Marlbrook Primary School Newsletter

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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Monday 27th April 2026

School gates open 8:30am with a finish of 3:15pm. Attendance number is 07470708788 or email on attendance@marlbrook.hereford.sch.uk

Art Enrichment

A few Year 3 pupils have been involved in 6 weeks of Art Enrichment. 'Painting like Bob Ross'. These budding artists have learnt new techniques and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Year 3 performance

Year 3 performed Tuishi Pomoja wonderfully. It was a celebration of friendship across Africa. Thankyou for helping them to learn their lines and providing costumes. They had a blast!

IMPORTANT DATES

Open afternoons

Year 1—27th April
Year 2—28th April
Year 3—30th April
Year 4– 29th April
Year 5—14th May
Year 6—18th May

Year 4 Mini Marathon—28th April
4L Trip to Madley—5th May
4T Trip to Madley—6th May
4G Trip to Madley—7th May
Nursery family trip to Queenswood– 14th May

Sports Day

Reception—9th June
Year 6—12th June
Year 1– 15th June
Year 2—16th June
Year 3—17th June
Year 4—18th June
Year 5– 24th June

AMAZING ALIVIA!

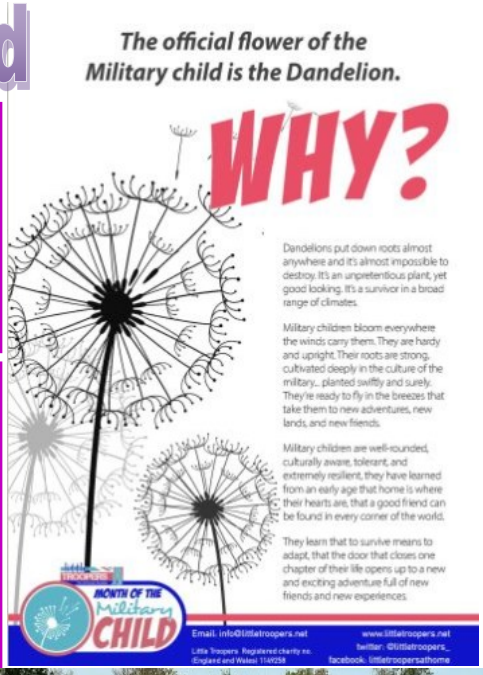
On March 28th Alivia arrived at London Olympia to compete at the UK kids first Hyrox competition in the youngest age category to raise funds for Lee's Place homeless charity. Alivia had trained for 3 months doing swimming, running, Hyrox classes and gymnastics all at her own wish. Alivia has always had a soft spot for the homeless and previously had spent her own money buying hats, gloves, food etc but this time wanted to go bigger. The challenge itself changed last minute include a third run not two and the venue was holding an adults competition at the same time making it a lot busier than we expected and there were genuine concern and overwhelming pressure for Alivia, but she turned it around and smashed it.

Alivia had to do the following:
300m run—one at the start, one in the middle and one at the end.
300m skierg
15m sledge push at 35kg
15m sledge drag at 25kg
20m frogger jumps
200 row
50m farmer carry using 2, 4kg weights
20 m bodyweight lunges
50 rep wall ball squats with 1kg ball

Alivia smashed it in just over **18 minutes**. She had a personal target of £500 but made **£1,431.03** which is equivalent to 543 meals which is roughly 18 days of food for the Hereford homeless.
We are super grateful for all her sponsors and support and those who received the benefit from this fundraising will be forever grateful.
Well done Alivia, we are all so proud of you!

Month of the Military Child

April marks the Month of the Military child celebrating the resilience of service children. Dandelions are the official flower of the military child. They represent how dandelion seeds and military children alike are blown far and wide. While still being, strong adaptable and able to put down roots wherever they land.



Military Afternoon tea

We were delighted to welcome our military families for a relaxed afternoon tea, bringing together parents, children and staff to celebrate and strengthen our community. The afternoon provided a valuable opportunity to connect, share experiences and build supportive relationships in a welcoming and informal setting. Over tea, cake and conversation, families were able to spend quality time together while forming new connections with others who share similar experiences. Events like these play an important role in fostering a sense of belonging and supporting the wellbeing of our military community, and we look forward to hosting more opportunities to come together in the future.

Little Troopers Day

On Thursday we held a very special Little Troopers Day, this was to celebrate all the children who have parents serving in the Military. They were given opportunities to all spend time together, play games and take part in activities through the day we had some very tired but happy children.

From The Attendance team—Worried about School

We understand that some children and young people experience anxiety related to school, and we are committed to working closely with families to support their wellbeing. At the same time, regular attendance is vital for learning, friendships, and emotional development. ***Avoiding school can sometimes increase anxiety over time, making it harder for children to re-engage.*** We are fortunate to have a pastoral team of six dedicated staff members who can offer support to pupils and families. If your child is finding attendance challenging due to anxiety, please talk to us as early as possible so we can work together on a positive and supportive plan.

Student and Family support team are:
Mr Cripps, Mr Griffin, Miss Hudson, Mrs Roden, Mrs Partridge and Mrs Cripps.

Astounding Attendance

Last Weeks Attendance winners are:
1W with 99%
3P with 100%
6W with 100%

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

This Weeks Attendance winners are:
1W with 98%
3T with 98%
4T with 98%