



Newsletter

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Our Christian Value of the
Month is:

Hope

The Bible tells us:

*May the God of hope fill you
all with joy and peace in be-
lieving, so that by the power of
the Holy Spirit you may
abound in hope. Romans
15:13*



Sports for Schools Fundraising Event with Paralympic Footballer Jack Rutter

We had a fantastic start to the half term as we were very lucky to have a special visitor to our school. Jack Rutter, who is a Paralympic footballer, and captained England & GB team in European, World and Paralympic games and is now an England coach, visited Much Marcle, where he spent the afternoon with all of our children doing a sponsored fitness session. The session was split into three parts: a fitness circuit, an inspirational assembly and a question-and-answer session. Jack was an inspiration to all of us; demonstrated our school values and showed us what we can achieve if we have a positive attitude. The children had an amazing time and by taking part they felt a great sense of achievement. The children have all been fundraising to support GB athletes and for new sports equipment for the school.



We are extremely proud and grateful for the outstanding amount of money raised by the children. The total amount raised was **£ 1,057.50**. The money raised will be used to support greater physical activity in school and to enable Sports for Schools to keep running and support & fund top athletes to compete and train at the highest level.

They were really excited when they received their awards from Jack Rutter for the money they raised.



Our school council are now busy looking through the sports equipment catalogues and creating a list which will be ordered as soon as possible. Thank you again for your continued support!

Class 1- Stickman Trail

We had an exciting start to our Drawing Club lessons this half term with a visit to the Stickman Trail at Ross Community Gardens. The children spent the afternoon piecing together clues from the story and learning more about what we can use sticks for in the outdoors. The

children then had a go at making their own Stickman.



Crisps Packets and Bottles

Next half term Year 3,4 and 5 are taking part in an eco project at Hellens and need your help!

Please can you collect any empty crisp packets and large pop bottles e.g. coke, fizzy drink, squash.



Please send them into school after the holiday.

Thank you

After School Club Closure

There will be **NO** After School Club on **Wednesday May 1st** due to whole staff fire awareness training. Thank you for your understanding.

Class 2

Class 2 have enjoyed going to Forest School this term. We have explored the woods and found lots of mini-beasts living there. We also used our art skills to create natural art and mud clay insects.



To consolidate our learning on Castles, Kings and Queens, Class 2 visited Goodrich Castle. We explored the features of the castle and imagined what life would have been like living there in the past.



Class 3

In Topic, we have been learning about Roman Mosaics and explored how the Romans made these impressive pieces out of tiny squares to create a pattern. We are really proud of what we have created. We also used charcoal to draw Roman coins.



Class 4

In art, the children have been studying an artist called Megan Coyle who creates collages. The children really enjoyed creating their own from strips of paper from magazines and we are extremely proud of their amazing creations!



Mental Health Week

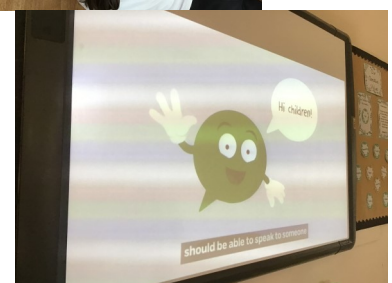
We kicked off Mental Health Week on Monday 4th March with a whole school assembly based on this year's theme 'My Voice Matters'. We want to encourage the children to use their voices and share what matters to them.

On Tuesday 5th March children took part in a wellbeing day where we explored ways to look after our mental health. Children were led in physical exercise by our sports coach Mr Rudd and his colleague Mr Tilley, as they discussed the importance of how keeping our bodies healthy has a positive impact on our minds.

We discussed our emotions, what to do when we have worries, talked about our trusted adults through our NSPCC activities and learnt about activities that we can take part in that make us happy and make us feel good. We all danced, sang, participated in laughing yoga and did some mindfulness colouring.

