

# NEWSLETTER



## Y6's AMAZING ADVENTURE!

Having received the awful news that the Y6 residential to Thurston had to be cancelled, both staff and children were so disappointed that another exciting event had been called off. However, after lots of phone calls (and a bit of a late night) we were delighted that we could still offer a residential experience to the children with a trip to Moor House Adventure Centre, plus some exciting activity days at Simonside Outdoor Adventure Centre. Whilst at Moor House, the children got to experience a variety of activities including crate stacking, tobogganing, bush craft, target practise and even caving on a bus! Everyone had such a fantastic time and represented our school brilliantly.



After a couple of nights away from home, there was no time to rest as the children hopped on a coach and arrived at Simonside. Here, they took part in orienteering, archery and scaled the impressive indoor climbing wall. Staff were really impressed with our children's perseverance and resilience and we were delighted that all children tried something new.



## Bringing history to life!

Year 1 and Year 3 had an incredible time when they celebrated their history topics in class with a special Stone Age Day and Victorian themed classroom. The children and staff looked amazing in their costumes. As part of their learning, the children in Y3 had the opportunity to try a range of Stone Age activities from making Stone Age Stew to crafting their own jewelry. They even had the chance to step into the shoes of an archaeologist by handling real Stone Age artefacts.

Year 1 experienced what classrooms were like before modern technology and equipment as all of their resources were swapped for chalk boards and quills! Thankfully, Miss Kane and Mrs Lewis only explained the harsh punishments Victorian children faced in school!



## ★Return of Celebration Assembly★

Here at Marsden we love Friday's because we get to celebrate lots of fantastic achievements! Due to restrictions, our Celebration Assembly has had to be based in classrooms so it was great news when Mrs Marshall announced we could meet up in the hall again (even if it is just for a short time!). The whole school were so proud of our Nursery children who managed brilliantly coming into the hall for the first time.

## Safer Internet Day

On 8th February, all of the children took part in activities to mark Safer Internet Day. Whilst we know how useful the Internet can be, we know there are dangers online and on apps. Therefore, it is important that our children are well equipped to spot potential risks, and you as parents are aware of the latest 'trends' and potential harmful sites children may come across. Please see our website for useful information about keeping your child safe online, as well as information about the most common apps your children may have access to.

## Super Scientists

As part of their science topic on electricity, Y4 visited The Discovery Museum in Newcastle. It was such a fantastic trip which really helped cement the children's understanding of electrical currents and circuits. They were able to apply their knowledge to make their own torch to take home.



## A few reminders.....

As we start our half term holiday, can you please take some time to check your child's uniform ready for next half term. Children should come to school with a red jumper/cardigan, grey skirt/trousers/pinafore and a white polo shirt. Children should also have suitable black shoes—not trainers. For health and safety, hair should be tied back and no jewellery (apart from a watch) should be worn.

Can we also politely remind you that the school gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am, when the register will be taken and lessons begin. Please ensure your child is on time to support them in their learning.

## Special Celebrations

EYFS have been very busy learning all about significant celebrations in our calendar. They



enjoyed cooking up a stir-fry as part of their work on Lunar New Year and spread lots of love across school by delivering beautiful, hand-made Valentine's cards.

## Message from Mrs Marshall

Half way through the year...I can't quite believe it! Until yesterday, I was going to say without any disruption but Strom Eunice stopped that happening!

Nevertheless, we are so grateful that we have been able to have all of the children in school for so long and are starting to see 'normal' school life return.

This term has been action packed and today we look round to see some very tired children (and staff). I know half term will be welcomed with open arms and we look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful adventures the children will be going on whilst they are away from school.

Thank you for your continued support this term, we really appreciate all of the time you have put in with your children at home, helping them to complete homework and listen to their reading—this is such an integral part of their education and one we know can be very difficult in the busy lives that we lead.

I am so pleased to be able to welcome everyone into the school after the holidays for face-to-face parents evenings, which I know for some will be the first experience within Marsden.

Enjoy a relaxing break and we will see you bright and early on the 28th February.

## Dates for the Diary

With COVID restrictions easing once more, we look forward to welcoming you back into school for class assemblies and other events. Further details for events will follow but please make a note of these dates:

**Monday 28th February**—School Reopens

**Wednesday 2nd March**—World Book Day at Marsden

**Thursday 3rd March**—London Residential Meeting (Y5 parents)

**Monday 7th—Tuesday 8th March**—Parents Evening

**Thursday 24th March** — EYFS Mother's Day Assembly

**Thursday 31st—Friday 1st April**—Y5 Trip to London

**Thursday 31st March**—Y1 Class Assembly

**Friday 18th March**—Red Nose Day

**Wednesday 6th April**—Easter Disco

**Thursday 7th April**—Y4 Athletics Event

**Thursday 7th April**—Easter Coffee Event

**Friday 8th April**—Easter Egg Assembly

**Friday 8th April**—Break up for Easter Holidays (school reopens Monday 25th April)



