeal supported by Derby's Mayor.

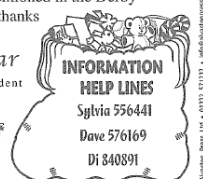
May we kindly ask you to send a tin of food or packet of non-perishable food or drink that will be distributed during week commencing 2nd December between the Salvation Army, Food Banks, Refugee Centre or any other carer you wish to support.

Your child's school will be mentioned in the Derby Telegraph and we extend our thanks for your support.

Sylvia Soar  
 Derby Lions' President



[www.derbylions.org.uk](http://www.derbylions.org.uk)



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Thank you!



## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 168.50 was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable continue our vital welfare and benevolent v

Yours sincerely

*D M Robinson*

Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 8813.5

Registered Charity No. 219279



# Attention all parents!

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

**FREE  
DOWNLOAD**

*"Nice simple little App but such a great, effective way of accessing important school information"*



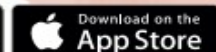
*"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"*



*"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"*



Search "ParentMail" in your App store...



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

### Problems receiving Parentmail emails?

We have recently been made aware of a problem whereby some parents are no longer receiving Parentmail emails in their normal email inbox; they have to log into Parentmail to view. We have raised this with Parentmail and this is their response:

*We are aware of an issue with Outlook and Hotmail inboxes incorrectly classifying our emails as malicious or phishing. We have made contact with the provider directly to rectify this false message and are treating it as a high priority. An update will follow once we have been able to resolve the problem.*

*Please try this guide on whitelisting the email address for ParentMail ([info@parentmail.co.uk](mailto:info@parentmail.co.uk)) and see if this resolves the matter. It should force the emails into the inbox rather than an alternative folder.*

<https://help.parentmail.co.uk/faqs/how-to-whitelist-or-add-email-addresses-to-your-safe-sender-list>

## 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](https://twitter.com/YMCAD_YKidz)



### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**YMCA Holiday Club will be not be available over the Christmas period.**

# Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Markeaton PTFA!



For upcoming events in 2020, please follow us:

[www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/ptfa](http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/ptfa)



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