



MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY



Bulletin: Monday 13th June 2022

MESSAGE FROM MR HUTCHINSON

In this newsletter I would like to focus on a wonderful event from before the half-term holiday and some upcoming events over the next few weeks.

In the week before half-term, we marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school. It was so lovely to see so many parents supporting this event. We really tried to make it memorable for the children and inclusive of all elements of our school community too. Everyone thought that the children looked so smart and ready for a party in their own way. Dressing up in red, white and blue would have been easy, but would not have brought the special and personal feeling that you could feel around the school on that day. I really felt that it reflected the diversity of the community whilst helping the children to understand the significance of the occasion. Thank you for your support on the day.

In the coming weeks we will be marking the Day of Welcome and Diversity week too. We are very proud of our reputation as a highly inclusive school where everyone is welcome. This does not happen by accident, this has been achieved through teaching, listening and positive action over time. This will be further reinforced by these two events.

On Friday 17th June, we will be marking the Day of Welcome as part of our commitment to asylum seekers and refugees as a School of Sanctuary. More info can be found here: <https://www.norfolksos.co.uk/a-day-of-welcome-2022> . There will be a special assembly on this day and the children will engage in activities in class to raise and reinforce their awareness of asylum seeker and refugee status so that they can feel absolutely welcome in Norwich and at Magdalen Gates in particular.

Next week is diversity week. We are very proud of the diversity of the school community and would like to recognise this diversity during this week. June is also Pride month across the world where the struggle for equality for people who identify as LGBTQ+ is recognised and their achievements celebrated. During this week, the children will engage in activities to learn about two people who are depicted on our new timeline mural in the hall. These people are Frida Kahlo and Alan Turing who are also featured in our diverse school curriculum. They both achieved great things in their lives and either raised the issues of the LGBTQ+ community or were unfairly treated for identifying as LGBTQ+. We hope that the children enjoy these activities and that they increase their understanding of these people and the importance of inclusion and acceptance in society.

We are proud of the diversity of the school community, the way that the school welcomes everyone who walks through the door and how we are trying to help the children to understand about these issues.

Attendance

23rd to 27th May 2022

Late arrivals - 10

Whole school attendance – 97.16%

6th to 10th June 2022

Late arrivals – 19

Whole school attendance – 95.11%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

If your child is unwell and unable to come into school, we ask that parents telephone the school office on 01603 622675 before the start of the school day. You can also email the office at office@magdalengates.co.uk Please inform school some detail why your child is absent other than stating that your child is “unwell” as this then means the school office have to ring and contact you to ask for more detail.

Procedure of Appointments during school hours

If you have to take your child out of school for any reason, including a medical, dental, school visit appointment – please could you inform the school office **PRIOR** to the appointment along with **supporting evidence** of the appointment. This is so school can authorise the absence where we can – your child is then not marked as unauthorised in the school register.

Punctuality

As we start a new academic term it is a chance to remind parents about the importance of attendance at school which also includes punctuality. To prevent disruption and upset to your child (and for the rest of the class) we ask that parent’s ensure children are in school, on time, every day.

Communication

Please do take the time to read emails sent to you from school. We try to make sure everything you are sent is relevant to your child so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send out, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance. We would also remind parents that we are on Twitter and we post reminders, useful information and over community events of interest.

Please remember to let the school office know of any changes to contact details including a change to any adults who pick up at the end of the school day. As the school office email is not manned after 2:30pm we would remind you that it is important that you **RING THE OFFICE** with details about any last minute changes to collection.

IMPORTANT PARENT TEACHER APPOINTMENTS Yr1 – Yr6

Texts were sent out last week for parents/carers to sign up for a parent/teacher consultation appointment. **If you have not received this OR you have still not signed up, please speak to the school office ASAP.** It is the expectation that every parent will book an appointment to speak with their child’s class teacher.

