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Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am absolutely elated to be given the opportunity to contribute to this month's newsletter. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Mrs Mughal and I am an Assistant Headteacher as well as a Year 6 class teacher at Marish. It has been a wonderful journey for me since I joined the Trust, just over 6 years ago!



As we welcome the sunshine and excitement of the summer term, we remain dedicated to providing an environment that is full of energy, enjoyment and support for all our children. Just as summer is about to be in full swing, we have many exciting activities and thrilling trips planned ahead. We are looking forward to spending some more time outdoors as well as supporting children with their end-of-year transitions!

I would also like to take a moment to inform all our school community about our upcoming Multicultural Day later this month. It really is a time for us to celebrate and recognise the diverse cultures that we have within our school. We truly value the richness and cultural capital that all celebrations provide.

As a reminder, please ensure children are bringing in a water bottle daily and are wearing the correct school uniform – clearly labelled with your child's name. Please remember to join our upcoming summer parent workshops and watch out for these in the newsletters. These workshops are invaluable and will provide you with an insightful understanding of your child's journey at school.

Thank you for your continued support; it is a pleasure to work alongside a wonderful community of parents and carers.

Warmest regards, Mrs Mughal

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SEN Unit Activities













During free flow, children enjoy developing their learning skills through play. Sensory trays and fine motor activities remain firm favourites. They explored the ocean theme by creating coral reef-inspired artwork and drawing sea creatures.





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SEN Unit Activities















This term, children are enjoying the 'Under the Sea' topic through sensory play, water games, and learning about aquatic creatures. In PSHE, they explored responsibility and sharing through role play, including a family picnic where they took on tasks like setting the table and washing dishes.



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Nurture Activities





The Nurture Group children created beautiful fruit silhouette prints as part of their artwork this term.

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EYFS Activities



The children have made the most of the sunny weather with outdoor painting, bubble-blowing, and games like 'What's the time, Mr. Wolf?' as part of their learning. They explored the story of The Three Little Pigs by building houses with different materials and creating artwork using straw, sticks, and bricks. In maths, they developed their understanding of 'one more' and explored weight through hands-on activities with balancing scales and oats. These activities have supported creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork.

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Nursery Farm Visit



The children in our nursery had a wonderful time meeting the farm animals. They enjoyed petting, feeding, and learning about the different animals up close!

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Year 4 Living Forest Trip



Year 4 visited the Living Rainforest this half-term. They enjoyed learning about how animals and plants adapt to their environment. The tour guides were impressed by the children's curiosity and thoughtful questions.

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MFL - BASQUE



International Language of the Month – Basque.

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Now let's learn a few phrases... Bai = Yes $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{o}$ Kaixo!, = Hello Agur!, Adio! = Goodbye! Ikusi arte = See you! Eskerrik asko! = Thank you! Egun on = Good morning (literally: Good day) Arratsalde on = Good evening Gabon = Good night Mesedez = Please Barkatu = Excuse me Komunak = Toilets Zorionak = Happy holidays (During Christmas and new year's), congratulations Ez dakit euskaraz= I do not speak Basque Ba al dakizu ingelesez?= Do you speak English? Badakizu euskaraz? = Do you speak Basque? Bai ote? = Really? Hementxe! = Over / right here! Lasai= Take it easy

The Basques are a people with a unique history and culture. Most Basques live in northern Spain, but some live in southern France. They have lived in this region for many hundreds of years.

The Basques have a unique language called Euskara. It is unlike any other European language. Some Basques who still speak Euskara. However, most Basques speak either Spanish or French too.

The Basques traditionally were farmers. They also sailed far over the Atlantic Ocean to fish and hunt whales. In more recent times they have built large industrial towns. Their factories make lumber, furniture, iron, and steel.

Basque is one of the four official languages in Spain. The others are: Castilian Spanish, Catalan and Galician.

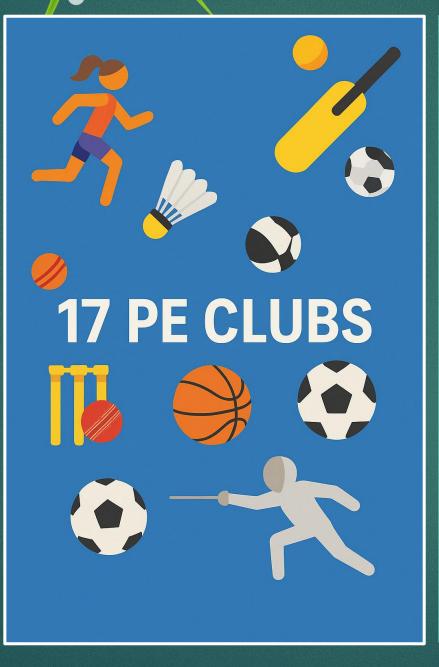


The biggest city in the Spanish Basque country is Bilbao.

