Marvels Lane Primary School Newsletter

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13th November 2026

Hello,

The weather has definitely turned and we're well on our way into winter! Please remember coats as well as hats, scarfs and gloves as it gets colder.

We have a busy term ahead. It'll be lovely to see you all for our parent/carer evenings and we have all of our Christmas festivities to look forward to.

One big difference this year is the school budget. Things are very tight for the school just as they are for us at home. As a consequence, we will be looking at different fundraising ideas as we go through the year – both for our everyday curriculum as well as enabling us to continue with some of our over and above activities which the children enjoy so much. We will let you know as each event approaches.

Isabel Hedderman



VOLUNTEERS



A huge **thank you** to all the volunteers who have joined our reading groups.
I'm sure you'll be fantastic and we look forward to our reading army growing even further. Let Susie Freeman know if you are interested in volunteering as well.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council have taken over Anti-Bullying week! They have delivered a preparation assembly with this year's theme: Break the Silence; they will be checking everyone's odd socks on Monday and will be discussing ideas their classmates have had in their next council meeting.

FUNDRAISER

On the 3rd of December, we will be holding a **Christmas Jumper Exchange**. Please donate any out grown or unloved jumpers by Tuesday 1st December. Then come along and see if there are any you would like to buy. We will charge £1 each for these pre-loved jumpers which will go into the school fund.



BOOK FAIR

Book Fair this term is running from 12th November to 18th November. Please do come along – books make great presents and stocking fillers.

Remember: card payments only. Last year we were able to buy class sets of reading books from our £700 profit. Let's aim for similar this year!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our **Tin Can Challenge**. Overall, we collected an amazing **659** items – Lewisham Food bank also wanted to say a big THANK YOU.

The team which collected the most items was **Sherwood** with 207 items – WELL DONE!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER	
Mon 16th	Odd-Socks Day
16th – 19th	Anti-Bullying Week
25th – 26th	Parent/Carer Evening
DECEMBER	
Thurs 3rd	Christmas Jumper Exchange
Tues 8th	Y2 Nativity
Weds 9th	Y2 Nativity
	Christmas Festival
	Little Acorns ASC closed
Thurs 10th	Christmas Jumper Day
14th – 15th	N, R, Y1 Christmas performance
Weds 16th	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 17th	Y3-Y6 Carol Service
	Class Parties
Fri 18th	R & Y1 Assembly
	End of Term
	Little Acorns ASC closed
JANUARY	
4th – 5th	INSET
Weds 6th	Children Return to School

WINTER FAIR



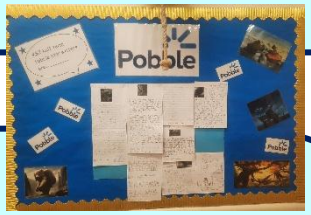
Yes – we're planning already!!

If you'd like a stall or if you would like to help with our Winter Fair, please let Susie Freeman or the office know.

UPDATE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

We are delighted that Ms Hedderman and Mrs Macnamara are staying in their leadership roles while we move forward with recruiting a new Head Teacher. Their commitment, care and dedication to the children, staff and wider school community continue to make a real difference, and we are grateful for the stability and support they provide.

As governors, we are excited about the next chapter for Marvels Lane and look forward to keeping you updated along the way. We'd also love to hear from you. What would you like governors to tell you more about? If you'd like to learn more about our role, share your ideas, or get involved, please contact us via the School Business Manager.



WHAT IS POBBLE 365?

In order to increase the level of enthusiasm and enjoyment for writing, Marvels Lane pupils have been using their Friday writing lessons to write creatively for a range of purposes. Each week, the children see a unique, engaging image that they use as a writing prompt. Children can step away from the restraints of the writing curriculum and embrace their imagination.

Each term, teachers select a pupil who has really stood out in these lessons for a specific reason. The child might have used fantastic vocabulary when describing settings or characters, they may have used dialogue that conveys character or moves the story along or they could have shown progress related to one of their own personal writing targets – there are many!

This term's star Pobble writers are:

Jo and Lorien in Year 6, Zahra and Alya in Year 5, Eva and Jaime in Year 4, Nylah and Kavarni in Year 3, Onelle and Amir-Jordan in Year 2.

Well done to everyone! A small selection of some pieces of writing can be seen on a display board by the Year 4 classrooms.

Year 1 and Reception do take part in Pobble but slightly later in the year.

If you would like to have a look at the pictures we use, click here: **https://app.pobble.com/lessons/prompt** - the images do change daily.

What's been happening in school?

YEAR 6



Year 6 visited Chislehurst Caves. This trip was to support their geographical learning about mountains, hills and caves, and our WW2 topic after Christmas. They enjoyed the visit and were surprised to hear how many people sheltered here during The Blitz – 15,000!

YEAR 5

In Year 5, we've been having fun in our P.E. lessons. Our focus has been gymnastics, where we used the apparatus to practice symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes. We used our knowledge of balancing and safe dismounting to support our successes.

YEAR 4

In Year 4, we attended a fantastic poetry workshop in the Southbank Centre. We created our own poems with the help of the famous Joseph Coelho.



YEAR 3



Year 3 had an amazing time visiting the Natural History Museum where we explored the fascinating world of dinosaurs, fossils, rocks and prehistoric life. The children enjoyed discovering more about our topic.

YEAR 2



In Year 2, we had a surprise visit from an alien called Blip Blip. Blip Blip caused a lot of havoc and gave us plenty to write about.

YEAR 1

In Year 1, we investigated finding different ways of making 10 using 2 colour counters. This later supported our learning of understanding part whole models.



RECEPTION

In Reception, we have been learning about People Who Help Us. The children are having great fun being police officers and traffic wardens giving out tickets to 'crazy drivers' on bikes and scooters!



NURSERY

We have welcomed many new children since September. The children have been exploring their new environment. The children have been using their problem-solving skills in the creative area and taking turns.



ATTENDANCE

As we are focusing as a school on improving our attendance, I thought you might be interested in how each of our classes are doing. Below is how well each class attended this week and since we came back in September.



CLASS	THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER
Beech	96%	95%
Chestnut	93%	96%
Alder	82%	89%
Willow	91%	93%
Apple	97%	96%
Whitebeam	97%	97%
Lime	96%	96%
Silkwood	92%	93%
Cherry	93%	96%
Nutmeg	95%	94%
Banyan	95%	96%
Koa	92%	93%
Manuka	96%	94%
Nursery	94%	86%
Whole School	**94%**	**94%**

As you can see, we have a little way to go before we get to our whole school target of **96%.** How well is your child's class doing?

If you need to report your child absent, please email the school office:
attendance@marvelslane.lewisham.sch.uk
or call the school and leave a message via Option 1



REMEMBER
Names on all clothes really do help us return items to your children – **lost property** is growing rapidly!

VALUES WORDS

November = **Manners**

December = **Christmas**

Please talk about these at home.