Mr Turnpenny Fundraising

This month I am fundraising to help support Kayla Buttle in her treatment for high-risk neuroblastoma. I plan to run a half marathon every week in June to raise money for Kayla's treatment through Solving Kids' Cancer. The school community has already been very generous in support for Kayla and her family, but I would be very grateful if you would consider supporting this effort for a very good cause! Further details, including how to donate can be found here: <https://www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/Fundraisers/a-month-of-half-marathons>

Sunshine at Magdalen Gates

We are heading into the warmer weather season now. Fortunately, at Magdalen Gates we have plenty of shady areas on the playground where children can shelter on the hotter days. However, it is still sensible to take extra precautions and we would ask that children have a NAMED sunhat and make sure they have their water bottles with them. We are unable to apply sun cream at school so we would remind parents of the importance and the need to apply long lasting sun cream to your child before school.



Norwich Science Festival

We have received news from The Forum in Norwich who wish to share news of a free event for families called "Bugs and Beasts". This is coordinated by the Norwich Science Festival team and will take place between 11am and 4pm in Waterloo Park on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th July.

It is completely free and there is no requirement to book – just drop in! It is ideally suited for families with primary school children and younger and will include a bug trail, bee-themed walkabout acts, bug craft activities, bee hotel making, a tombola, face painting and lots more, all for free. Have a look at the attachment with this newsletter.

Sports Day - date for diaries



Staff and pupils at Magdalen Gates will be looking forward to welcoming our parents/carers to our Sports Day being held on the morning of Tuesday 12th July.

Pupils will be expected to come into school with their PE kit on and will be asked to dress in the colour of their "teams" countrys flag (ie., UK, red, white and blue – parents will receive more details shortly).

We are hoping rain won't stop play but if it does we have a back-up date of Tuesday 19th July.

Jubilee Celebrations

It was lovely to see staff and children dressed in their celebratory clothes for our Jubilee celebrations the last week of term. Our Jubilee picnic lunch was a great success with the children having lunch under colouring bunting – it transformed our playground! It all added to the buzz of excitement as we all joined together to celebrate this historic moment. Thank you to everyone who helped/got involved/volunteered.

This seems an opportune moment to seek any more willing parent volunteers to join the Magdalen Gates Primary Schools Parent Teacher Association. Even if you can offer a couple of hours every term – this would really help. Please pop along to the school office and leave your name and we will pass your name on to the PTA who will be in touch.

Silver Road Community – Jubilee news

Julie Brociek-Coulton has received a rather special letter from Windsor Castle that we would like to share with everyone. Please have a look at the attachments with this newsletter!

Class Photos

We welcomed Zoe from Pret-a-Portrait into school last week and she took some wonderful class and friendship group photos. Every child was given a slip to take home with instructions on how to register. Photos should be available to view within the next couple of weeks. Ordering will be via online direct with Pret-a-Portrait.

Bikeability – Message to our Yr5 parents/carers

We would like to remind our current Yr 5 of the opportunity to sign up and participate in the free bike training course running in the Autumn.

An email was sent shortly before half term with a link to a short survey. Unfortunately, we have had little response and unless we receive more interest this will sadly not go ahead. Please do talk to your child about the positive impact of bike training. As a school we are really keen for our pupils to participate.



DIARY DATES

Thr 16th June Yr6

Wed 22nd Yr4

Thr 23rd New Parents

Mon 27th All

Tue 28th Yr4

Thr 30th Yr5

Tue 5th July Yr2

All

Wed 6th July

Thr 7th Yr6

Fri 8th EYFS

Fri 12th AM

Wed 13th

Fri 15th EYFS

(Top tip -cut out and pop on your fridge door)

Theatre Royal visit

Food Discovery Playground Market day

2022 New Intake meeting 4pm

SEND bookable apt

Trip to Dragonhall

Royal Norfolk Show visit (9am to 3pm)

Visit to Thorpe Marshes

Summer Musical Concert

Food Discovery – Harvest Festival

Theatre production at Plantation Gardens

EYFS School reports

Sports Day

Transition Day

EYFS Dress up Pirate Day

Mon 18 th	New Intake for 2022	Stay and Play 45 minute sessions
Tue 19 th	AM	Sports Day (2)
Fri 22 nd	All	SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Attachments

Bugs and Beasts FREE family fun – Norwich Science Festival

Story Café at Silver Road community Centre

Letter from the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting

Heroes Academy – Summerfest for kids

Penguins Swimming – Summer holidays