



Newsletter

February 2024 Part 2

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Our Christian Value of the
 Month is:

Kindness

The Bible Tell Us :

*Be kind to one another,
 compassionate, forgiving one
 another as God has forgiven
 you in Christ.*

Ephesians 4:32



Climbing at Green Spider

On Thursday 8th February, we took a group of 8 children from Year 5 and Year 6 to Green Spider Climbing centre to take part in a climbing event organised by Stride Active. The children showed incredible courage when tackling the challenging climbing walls, showing great strength and a real willingness to give it a go as they carefully and often quite speedily ascended up the colourful hand and footholds.



Here are some quotes from the children about the experience:

" I really enjoyed climbing because it was lots of fun and I climbed to the top of the wall." Harvey Y5

" I feel more confident about climbing now and would like to do it again." Hardy Y6

"It was my first time climbing and I thought it was really good. I climbed to the very top and even had to race against Harvey, it was a draw!" Kaydie Y5

" I really like using the automatic belay." Zofia

Reading Ambassadors

We are extremely proud and excited to introduce our new Much Marcle C of E Primary School Reading Ambassadors.

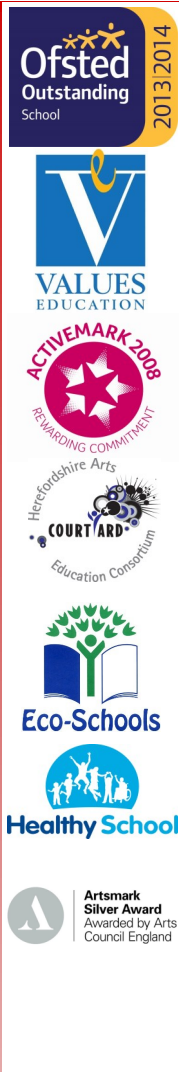


They have eagerly started their role which will involve: reading with children throughout the school, helping with the organisation of our school library, supporting teachers with making their reading areas even more inspiring, helping children to choose books, organising special reading events and so much more!

They will attend meetings to share their own ideas as well as the ideas of others. As they are representing our school in such an important way, they have received a special Reading Ambassador badge.



We are SO excited to work together to make reading at Much Marcle the best it can be.



Sports for Schools

On Tuesday 20th February we are taking part in a Sports for Schools sponsored event.



This involves all children taking part in a fitness circuit session with Jack Rutter, a Paralympic footballer with a remarkable story to tell. He will facilitate each class and then lead an inspiring assembly. You should have received a sponsor form and letter with details on already and we look forward to raising money for some new sports equipment for our school as well as inspiring our pupils. Sponsorship Money should be returned after half term. All pupils need to bring their PE kits to school on the day.

Bird Watching

Over the past week our Eco council with other children, have been taking part in the Big Garden Bird Watch. The Big Garden Birdwatch is the UK's biggest citizen science wildlife survey. The children have been watching birds at break times and lunchtimes keeping track of the number of birds they have seen and the species. They spotted and observed a variety of birds such as crows, blackbirds and pigeons. They also had an exciting moment when a flock of Canadian Geese flew over the school.



Office Reception Hours

As some of you may or not be aware Mrs Park runs Breakfast Club until 8.45am every morning, where she monitors the children in the library and is unavailable in the office until after this time. Therefore, if you need to report your child absent or pass on a message please do so **after 8.45am** or **via email** at admin@muchmarcle.hereford.sch.uk

Teachers are busy setting up lessons for the children so are unable to take phone calls before school. We thank you for your understanding.

Online Safety

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. You must be 13+ to sign up. Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours. You can find out more about Snapchat [here: https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB](https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB)



Family Center: new features Snapchat are expanding the features available to you in their Family Center, allowing parents to view: story settings: you will be able to see who your child is sharing their story with e.g. all their friends or a smaller group. contact settings: see who your child can be contacted by (by people they have added as a friend or their phone contacts). if your child is sharing their location with friends on the Snap Map.

In addition, you will be able to restrict the use of Snapchat's 'My AI.'

You can find out more here: <https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/expanding-our-in-app-parentaltools-2024>

More information The NSPCC provide further information about Snapchat, the risks involved with using Snapchat and tips to help keep your child safe if they are using Snapchat.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

Children's Mental Health Week

We will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week from the 4th March until the 8th March. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.



Our pupils will be taking part in various activities which highlight this theme throughout the week.

Key Dates

12th February – 16th February HALF TERM

20th Athlete Visit

March

7th - World Book Day

11th – 15th British Science Week

20th - Easter Egg Hunt

21st Parents' Evening

22nd Easter Service – St Bartholomew's Church
1.30 pm

Last Day of Term



School Nurse Drop In

Wednesday 21st February at 8.45am to 9.30am.

If you have any concerns about your child's physical, social or mental wellbeing and wish to speak to our school nurse please come along to our next drop in session.

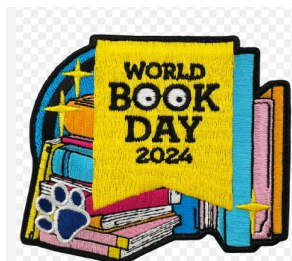
Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders are our Year 6 children who are passionate about playing and promoting sports. They play an important part in promoting the values of teamwork and inspiring children to be enthusiastic sporting individuals.

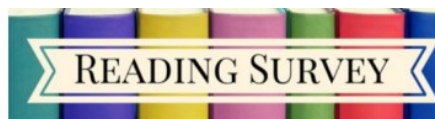
Their role includes:

- setting up the sports equipment during P.E lessons
- ensuring the equipment is put away neatly and safely
- being involved in the organisation of sporting events such as Sports Day
- Organising games and activities for younger children during lunchtimes

World Book Day



A date for your diaries... World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring a prop which acts as a clue. Please read our World Book Day letter for further details.



A huge thank you to all of the Parents/Carers to have completed the Reading Survey so far—it will remain open until Monday 19th February! Results and responses will be shared after this date.

Parent/Teacher Communication

Please be reminded that staff are always available at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns. If your child travels on the bus, please don't be afraid to get in contact with Mrs Park to arrange a telephone appointment with the class teacher.

Friends of Much Marcle

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful friends of Much Marcle who organised a fantastic family quiz night at the Royal Oak. Thank you for supporting this event and helping to raise a fantastic amount of **£194.30**. This now brings us to a grand total of £1563.24 raised so far!

GOAL
£8000
£7000
£6000
£5000
£4000
£3000
£2000 
£1000
START

ATTENDANCE

Class 1	95%
Class 2	95%
Class 3	96%
Class 4	95%

Our target is 96%

Red = Below Target
Green = Achieved Target
Blue = Above Target

Well done to Class 3 who have won the attendance cup for best attendance in Spring Term 1.

House Points Update

Pearmain	Pippin
1215	1255
Pomeroy	Russet
858	1150

The children have earned their House Points through consistent and sustained effort in their class, producing good quality work, being polite and courteous, helping each other and by setting a good example.

Thank you

We would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a wonderful half term!