Marlbrook Primary School Newsletter

Headteacher: Miss C Smethurst

Friday 26th Sept 2025

Year 5 Ancient Greek Workshop

The classes had to split into groups and act out a Greek myth. The children had props to use and each group had a narrator, who led them through the story. All of the groups were amazing, adding their own lines to make the acting really come alive!

During the rest of the day, each class worked on some ancient Greek activities, such as making Greek plates and talking about Greek inventions. Year 5 ended the day with a quiz to find out how much everyone could remember - the whole year group got an extra 10 minutes of play because they remembered so much! It was a fun day and we all enjoyed it.

Last weeks Attendance winners are:

1W 96%

2D with 98%

5D with 97%

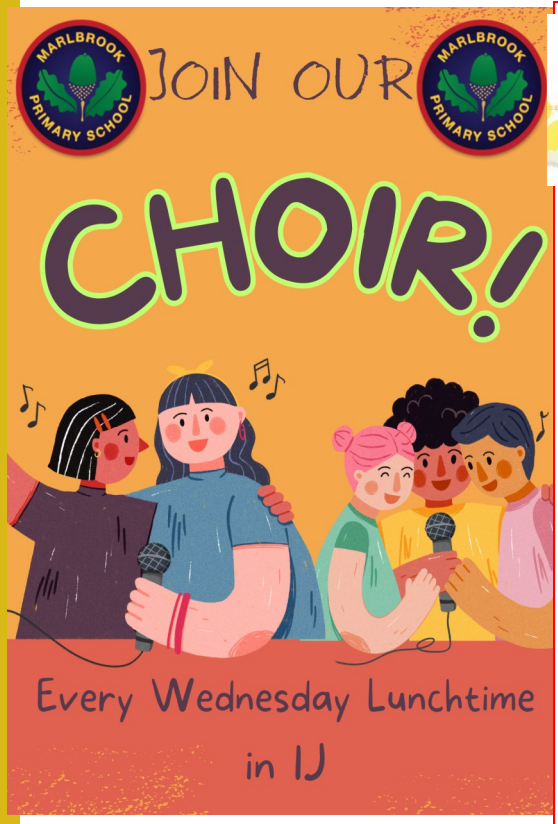
AMAZING ATTENDANCE

This Weeks Attendance winners are:

1J with 97%

3P with 98%

4L with 99%



From the Attendance team

We are now 4 weeks into the new academic term and we would hope the children are back into their school routine. It has come our attention the number of children that are late in the mornings. This week alone we had **110 children** with a late mark. **School gates open at 8:30 and close at 8:40.** The team would like to draw you attention to schools' attendance policy, which can be found on our web page, below is regarding lateness.

4.4 Lateness and punctuality

A pupil who arrives late: Before the register has closed will be marked as late, using the appropriate code After the register has closed will be marked as absent, using the appropriate code.

There will inevitably be occasions where children arrive late for school, and as a school we appreciate this. However, there are unfortunately some children who persistently arrive late.

It is essential for the child to be in class for the start of lessons, if they are to gain the maximum benefit from the curriculum, and thus achieve their full potential academically. It is embarrassing for a child to enter a class that is already engaged in an activity and also distracting for the rest of the class if children are persistently late and the class teacher has to stop lessons to welcome latecomers.

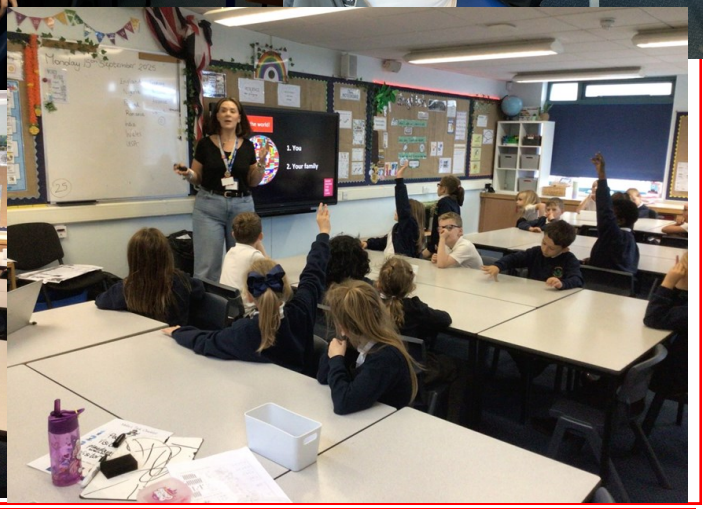
As previously mentioned, lateness is recorded on the registers if children arrive after 8.40am. Concerns regarding punctuality are dealt with in the same way as attendance concerns, and will therefore be reported to the Head/Attendance Officer/DSL as a matter of course. Letters will be sent to parents from the Head.

We hope we can have your support on this, if you are concerned about your child's/children's lateness please reach out to us.

Show Racism the Red Card

Last week, we were really pleased to welcome the charity Show Racism the Red Card. Tom and Tanya worked with all of the classes in years 3 -6 to lead workshops that were exciting and engaging and a great way to start our PSHE lessons this academic year. The children explored how to recognise racism and reflect on its impact as well as developing toolkits to tackle racism.

The children have also been really busy in their classes re-designing our respect badge that is awarded in assemblies. We are very excited to show you the winning designs in our next newsletter.



YOUNG VOICES January 8th 2026

Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying learning their Young Voices Songs and you can support them at home using the music room page on the Young Voices website: www.youngvoices.co.uk

Please login to the music room if you would like to order T-Shirts for your child or buy tickets to watch the performance. These need to be purchased before October 31st. Any tickets left for sale after this date will be available at the BP Pulse Live Box Office.

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