



*May 2024 Part 1*

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Our Christian Value of the  
Month is:

***FORGIVENESS***

*Be kind to one another,  
tender-hearted, forgiving one  
another, as God in Christ  
forgave you.*

*Ephesians 4:32*

### Key Dates

#### **May**

6<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Year 6  
National Assessment  
week

17th - Break The  
Rules Day

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Year 6  
Residential PGL Trip

**27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> June –  
HALF TERM**



## **Spotlight on Physical Education and Sport**

At Much Marcle, we learn to move and we move to learn. We aim to develop pupils' motor skills, leadership skills, thinking skills and their knowledge of health and fitness. We provide a progressive, knowledge-based curriculum that has breadth and balance, empowering pupils to develop self-confidence and resilience. We want our pupils to develop and sustain a lifelong passion and commitment to leading healthy, active lives.

### **PE Lessons**

We use a range of PE schemes of work to support the teaching of PE from Years 1 to 6. In EYFS, Physical Development is taught through the EYFS Curriculum.

- The range of areas in PE are: Athletics, Games, Gymnastics, Dance, Swimming and Outdoor Adventurous Activity such as Orienteering.
- In KS1 & KS2, pupils have two PE lessons per week.
- To ensure high quality teaching of PE, we have a specialist PE coach —Mr Rudd— from PACES, who delivers weekly PE coaching sessions to all classes and teachers in Reception, KS1 & KS2.
- To supplement and raise the profile of PE we have a wide range of opportunities such as our Sports Leaders who organise House competitions for all of the children in school at lunchtimes, extra curricular sports clubs after school and cluster school tournaments.
- A range of outdoor equipment encourages lots of movement at playtimes and lunchtimes as well as the daily mile.

We were delighted that on a recent pupil survey PE was in the top three favourite lessons across all age groups.



### **Halo Swimming Ledbury**

**Free** 2 day learn to swim crash course for beginners. This is a free for those who are not already on our Halo Learn to Swim Programme or attended our free crash course before.

30th May—31st May

2.15pm—3.00pm

Ages 4+

Pre-booking required  
01532632890



### **Class 1**

Class one have been scientists as part of our Food topic. The children have been using their 5 senses to explore, investigate and dissect different fruits. We answered the question, 'how are fruits different?' including comparing their seeds and juice.



### **Class 2**

Class two have all enjoyed swimming their intensive swimming lessons over the last two weeks.

Every children has grown in confidence in the water and we have enjoyed watching them make so much progress with their swimming techniques.

We hope the children keep up this enthusiasm and families enjoying going swimming together.

Well done Class 2 you have made us really proud!

### The Morgan Trip

Thursday 18th April Class 2 went to the Morgan Factory as part of a forthcoming Science topic on 'Inventors'. We toured the whole factory from the car chassis to the finished cars with leather interior. The children learnt a lot and asked interesting questions.



### **Class 3**

Rounding off their topic on the Romans, Class Three had a brilliant time being Roman soldiers and exploring the Roman baths and an assortment of artefacts at Caerleon museum.



In Science, we have conducted an investigation to establish what plants need to grow and the effects of a lack of each of these elements.

We have been working extremely hard in Gymnastics on our balances looking at tension, extension, clarity and control. Some of us have even managed headstands with support. We have also discovered that some of us are extremely flexible!



### **Class 4**

The children have had a fabulous start to the new term learning all about evolution in science. They have been learning about adaptation and Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.







## MUCH MARCLE'S POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER. ELLEN JONES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2024

Ellen wanted to volunteer with the Legion in memory of her Great Grandfather who was injured in the battle of Passchendaele, resulting in the amputation of his left leg. After being discharged, James married and had a successful singing career due to winning a place at the Guild Hall School of Music. After this became too much, in the late 1930's James went on to work at the Poppy Factory in Richmond, before moving to Eastnor during the Second World war to bring up his 10 children with his wife. They continued to make the poppies, with help from the children and Ellen is honoured to be continuing his work.

If you would like to get involved with the Poppy Appeal as a Volunteer or Help with Fundraising throughout the year, please send me a message to pass on to Ellen.

Thank you.

[darrenmaynard@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:darrenmaynard@britishlegion.org.uk)  
or 07808263915



## Brownie Guiding in Much Marcle

Much Marcle Brownies has capacity for more girls aged 7 to 10 years old to join this term.

We meet on Wednesday evenings between 5.45 and 7pm.

Brownies have fun and make new friends whilst being involved in both indoor and outdoor activities ranging from games, craft work, outdoor games, zip wires, swimming, first aid, pet care, cooking to campfires and singing. Following the Guiding programme ensures a variety of opportunities are encountered as well as fun along the way.

We have girls attending from several local schools making it a fantastic opportunity to potentially make new friends.

If you have a daughter aged between the ages of 7 & 10 who may be interested in joining us, or coming along for a trial session, please contact either Nicola Johnson 07891 378379 or Emma-Jane Smith 07940 335027 (Brownie Guiders).

## Online Safety Whatsapp

You must be at least **16 years old** to register for and use WhatsApp.

### **What are the features of WhatsApp?**

**Group chats:** One of the key features is the group chat function. Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat.

In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups, for example, you can change it to 'my contacts', which means that only those in your child's contacts can add them to a group. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable. You can leave groups silently (only the admin will be notified). Please be aware of this in particular as groups are being set up encouraging people to 'Add all your contacts' \*\*\*please be aware of this\*\*\* as groups are being set-up and then having hundreds of contacts added to them, these contacts will be unknown to your child and they could be of all ages and be sharing inappropriate content and have access to your child's telephone number.

**Location sharing:** you can share your location on WhatsApp. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

**Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report.

**Online Bullying:** WhatsApp has been used in instances of online bullying, e.g. to send nasty messages or share images of other children without their permission. It is important to have regular chats with your child about their online life and that they understand that they must talk to you or another trusted adult if they are being bullied.

**Disappearing messages:** With disappearing messages, you can control how long a message can be seen for before it is deleted – 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days (once set, this will only work for new messages).

**View once messages:** when sending a photo or video, you can set it so it can only be viewed once by respondents. Screenshots are also blocked when using this function.



## Reading Ambassadors

A huge thank you and well done to our amazing reading ambassadors who did an excellent job in the Spring term, helping to organise World Book Day, keeping the school library tidy, and making sure book corners in each classroom are well stocked with new and old books.

A particular highlight is their very first Reading Newsletter that they have produced for all the children in the school.



They have also organised a short story writing competition which everyone can enter and the winning short stories from each class will be published in the next newsletter. What a fantastic opportunity for our budding writers!

## Magazine Donations

We are looking for donations of all kinds of magazines to have in all class reading areas. If you have any magazines at home you are willing to donate to school please drop them in to Mrs Park. Every donation helps us reach our goal of providing fun and pleasurable reading experiences to our pupils.

## Book Recommendations

### Younger Readers



### 7+ Readers



### 9+ Readers



## Hellens Garden Festival Eco Workshop

Children from Year 3, 4 and 5 headed up to Hellens for a morning of creativity. The children helped to make part of the recycling system for this year's Garden Festival. It was a practical, creative workshop and the children were learning about recycling, the waste we produce and what we can do to help others recycle more.

