



MALCOLM ARNOLD
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Broadening Horizons



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MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 2, Edition 6. Week ending 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents

This December we are trying something new at MAPS. At my previous schools I have run an event whereby pupils commit to memory a poem that they then recite out loud to an audience. It is an excellent tool for developing memory, public speaking skills and an appreciation of poetry. The first year to do this will be Year 4 who will be selecting their poems shortly, and committing them to memory in order to present them on Wednesday 5th December at 2.30 in the Hall. Some will select shorter poems, some longer, some rhyming, some prose – it is a personal choice, but I hope it will focus their minds and develop their skills. We look forward to seeing as many of you who can attend as possible.

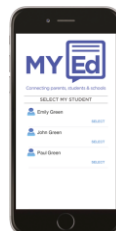
Many thanks for your support

Simon

It was great to see the children enthused by Kristian Thomas, an Olympic bronze medallist in Gymnastics, this week. He was here throughout the day, teaching the children basic gymnastics skills. Thank you to DRET Sport for organising and supporting this fabulous opportunity for our children.



Adverse Weather: Winter is here, which could possibly bring snow! If we decide that the site is too unsafe for the children, and we need to close the school, we will use the app to share this information with you. Please ensure one parent has the app as this is our only way of communicating this information.



New Arrival: Miss McDonald gave birth to her beautiful baby boy Bradley on Monday 19th November he weighed 7lb 14oz

We send all of the family our congratulations



CLUBS / Important

Dates

Mon 26th November

- Choir (Y3-4)
- Soccer (Y3-4)
- Chess (Y1-4)
- Lunchtime Choir (y1-2)

Tuesday 27th November

- Rugby (Y2-4)
- Hockey (Y2-4)
- Open Morning Reception 2019

Wednesday 28th November

- Gymnastics (Y1-4)
- Cross Country (Y2-4)

Thursday 29th November

- Soccer (Y1-2)
- Ocarina (Y1-4)
- Open Morning Reception 2019

Friday 30th November

- Mufti Day
- Celebration worship @ 2:50

Monday 3rd December

- Choir (Y3-4)
- Soccer (Y3-4)
- Chess (Y1-4)
- Lunchtime Choir (y1-2)

Tuesday 4th December

- Hockey (Y2-4)
- Rugby (Y2-4)

Wednesday 5th December

- Gymnastics (Y1-4)
- Cross Country (Y2-4)
- Year 4 Poetry recital

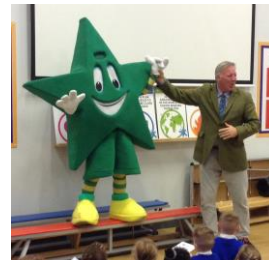
Thursday 6th December

- Soccer (Y1-2)
- Ocarina (Y1-4)

Friday 7th December

- FOM Children's Christmas 3:30-5pm 3.30-event

Horizon Certificates: Congratulations to all children who received their certificates this week. A special guest came to congratulate them personally:



Shakespeare Schools Festival: A huge congratulations to the Year 4's who took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival last week. They were all amazing! A huge thanks to Mrs Brown for ensuring this could happen.

Children in Need: It was lovely to see so many of you in spots last Friday for this amazing charity. Thanks you all for your generosity on the day. We have raised over £400

Parent Governors: We are delighted to announce that Natalie O'Donnell (reception parent) is our parent governor and Genna Whitlock is a DRET appointed Governor.

Christmas: You should have received an email with all the upcoming Christmas dates on (this is also available behind a button on the app). The seat bookings for productions will go live on Wednesday 28th November at 12:00. Please ensure you book quickly to avoid disappointment. Unfortunately, we cannot exceed the 180 allocated seats per performance. For the Year 4 Poetry recital, Year 3 'What Christmas Means to Me' and the Year 4 Christmas Assembly, parents can turn up to watch. Please arrive in plenty of time as the doors will close and there will be NO ENTRY once the performances start.



Christmas dinner day will be on Monday 17th December. Wednesday's meal will also be altered to ensure there are not 2 roasts in one week. The meal for the Wednesday will be Mozzarella and tomato pizza with pasta salad or Vegetable Biryani, Jacket potato or sandwich.

A reminder that school closes at 1.30pm on Thursday 20th December. If you require wrap around care on this date, please contact Crazy 4 Kids on 01604 521028.

Attendance: Can you please ensure your child is in school, on time every day. If your child has been sick, they should not attend school for 24 hours. If your child has a temperature / feeling unwell in the morning, administer medication and bring them into school. More often than not, they are fine for the rest of the day. If your child still feels unwell at school and medication will not control the temperature, we will call home for them to be collected.

Friends of MAPS: The Children's Christmas event will be going ahead – thank you to all parent volunteers to help make this happen. We will be holding a **mufti day on Friday 30th November** in exchange for raffle prizes – further information to follow.



Atomic Science: Atomic Tom came to school again this week showing the children a science experiment. This is in view of offering an after school club in the New Year. Flyers went out to children on Wednesday, if you would like to attend the club, please complete and return as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. This is a very popular club!

Anti - Bullying week 12th - 16th November: During this week the children have had a whole school assembly based around this years theme of 'Choose Respect'. We looked at what showing respect to each other looks like and ways in which it made us feel. The children then went off to their classrooms and were paired with a partner. They were asked to draw a portrait of each other and write about ways in which they felt that person showed respect to others. The children's work will be put together and displayed within school.

Church School News: Last week, we welcomed Mr Williams from the Christian School Assembly Link Team (CSALT) who told the children the story of the Prodigal Son – and the fact that God's love is unconditional. As we begin to start preparing for the festive period, we have lots of celebrations to look forward to – the first of which will be when Rev joins us for celebration worship on Friday 30th November, to talk to the children about Advent. Also, to link with our virtue of kindness, we will be creating a Kindness Advent calendar. Let us know your suggestions of things we can include!

