

*Everyone Exceptional, Every Day*



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# Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024



Newsletter

Marsden Junior School

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! We are very aware of what a short term the Spring Term is, and are ensuring that we waste no time with lots of learning happening across MJS. As a whole school, we are continuing our hard work developing our reading skills and promoting a love of reading. Ask your child about '*prosody*', the skill of reading aloud with awareness of punctuation—our teachers have been very impressed with the results! Our creative, meaningful writing has also been showing great progress this term. Our pupils are producing some really well constructed, interesting pieces from Year 3 to Year 6. Well done to everyone.

A reminder that school is not responsible for pupils' safety before the doors open at 8:40am. We have noticed an increase in pupils arriving early and would like to remind parents and carers that they are responsible for their children until the school is open. Thank you for your continued support.

## Whole School Pantomime

What a treat we had last week with the visiting pantomime! A small group of actors, working for a travelling theatre group came to perform Snow White to our whole school. The children were mesmerised and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. The quality of acting and the sets were incredible, but I think for many their favourite part was the dance off between Mr Kaye and Miss Hemingway! Both teachers were very good sports, impressing us all with their dance moves!



## American Lunch

Our American lunch on Tuesday this week was a huge success. The kitchen staff worked tirelessly preparing a range of American inspired food and it was a triumph! One very happy Year 3 customer commented 'those smores weren't made in America, they were made in heaven'. Thank you to everyone involved in creating the lunch.

## Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics



A huge well done to all our Year 6's who took part in the sports hall athletics event last week. They all showed excellent determination, skill and teamwork and we are very proud of them all. It was a lovely opportunity to see our talented athletes competing for MJS whilst reflecting our RITA values. Really well done to all involved!

## Mental Health Workshop

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Mental Health workshop last week. Karen Rayner, a parent community worker, ran the coffee morning, which several of our families attended. We have the opportunity to book 1:1 sessions with her to discuss yours or your child's mental health. Please contact Miss Sharp on [e.sharp@themjs.org](mailto:e.sharp@themjs.org) if you would like to book a slot.

## DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr	Extra Information
Tuesday 6th February	Safer internet Day	All	More to follow
Tuesday 6th February	Young Voices	choir	Performance in Manchester for the
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>All</b>	
<b>Monday 19th February</b>	<b>First day back for Spring 2</b>	<b>All</b>	
Thursday 22nd February	West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals	/	Selected children are representing MJS having made it through the
Week beginning 26th February	Careers Week	All	Ask your child about the exciting career events they have been taking
Wednesday 28th February	Strictly Pennine		Lawrence Batley theatre—more
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>Mrs Mansell's last day at MJS.</b>

### Snack Club—a snack provided from our kitchen each break time

Snack costs 35p a day. 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 (**Spring Term 2**), please make a payment of **£8.75 through Arbor by Friday 9th February**.

<p><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><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><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>Spring term 2 £8.75</b> needs to be paid by <b>Friday 9th Feb via the Arbor app</b>. This provides them with a snack each day of the Spring Term 2.</p>
<p><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><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><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>



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