For further information on how to support your child's mental health please visit:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/



Safeguarding

Local issues that parents need to be aware of include:

County Lines

Criminal activity in which drug dealers in major cities establish networks for the supply and sale of drugs to users in towns and rural areas, using other people (typically those who are young or otherwise vulnerable)

Child Sexual Exploitation

When a child or young person is sexually abused, they are forced or tricked into sexual activities. They might not understand that what is happening is abuse or that it is wrong. It is important that children are encouraged to talk to safe adults about any worries they have so that in the worst case scenarios they feel comfortable to speak out.

For further information and advice on such topics please visit:

www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/

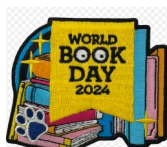
learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets

Vaping

Vaping is becoming more common in younger children. It is seen as 'cool' and younger users do not see it as a risk to their health. We need to educate children on the possible health risks and ensure that they are not forced into taking part because their peers are. For further advice please visit:

www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/keeping-well-staying-healthy/healthy-lifestyles/

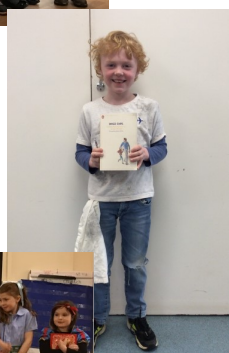
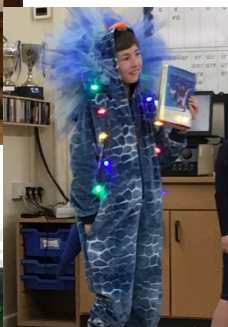
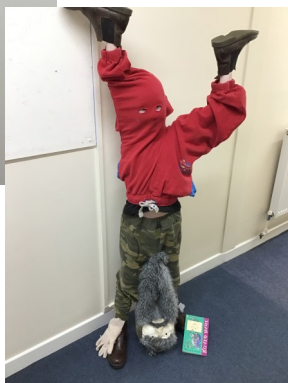
World Book Day



What an amazing array of costumes we had from the children this year! The Reading Ambassadors found it extremely hard to pick a winner from each year. Thank you for all the effort made. We celebrated together as a whole school and really enjoyed seeing everyone's outfits!

The children enjoyed guessing our Secret Readers in assembly and found it very funny– thank you to those parents and grandparents who supported us with this.

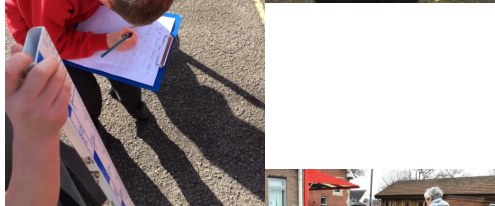
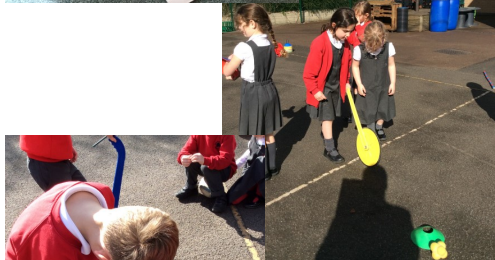
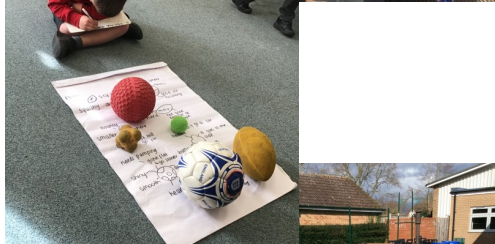
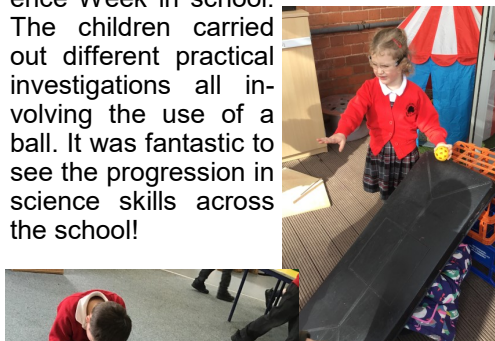
Each class had a day of storytelling fun where they explored stories, shared book recommendations and took part in the National Book Token design competition.





