



# Marlborough Primary School

November 2018

## PEER CHALLENGE PARTNERS ENDORSE MARLBOROUGH

**Our most recent Peer Challenge Day took place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018. This is where Headteachers and other senior leaders visit each other's schools to discuss progress, observe lessons, meet with staff, talk to children and look at the learning in books.** The process is quality assured by trained Ofsted inspectors and is designed to help school's to identify their strengths and priorities for improvement. We are therefore delighted to announce that our visitors, including the quality assurer, found our school to be 'outstanding' and 'improving'. They commented on the strong teaching, high quality of the learning environment and work in children's books, the effectiveness of our new leadership structure and the positive attitudes and exemplary behaviour of the pupils. Along with the very positive results from the academic year 2017-18, this provides more evidence that our school is performing extremely well. We would like to acknowledge the considerable efforts of the children and our staff and the support we receive from parents/carers in helping us to achieve this very positive outcome.

Overall Attendance for current school year			
Whole School = 96.44%			
Mauve	Purple	Violet	
96.70%	96.15%	96.05%	
Cerise	Magenta	Pink	Fuchsia
95.16%	96.63%	95.53%	96.11%
Turquoise	Sapphire	Blue	
97.42%	98.23%	95.41%	
Green	Emerald	Lime	
98.22%	97.00%	97.98%	
Gold	Lemon	Yellow	
96.82%	95.91%	97.69%	
Amber	Orange	Saffron	
96.48%	98.06%	96.18%	
Cherry	Red	Scarlet	
91.11%	93.64%	95.52%	
Nursery	am	pm	
	93.83%		80.89%

## IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Whilst we would like to take the opportunity to thank the majority of parents/carers who always ensure that their children attend school regularly, arrive promptly and avoid taking term-term holidays, we would also like to respectfully remind those parents/carers who find it more challenging to support the school in this regard of the following:

- \* There is a very strong statistical link between poor attendance and lack of progress in learning. It has also had a negative impact on a pupil's confidence and well-being and capacity to succeed at school and beyond. A child with 90% attendance at the end of an academic year has missed 19 school days which equates to almost 4 whole school weeks
- \* The unnecessary absence of pupils causes additional difficulties for hard working teachers as they have to adapt learning activities to cater for the needs of children who have missed previous lessons
- \* Arriving late for school causes children otherwise avoidable stress and disrupts the learning. The need to repeat explanations and instructions to latecomers also compromises valuable teaching time. Unless a child experiences an exceptional medical circumstance or has an ongoing serious condition, it would be extremely unlikely that their attendance would fall below 97% over the duration of a school year
- \* It is a legal responsibility for parents/carers to ensure that their children attend school regularly. The Local Authority have the powers to take action against parents/carers who keep their children off school without an acceptable reason. These powers include issuing Parenting/Education Supervision Orders and fines

Please be aware that we will continue to try and work with the parents/carers of children whose attendance falls below 90% in order to avoid the damaging consequences to the life chances of their children. We would also encourage any parent/carer who is uncertain whether their child is well enough to attend school. e.g. when they have a mild cold, to bring their child into school and allow the teachers to assess the situation. Please be assured that the school would not be encouraging any child to attend school when they are genuinely unwell and would take immediate measures to have a child sent home in the case that illness or injury prevents them from learning at school. **Thank you for your support and co-operation**

### YEAR 6's HARRY POTTER EXPERIENCE

We had an amazing school trip to the Warner Brothers Studio's 'The Making of Harry Potter' in Hertfordshire. When we arrived we saw lots of quotes from the Harry Potter books. Then we went into the Great Hall where we saw some of the prompts and characters from the film. After that we attended a workshop and we distressed some fabric to make it look like Harry Potter's old jacket. Next we were given passports as a memento, visited the potions room and Dumbledore's study. We also went to the forbidden forest, saw some scary spiders and flew on a broomstick. We enjoyed every bit of the visit and didn't want to leave. Thank you to our teachers for organising this wonderful opportunity.

Report by Bailey and Julia (Violet Class)

### YEAR 2 TRIP TO LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

When we arrived we saw some characters on old buses, taxis and cars. Next we explored the different types of transport and got to a big wooden bus and a train. We also learned about a new tube line called the Elizabeth Line. We had great fun exploring the museum and would like to thank our teachers and helpers.

Report by Abigail and Rishaan

### YEAR 1 GUNNERSBURY MUSEUM

We went to the kitchens and dressed up and learned about Victorian people. We went into some other rooms and saw some Victorian toys such as dolls and games. We had a great time. Thank you to our teachers and helpers.

Report by Samrudha and Oscar

## News, Messages and Reminders

- \* **Our Year 5 children enjoyed a very interesting and exciting Ancient Greek Day** on Monday 12th November. The children dressed up, learned about Greek cooking, cooked and ate Honey cakes and watched a film all about Hercules.
- \* **Congratulations to Amber, Fuchsia, Gold and Violet Classes** who have all presented recent class assemblies to our parents/carers. **Amber Class** treated us to celebration of their recent learning which focused on our individual and unique qualities. **Fuchsia Class** offered a very moving and poignant assembly about remembrance and the experiences of people during World War I. **Gold Class** gave an engaging performance based on their topic of transport and **Violet Class** showed us how much they had been enjoying their learning about the stories of Harry Potter by JK Rowling. A special well done goes to Anna from Violet Class who played the piano so beautifully. We look forward to more class assemblies over the coming weeks.
- \* **Our Cross Country team took part in the borough race at Osterley Park** on Tuesday 6th November. Our boys and girls finished in a very credible 4th and 22nd. This is particularly impressive given that over 154 teams took part in the event. In addition our boys were given a special mention by the organisers for 'emphatically cheering their runners home after running, and waiting for the last runner, running alongside him and cheering him on after he slipped at the start.' Well done to everyone and thank you for the staff who gave up their time to attend.
- \* **We are delighted to welcome coaches from Brentford Football Club** into our school to support PE lessons in Year 5 for remainder of the Autumn Term.
- \* **Well done to the children from Year 5 and 6** who took part in the Borough 7-a-side football competition held at Kingsley Academy and the Year 5 and 6 Sports event at Cranford Community Centre. All the pupils performed well and were a credit to the school.
- \* **Year 3 enjoyed a special Stone Age theme day.** The children dressed up, made clay pots, created cave paintings and did some cooking and paper weaving.

**REMINDER: SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2018**