

Dear all,

My final newsletter of half term closes what has been a purposeful and enjoyable start to the academic year. Thanks to all staff, students and parents/carers for all of the hard work and support.

Appointments

At the end of December **Mr Anderson** will be leaving us for an exciting new position as Head of School at Seaton Valley. Mr Anderson has been an integral part of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for a number of years and, although we wish him well in his new role, he will be a big miss to our school community. After a competitive and rigorous application process I am pleased to say that we will welcome **Mr Close-Ash** in January who will be our new Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Attendance. **Dr Margaret Stewart**, who has served Marden for a number of years as our Chair of Governors, has now stepped down from this role. **Mairi Bell** (pictured right), parent governor, has taken on the role as our new chair of governors. We thank Dr Stewart for the time and dedication that she has invested in Marden during her tenure. We have also welcomed a new cover supervisor to Marden, **Ms Petherbridge**. Ms Petherbridge joins our cover team who take lessons when staff are absent from school.



New menus



WEEK 1				
MAIN 1	MAIN 2	VEGETABLES OF THE DAY	GAC OF THE DAY	LIVE
MONDAY				
WEEK 1 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	WEEK 1 RICE & CHICKEN MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	VEGETABLES OF THE DAY	GAC OF THE DAY	WEEK 1 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS
TUESDAY				
WEEK 2 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	WEEK 2 RICE & CHICKEN MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	VEGETABLES OF THE DAY	GAC OF THE DAY	WEEK 2 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS
WEDNESDAY				
WEEK 3 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	WEEK 3 RICE & CHICKEN MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	VEGETABLES OF THE DAY	GAC OF THE DAY	WEEK 3 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS
THURSDAY				
WEEK 4 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	WEEK 4 RICE & CHICKEN MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	VEGETABLES OF THE DAY	GAC OF THE DAY	WEEK 4 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS
FRIDAY				
WEEK 5 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	WEEK 5 RICE & CHICKEN MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS	VEGETABLES OF THE DAY	GAC OF THE DAY	WEEK 5 CHICKEN CURRY MILK, SPINACH, MUSHROOMS & GARLIC RICE & DORITOS

AVAILABLE DAILY

TOPPED & FILLED JACKET POTATOES - SOUP OF THE DAY - STREET STYLE LIVE COOKING
FRESH BREAD, PANINIS, TOASTIES AND SANDWICHES AVAILABLE DAILY - HOMEMADE DESERTS

dolce

The [new menus](#) have been released from Dolce and are now on the website ready for after half term. A reminder that the menus are on the website and also on display near the PE corridor. Each menu runs for a half term and on a three weekly cycle. A reminder that there are four food outlets available at lunchtime:

- The Street Kitchen
- Casa Brasilia - Afro-Portuguese and Peri Peri
- The Italian Kitchen
- Boxt
- Toast Office

Students can also purchase a range of snacks and breakfast options at break time. In line with our allergy policy, chalkboards display allergens for the meals on offer.

Visitors with pets

In line with our school allergy policy, we kindly ask all visitors, parents and carers to refrain from bringing pets into the school reception area. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all of our students, visitors, and staff. Mrs Loader, our Allergy Lead, can be contacted at e.loader@mardenhigh.net if you have any questions or require any further information.

Policy Reviews

Our attendance and behaviour policies are due for their annual review in December. Taking into account statutory changes such as mobile phones and allergies, we are keen to involve staff, parents/carers and students in this review. If as a parent/carer you are interested in being part of a small focus group as part of a consultation period, please contact Mr Anderson before the 6th November via email (d.anderson@mardenhigh.net).

Sports report from Mr Smith

Our cross country teams made the short trip to Monkseaton to take part in the North Tyneside Schools competition on Tuesday. Despite the blustery and cold conditions, our pupils performed superbly, with many achieving top 10 placings. This means they will qualify for the North Tyneside team that will compete at the Northumberland County event held in the new year. While we await the official times and placings being released, we congratulate all of those that took part and wish those selected for the North Tyneside team the very best of luck in the next competition.

Monday proved to be a great day for our Year 8 Netball Team, who won both their matches in a CVL at John Spence. The girls worked hard from start to finish with some fantastic passes and great defending. Well done to all the girls on two well deserved wins!

And finally a great effort was shown from the U16 girls football team on Wednesday, coming away from the CVL at John Spence with a loss, a draw and a 3-1 win in their first matches of the season. Brilliant teamwork and determination shown from all!

Houses assemblies

We have had an exciting week of house assemblies this week led by Mr Pennington. Students have had their photograph taken as a house team and House Captains have been announced. Working as a team ties in with our thought for the week below from Edward Everett Hale.



Coming together is a
beginning; keeping
together is progress;
working together is
success.

Edward Everett Hale

Have a
term!

great half

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs K Robson'.

Mrs K Robson
Head Teacher