British Science Week

Last week, we celebrated British Science Week in school. The children carried out different practical investigations all involving the use of a ball. It was fantastic to see the progression in science skills across the school!



School Uniform Earrings

We kindly ask that if your child wishes to get their ears pierced that where possible they do so during the Summer holiday. This gives them enough time to heal so that they can be taken out for school.

If this is not an option please ensure that the earrings that they wear to school are only small studs.

Jewellery

Watches are only permitted in KS2 if they are not a distraction. Watches should not have a camera.

No other jewellery must be worn.

Hair

Hair must be of natural colour and style.

Hair of shoulder length or longer must be tied back with red or white hair bands.

Communication with school

At Much Marcle we welcome communication between staff and parents/carers as we know this establishes relationships which support pupils' emotional and academic development.

All communication from staff to parents and carers is polite, respectful and clear.

Please be reminded that teachers are always available at the end of the school day to answer any of your questions, or appointments can be made via Mrs Park.

For those children on the bus telephone appointments can also be made.

Parents and carers are expected to communicate respectfully with staff.

Parking

Please be reminded that you **should not** park on the yellow zig zag lines during pick up and drop off. Parking here causes an obstruction and makes the road dangerous for our families.

The drop off zone should only be used for this purpose. Children should enter through the school gate, parents watch and then drive away. Parents should not park here for a prolonged period of time.

Being a traditional village school parking will always be difficult, however if we work together we can keep traffic moving whilst ensuring the safety of our children

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

What is LEAF?

LEAF is a local charity dedicated to supporting the well-being of people in Ledbury and the surrounding areas. Its focus is on those in need, improving people's welfare and allowing all to flourish. It has 3 main strands:

- Physical health
- Emotional and mental health
- Spiritual health

The charity and website offers children's activities, counselling and signposts to family support groups.

<https://www.leafledbury.com/>



Sports Leaders

Our fantastic Year 6 Sport Leaders have been working really hard with Mr Rudd to design some lunch time games to entertain and to promote physical activity for all the of the children at Much Marcle.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their mini games and challenges this week whilst also earning house points for their houses.



Helping your child with reading

One way in which you can help your child get better at reading is through lots of practice.

By hearing your child read aloud at home each day, you can help them improve.

Reading is an invaluable life skill and we encourage parents to hear their child read regularly (a minimum of 3 times a week) to supplement what we do in school as it makes a real difference.

Little and often is far better than one long extended reading session.

5 minutes of home reading per school day
=
975 minutes of additional reading per school year
=
Half a million words being read per year.



20 minutes of home reading per school day
=
3900 minutes of additional reading per school year
=
2 million words being read per year!



Mrs Alty

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Alty who has worked with Year 5 and Year 6, giving them some extra help with their Mathematics. We wish her all the best.

Mr Fitzer

We are saying a sad goodbye, good luck and a huge thank you to Mr Fitzer as he will be starting his new role after Easter. Mr Fitzer has been working at Much Marcle for 8 years in Class 1 and Class 2. He has been absolutely fantastic and has a wealth of knowledge we will truly miss. We wish him all the best at his new school, who are very lucky to have him!



Eco Council and Eco Club

Our Eco Council have been very busy this term working on their eco-schools targets. Their targets are focused on waste, biodiversity and litter. The children have been having regular meetings to organise actions plans and resources needed to achieve these targets. They have been working alongside our eco club members.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed Eco Club this term. They have been hard at work making bird feeders, insect houses and some planters made out of tires.



Friends of Much Marcle

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful Friends of Much Marcle who organised a fantastic Easter trail for the children.



Thank you to everyone for supporting this event and helping us to raise a fantastic amount of £108.00. This now brings us to a grand total of £1663.24 raised since September 2023!

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

ATTENDANCE

Class 1	95.29%
Class 2	94.5%
Class 3	96.2%
Class 4	96.9%

Our target is 96%

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

Well done to Class 4 who have won the attendance cup for best attendance in Spring Term 2.

House Points Update

Pearmain	Pippin
1555	1575
Pomeroy	Russet
1152	1559

Thank you

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