

*Everyone Exceptional, Every Day*



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# Newsletter

**Friday 1st March 2024**



Newsletter

Marsden Junior School

We have had a really positive start to the second half of the Spring Term, with the school feeling like a hive of activity since the first Monday. I was incredibly proud to, once again, be part of the audience at the Young Voices performance. Every year I love the collective sound of all those children singing in harmony; it is always a very proud moment for all the MJS staff. Special thank you to Miss Hemingway for all her hard work preparing our singers; they were magnificent.

We have continued our work developing the phonics, reading and writing across the school. We had a very successful visit from senior leaders within the Great Heights Trust, where they could see the positive impact that our focus is having on pupil progress and achievement.

## Careers Week

This week has been Careers Week, and what an incredible week we have had with a huge variety of careers on display for our pupils to learn about! Thank you to all the visitors who have joined us in school each afternoon. We have had a beautician, power plant worker, nurse, florist, barrister, train drivers, illustrator, gallery owner, press photographer, local MP, Huddersfield Giants player and many more. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different jobs that our talented, dedicated school community represent. Some Year 3 pupils commented: 'we've learnt loads about jobs we didn't even know existed', a Year 6 girls said 'I've really enjoyed it, it's got me thinking about what I'd like to do'. Huge thank you to Miss Sharp for all her hard work in organising what has been a really successful, aspirational week. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Midgley, visited and was very impressed with the variety of careers on display at MJS.



## Strictly Pennine Dance Festival

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Strictly Pennine Dance Festival this year. It was another huge success and we all felt incredibly proud of our performers. They danced with real confidence and skill, owning the stage and performing with conviction and passion. It takes a huge amount of practice to make these things happen so thank you to all the adults, parents and children who made it happen.

## Mrs Sunderland Music Festival

The Mrs Sunderland Music Festival was run by Musica at Kirklees. The children took part in an interactive workshop in the morning and then performed in the concert that evening. Our MJS pupils thoroughly enjoyed singing the five songs and listening to the Youth Orchestra perform.

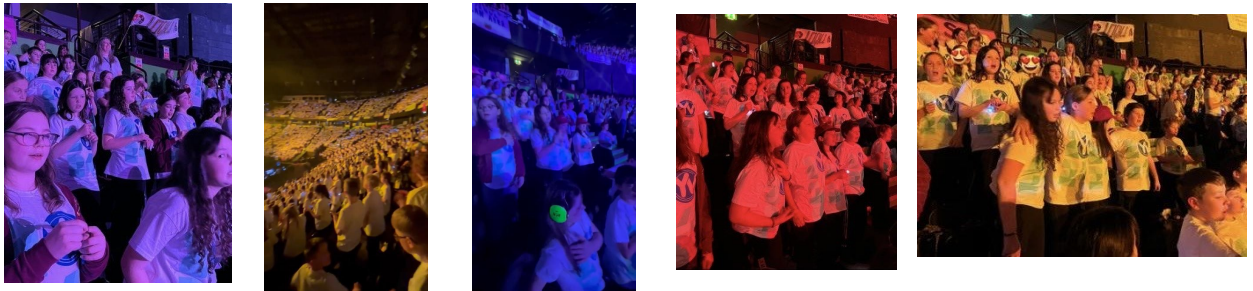


**West Yorkshire Cross Country Trials**

As you know from previous newsletters, two of our boys made it through to the region finals in the cross country and represented MJS admirably last week. They both ran brilliantly, showing real determination, speed and resilience! They were a bit disappointed not to have made it through to the national finals, but we couldn't be prouder of them!

**Young Voices**

Every year we all look forward to the Young Voices performance and this year was as good as ever! The pupils sang magnificently during the rehearsals and the evening performance gave us all goose bumps because of the atmosphere created inside the arena. Thank you everyone involved, they really did sing with passion, clarity and enthusiasm throughout the day. Thank you to all the parents and carers who made the trip to see their children perform, the feedback from everyone was incredibly positive. A memorable event!



