

*Everyone Exceptional, Every Day*



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# Newsletter

**Friday 17th November 2023**



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Marsden Junior School

Last week was a very proud day for us all at Marsden Junior School, as the whole school came together to remember those who have given their lives and continue to defend our country. Remembrance day once again gave us the opportunity to take a moment to think of those service men and women past and present, and all the children showed respect throughout the two minutes silence.



## Wellbeing Ambassadors

A huge thank you to Christine and Aimee from Kirklees 'Keeping In Mind' who have trained our Wellbeing Ambassadors for this year - they will be available to support their peers, all year.

## PTA Update

**The PTA group have now started the weekly sweet shop which will run every Friday after school. For any of the items, the cost is 50p. This is to raise money for the school and help towards events for the pupils.**

**The money raised at the Summer Fair has been used to fund a pantomime to perform at the school. This will be performed to all pupils on Monday 22nd January 2024 with a Snow White Performance. We can't wait!**

**The PTA group will also be hosting a Christmas Movie night which will be available for all pupils on Wednesday 20th December. More details on this event are to follow.**

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## **Emergency Closure Information**

With winter upon us, we would like to remind you about how we deal with any severe weather, especially snow, which may affect the school. Each day of any severe weather, Mrs Mansell, as Principal, will make an assessment about whether it is safe and practical to open the school to pupils. On occasions, this may be due to the availability of teaching staff who travel some distance to reach school, rather than purely conditions for pupils getting to school. This decision will be made early in the morning, in enough time to inform you if we are to close. You will be informed by text if the school is to close each day. If you do not hear anything from us, the school will be open. Should you wish to check reports of closure, you can do so by visiting either our school website or visiting the council website [www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures) where you will find up-to-date information or follow them at [twitter.com/kirkleesschools](https://twitter.com/kirkleesschools). Closure information will also be shared with the local radio and TV stations for them to use as they wish in their bulletins. You can also check on weather and gritting updates at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/winter](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/winter) or follow them at [twitter.com/Kirkleeswinter](https://twitter.com/Kirkleeswinter).

Well done to all the children who participated in the HSFA Cup Football for both girls' and boys' teams last night. Girls drew both matches, boys won both. It was a great teamwork and skills from all. Good luck to the boys team who are through to the next round.



A great effort from the Basketball Teams that participated in the competition on Thursday 9th November. You all played phenomenally and your sportspersonship was amazing. A special mention to the children who took part in a sporting competition for the first time.

### **Spring 1 Term After School Clubs**

We are moving away from paper print outs of the after school clubs. To sign your child up for an After School Club for Spring 1 Term, please find under the 'clubs' section on Arbor. If you have any queries, please contact the school office or [j.clow@themjs.org](mailto:j.clow@themjs.org).

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Runs for</u></b>	<b><u>Cost per week</u></b>	<b><u>Leader</u></b>	<b><u>Other information</u></b>
<b>Football</b> Year 5/6	Mon	3.10pm – 4.10pm	4 Weeks	£3.50	Ultimate Sport	No Club on the first week of term. Collect main entrance. <b>No Club 06/11/2023 – INSET Day</b>
<b>Born to Move</b> Year 3/4/5/6	Tues	8am - 8.45am	4 Weeks	FREE	Mrs Noonan	No Club on the first week of term.
<b>Rock Guitar</b> Year 4,5,6	Tues	3.10pm – 4.10pm	4 Weeks	£9	Mr Price	No Club on the first week of term. Collect Main Entrance.
<b>Minecraft</b> Year 3/4	Tues	3.10pm – 4.10pm	4 Weeks	£3.99	Mr Ghaznavi/	No Club on the first week of term. Collect Park Gate.
<b>Sewing Club</b> Year 3,4,5	Tues	3.10-4.10pm	4 Weeks	Free	Mrs Summers	No Club on the first week of term. Collect Park Gate.
<b>Ballet</b> Year 3/4/5/6	Wed	8am - 8.45am	4 Weeks	Free	Mrs Noonan	Come in PE kit, bring uniform. No Club on the first week of term.
<b>Basketball</b> Year 3/4/5/6	Tues	3.10pm-4.10pm	4 Weeks	Free	Mr Ward	No Club on the first week of term. Collect from Park Gate.
<b>Art</b> Year 3/4/5/6	Wed	3.10pm - 4.10pm	4 Weeks	£3.75	Miss Sykes	No Club on the first week of term. Collect Park Gate.
<b>Street Dance</b> Year 3/4/5/6	Wed	3.10pm - 4.10pm	4 Weeks	£3.00	Rhythms Dance	No Club on the first week of term. Collect from Park Gate.
<b>Girls Football</b> Year 3/4/5/6	Thurs	3:10pm-4:10pm	4 Weeks	£3.50	Ultimate Sport	No Club on the first week of term. Collect from Park Gate.
<b>Sewing Club</b> Year 6	Fri	12.15-1pm	4 Weeks	Free	Mrs Summers	No Club on the first week of term.
<b>Football</b> Year 3/4	Fri	3.10pm – 4.10pm	4 Weeks	£3.50	Ultimate Sport	No Club on the first week of term. Collect from Park Gate.



**GOOD TO BE GREEN  
TREAT**



**YEAR 3 /4  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTIES**

**6AD -  
GAMES**

*5RH - Trip to  
the Movies  
Theme*

**5KG -  
ELECTRONICS**

*6JK -  
Christmas  
Party*



**MARSDEN JUNIOR SCHOOL**

## DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
<b>Friday 24th November</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 5th December	School nurse in for Year 6 checks	Yr6	Information will follow
Friday 8th December	Christmas Fair	All	3:10—5pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 13th	Christingle Service	All	1:30pm at St Bartholomew's Church,
Tuesday 12th December	Year 5/ 6 Sports Hall Athletics	Year 5/6	TBC
Tuesday 19th December	Year 5/6 Open Event	Year	9am Start

### Road Safety

Thank you to everyone who has made an effort to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Over the last few weeks we have seen several families making an effort to do so. We do appreciate that for some families, this is just not possible with work commitments etc.



A reminder, for those who do still need to drive to school, please ensure that you do not park on the zigzags. It hugely limits visibility for the children and adults crossing the road. Please find a safe space to park in whilst you wait or drop off your child. Please ensure that the safe space is not on our school property; the carpark is for staff cars only.



<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>* Children can pay £1.75 before Monday to join Fruit Club for the week via ParentPay. They will be provided with fresh fruit or flapjack each day.</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>