

MAGDALEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS BULLETIN 1st JULY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this newsletter, I would like to reflect on the hugely successful and inclusive sports day that we enjoyed on Friday last week. This is something that I will really miss when I move on from the school in 3 weeks' time. At one point (between loud rings of the bell!) I watched from the top of the slope and observed well over 100 children taking part and succeeding in a variety of activities with their parents being able to support them and encourage them at every step along the way. This is belonging in action and is something that is very special about Magdalen Gates Primary School and Nursery and should be nurtured in the future. As with any competitive event, the children were striving to do their best for their own sense of achievement and participation as well as to help their team to win the trophy. I am pleased to announce that the winners of the Magdalen Gates Olympics 2024 were Egypt! Well done to the whole team and to all children for aiming for their best. What a wonderful event.

Mr Hutchinson.

Class Information for September

We are coming even closer to our Yr6's last few weeks at Magdalen Gates and we suspect things will feel slightly different as they visit their new High Schools. For our other pupils, they too will be spending some time with their new teacher(s) and classrooms when we hold our shuffle up/transition afternoon on 11th July. Everyone should have received information about the new class arrangements via email letter sent last week.

EYFS – Mrs Callaghan

Yr1 – Mrs Humphries/Mrs Williams

Yr2 – Miss Dale

Yr3 – Mrs Kingston/Mrs Bennett

Yr4 – Miss Savage

Yr5 – Miss Sivananthan/Miss Vincent

Yr6 - Miss Bramble/Miss Vincent

On the 15th July we will also be welcoming our new September EYFS children into school for stay and play sessions. It's a busy last few weeks for everyone!

Diary Dates

July

1st Art Exhibition from 3.15pm

3rd -Yr5 trip to Dragon Hall

4th – KS1 Stay & Read 8am

5th – Yr3 Reading Breakfast 8:30-9am

EYFS School reports home

9th – Yr5 Sailing trip

11th KS1 Stay & Read 8:30-9am

"Move Up" transition afternoon EYFS-Yr5

12th Yr4 Reading Breakfast 8:30-9am

2-4pm EYFS drop in for parents/carers to discuss reports

15th – New Sept intake Stay & Play 8:30-9am

2pm Summer Music recital – by invite

16th - Yr6 Performance for parents 3:30-4:30pm

17th Care Rangers Waterloo Park

New EYFS intake Teddy Bears picnic – 8:30-4pm

18th KS1 Stay & Read 8.30-9am

Yr6 Leavers Assembly 2:30pm

EYFS – Pirate day

EYFS & KS1 Disco 5-6pm

KS2 Disco 6:15-7:30pm

19th Last day of school

Polite Reminder

When parking near school for drop off or pick up please do not stop or park on the double yellow lines. Mandy the Lollipop lady advises traffic wardens have recently been seen and are operating in the area.

Holiday Club Information

We have a holiday club running from school this summer.

We will be open for 4 weeks, from Monday 29th July until Friday 23rd August.

We offer morning and full day sessions and provide lots of fun activities.

For more information on prices and how to book places email-outofschool@magdalengates.co.uk

Attendance

Our whole school attendance currently stands at 93.5% Please remember to pick up and complete a leave of absence form if you know you will be absent from school. Leave of absences need to be submitted BEFORE any leave.

Remember that the DFE are making changes from August 2024 with regards to term-time holidays and fixed penalty notices. Under the new national framework all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for any unauthorised absences. Please note that the school does not receive money from these fines. Money raised via the fixed penalty notices is used to administer the system and to fund attendance support.

Free School Meals

Just a reminder to our parents/carers that if your child is in Y2 that from September they will no longer be entitled to a universal free school meal when they move into Yr 3. You could still be entitled to free school meals if you have a low income or receive certain benefits so please apply with a form that you can pick up from the school office.

Payments To school

Lunches/Breakfast/After School Club
If you pay for your child to have a meal from the school kitchen or use the Before and After school clubs please ensure that all bills are paid up to date as the end of the year is approaching fast. Thank you.