**Girls Football Tournament**

Our Year 5 and 6 girls football team represented us brilliantly last week in their latest football tournament last week. Our team were skillful, resilient and determined. Mrs Brian was particularly pleased that they didn't concede a single goal and they scored 15 goals themselves. They won 4 out of their five games, drawing the other and have made it through t the PSP final. We are all really proud of them!

**Good to be Green**

A reminder that on Friday 22nd March, our children will be able to enjoy their Good to be Green treats! All MJS pupils who have been making good choices throughout the term, have displayed our RITA values and have received no red cards will be able to take part in the treat.

Class	Good to be Green Treat
34EA	Easter Egg Hunt for all Year 3 and 4 children
34ES	
34RH	
5KG	Camping experience
5RH	Outdoor Games and Den Building
6AD	Friday Fun Day for all Year 6s!
6JK	

## DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
Tuesday 5th March Wednesday 6th March Thursday 7th March	Breakfast with	Yr3 Yr4 Yr 5 /6	Please sign up on Arbor to join us for our latest breakfast with books events. <b>£2</b> will include a breakfast for you and your child.
Thursday 7th MArch	World Book Day	All	More details to follow
Tuesday 12th March	Easter Show	3 /4	More details to follow
Tuesday 12th March	Gymnastics Competition	/	9-3pm
18th and 19th March	Parents Evening	All	Parents evening will take place on Monday and Tuesday, times and details to follow.
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	<b>Last day of Spring 2 term</b>	<b>All</b>	<b><i>Mrs Mansell's last day at MJS.</i></b>

### *Arbor Information*

#### Parents Evening—Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March

A reminder that you can now book a parents evening slot to meet with your child's class teacher. This can be done through the Arbor app.

#### Snack—Summer Term 1

The charge for snack has increased to **40p** from the summer term. We are disappointed to have to increase the price, but the increased cost of ingredients and energy has had an impact. We have made the increase as small as possible.

If you would like your child to receive a snack each day, it is now payable through the Arbor App on a half termly basis. In order for your child to have snack next term (Summer Term 1), please make a payment of **£14** through Arbor by **Friday 22nd March**.

#### Clubs—Summer Term 1

Clubs and out of school activities are available now for Summer Term 1 on Arbor. Please sign up for your child's choice of clubs by **Friday 22nd March**.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Absences/Lateness</b></p> <p>*Unplanned absence - please remember to inform the office by 9.15am on the day. We will call home to check your child's whereabouts after this time.</p> <p>* Planned absence – please submit a letter/email to request the absence in advance.</p> <p>*Doors open at 8.40am. Morning registration is at 8.40am. Afternoon registration is 1.00pm. Pupils arriving after these times will be marked as late. Arrival after 9am will be classed as unauthorised absence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Medicines and illness</b></p> <p>*Pupils must remain away from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness/diarrhoea and be eating again.</p> <p>*Inhalers <b>MUST</b> be named and kept in school at all times.</p> <p>*If your child is prescribed medicine by a Doctor, which is to be taken four times a day, please bring it to the office and provide details. We <b>MUST</b> be shown the label from the chemist advising dosage.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Healthy Eating</b></p> <p>*Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day.</p> <p>*If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure they bring a healthy lunch including fruit and vegetables each day. Lunches should not contain fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars.</p> <p>*Your child can join in with snack club at breaktime, for <b>Summer term £14</b> needs to be paid by <b>Friday 22nd March via the Arbor app</b>. This provides them with a snack each day of the Summer Term 1.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p>*For the safety of our children, please drive and park considerately around school (<b>NOT</b> in the staff car park).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communication</b></p> <p>*Are your contact details up to date on our system? Are you receiving texts/newsletter by email? Please inform us if not!</p> <p>*Please check book bags regularly for homework and letters – some letters may have deadlines/require a response.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Belongings/Lost Property</b></p> <p>*Please ensure all uniform items are labelled.</p> <p>*Please check the lost property box in the porch at the back of school for any missing items – lost property is disposed of at the end of each half term.</p>