

10th March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

BOOK WEEK

I hope your children came home on Friday having all enjoyed a jam-packed Book Week over the previous few days. Mrs Suleyman and Mrs Freeman, our reading subject leaders', main target was to promote 'Reading for Pleasure'. Judging from the children's faces and comments and the extremely busy Book Fair, they have definitely succeeded. Thursday's World Book Day, trips to the library, parents reading to their children in the playground, teachers running round the school reading to different classes, were a few of the activities leading up to the House Book Quiz on Friday. Congratulations to Sherwood House for winning a very closely fought contest!

DANCE SHOWCASE

Meanwhile, on Tuesday for the 23rd year, Marvels Lane were one of the Lewisham schools performing in front of an audience of more than 800 people at The Broadway Theatre in Catford.

22 children from Year 5 delivered one of the best performances we have ever done. All of their dance skills and hard work came together into a fabulous routine inspired by a book(!) - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Thank you to our new dance teacher and the Yr5 staff for their work and support throughout rehearsals and on the day. Thank you also to the parents and families for their (very!) vocal support, not to mention the brilliant dancers themselves! An evening when I was even more proud than usual to be part of Marvels Lane.

PARKING

Less positive, however, is the ongoing problems we are having with parking at the beginning and end of the day.... Please do not park in front of residents' driveways and **please** do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the gates.

Meanwhile, our governors are working hard to put pressure on the Local Authority to provide a suitable safety alternative to replace our crossing patrol on Marvels Lane, as well as to repaint the yellow lines.

PARENT / CARER CONSULTATION DAYS - Tues March 18th & Weds March 19th

You should have received an email on Friday regarding this. Please do follow the instructions and book a time to talk to your child's class teacher.

During both days, Ms Hedderman will also be running a drop-in surgery regarding **Online Safety**. This will probably be upstairs in the main building and anyone is welcome to drop in. Following on from Online Safety Week before half term, Ms Hedderman will be happy to discuss any questions you may have and either provide advice or point you in the right direction. Please also look out for an updated page on the website which will also provide

information on useful websites for parents wanting to find out more about keeping their children safe online.

ATTENDANCE

It has been a long time coming, but I am pleased to report that our attendance since half term has been over **95%**. This is a huge improvement and back close to our pre-Covid levels.

Finally, please look out on our website gallery next week, where we will post some photos from both Book Week and the Dance Showcase

Warmest wishes,

Mr Edward Dove

Headteacher