

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN 9th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all of the parents, governors and staff who responded to the 2023 Stakeholder Survey. I will share a full breakdown of all of the results very soon, however I can confirm at this point that the responses were very positive indeed. What came through very strongly is that stakeholders have a good understanding of the vision and values of the school. This is important as it is the vision and values that drive everything that we do. This is manifested in many forms; from what should be in a child's lunchbox, to the expectations of uniform and how we deal with situations when something goes wrong, **Working together to give every child the best** informs the decisions that we make, the guidance that we give and the expectations that we aim for. Thank you again for feedback, it is very much appreciated.

Mr Hutchinson

Parents/Teacher appointments

Thank you to our parents/carers who came along last week to speak with their class teacher about their child's progress. We consider it very important that every parent has the opportunity to speak with the teacher. If you were unable to make the meetings last week perhaps through work commitments or illness, please speak with the school office in the first instance and we will try to arrange a mutually convenient appointment for you and the class teacher.

Individual Class Photos

The school photographer will be visiting during the morning of Wednesday 15th November. These photos always make lovely keepsakes or Christmas presents! We have arranged for both individual and school sibling photo shoots but also hope to be able to offer younger (pre-school) children the opportunity of coming in earlier to have photos done with siblings. More details to follow.

School Contact Details

School Office hours – 8:15am – 3:30pm
Telephone 01603 622675
Email Office@magdalengates.co.uk
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01603 343881 3.30pm-5.30 pm only
Don't forget to follow us on Facebook & Twitter

Your Contact Details

Please remember to always keep us updated with any change of contact details to ensure you always receive communication from us by text/email. Thank you.

Diary Dates

October

10th – Yr1 8:30-9am Stay and Read
9–9:30am Phonics workshop
10th – London Opera House – by invite
11th 9-10am Parent Consultation for MHWB Policy – main hall
13th Yr3 Reading Breakfast
16th -AM Yr1 trip to Mousehold
17th Yr2 8:30-9am Stay & Play 9am-9:30am Phonic workshop
18th – 8:30-9:30am KS1 & KS2 EAL Sit and See
19th Spooky Day
5pm-7:30pm Spooky Disco- See flyer for all the details!
20th Yr5 & Yr6 8:30-9am Reading Breakfast
School Closes – Half Term
30th October School Reopens

November

1st – 9-10am Open day session for new parents
2nd 4-5pm Open day session for new parents
15th – Individual School Photos
17th – Children In Need Day – More details to follow shortly
20th – Book Fair week – TBC
12th – School Nurse Revisit for flu vaccination
1pm – Pinocchio Performance Yr3 & Yr4

World Mental Health Day

Next week it is World Mental Health day and this year's theme is 'mental health is a universal human right'. On Wednesday afternoon, we will be celebrating in school and learning about ways we can support ourselves and each other through self-care.

This is the first of our Wellbeing Wednesdays that will run throughout the year. We have been working on a Magdalen Gates Mental Health and Wellbeing policy and would like to share this with parents on Wednesday 8th November at a coffee and share morning (this is postponed from October 11th)

Morning Break - snacks

Just a reminder that if possible we ask parents of KS2 to provide their child with a piece of fresh fruit to eat during their morning break rather than crisps or chocolate bars. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children have fruit or vegetables provided by the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme which is funded by the Department of Health.

Attendance to date-95.5%