Bilbao is famous for having the Guggenheim Museum. The museum is a giant, modernlooking building designed by famous architect Frank Gehry. It has lots of cool art inside, and you can even see a giant dog made of flowers outside! He is called Puppy. Puppy is about 12 meters tall, which is taller than a two-story building and is a work of art made by the famous artist Jeff Koons. It is a 'living sculpture' which means that thee plants on Puppy's "coat" are real and need to be watered and changed twice a year, in the spring and autumn.

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PE



We've hit a record!

17 PE clubs are running this Summer term across Marish and Willow — from athletics and ball games to fencing, cricket, netball, football, and more! Huge thanks to our amazing staff and coaches for making this possible!

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Marathon Milestone for Mr Fuller!



Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Fuller who completed the TCS London Marathon on 27 April 2025 — the 4th hottest on record! Not only did they brave the heat, but they also became part Guinness World Record holders as participants of the largest number of marathon runners in a single day. Mr Fuller has now raised an incredible £1,846 for Brain Research UK, reaching 92% of his fundraising goal.

Let's help him reach 100%! You can still donate here: https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/grant-fuller

Well done, Mr Fuller!

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Healthy Lifestyle

Activities to keep fit at home

Exercise: Bullseye Race Players: 4 or more Where to play? Outdoors How to play

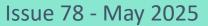


- Mark out a circuit and get into pairs. One of you is Bullseye and one is Woody or Jessie.
- 2. Bullseye lies face down and Woody or Jessie picks up their feet like a wheelbarrow.



3. On "Yee-haw!", race on your hands around the course.

4. After each lap take a pit stop and swap roles. Whichever pair completes the most laps in 10 minutes are the champions.



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JERK-STYLE CHICKEN SKEWERS

Preparation time - 20 mins Cooking time - 10 mins Serves - 4

Ingredients

- 4 wooden skewers, soaked in water for 30 minut
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- juice of half a lemon
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 or 2 teaspoons jerk seasoning, to taste
- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into 12 large chunks
- 1 red pepper, cut into 16 chunks
- 1 onion, quartered and separated to give 16 pieces
- 4 sweetcorn cobettes (to serve)

Method:

- 1. Mix the garlic, lemon juice and olive oil with 1 teaspoon of jerk seasoning (or 2 if you prefer a spicier flavour). Stir in the chicken and set aside while you prepare the vegetables.
- 2. Thread a piece of pepper onto a skewer, then onion, then chicken, finishing with onion.
- 3. Cook on the barbecue for 8 to 10 minutes, turning frequently. Alternatively, cook under a preheated grill.
- 4. Meanwhile cook the sweetcorn cobettes in boiling water, or on the barbecue for 6 to 8 minutes.

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/jerk-style-chicken-skewers/



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Attendance

Marish

May 2025

Reception: 90.43%

Year 1: 93.83%

Year 2: 93.96%

Year 3: 94.41%

Year 4: 96.57%

Year 5: 96.51%

Year 6: 91.75%

Target: 96%

Willow

May 2025

Reception: 94.24%

Year 1: 92.83%

Year 2: 96.83%

Year 3: 95.93%

Year 4: 94.83%

Year 5: 97.59%

Year 6: 95.33%

Target: 96%



Last month's 100% attendance reward was a pack of a biscuits!





Below 90% Serious Concern Drastic effect on academic success

> **95-90% Cause for Concern** Negatively affecting academic success

> > 100%- 96% WELL DONE Achieving full potential

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Timings of the School Day from December

Soft start is from 8:15am to 8:30am for all year groups except Nursery.

SEN Unit:	Doors open 8:15am to 8:45am and then at 3:00pm	
Nursery:	8:00 – 11:00am and 12:00pm – 3:00pm	
Nursery full time (Marish)	8:00am – 3:00pm	
Reception:	8:30am – 3:15pm	
Year 1 and Year 2:	8:30am – 3:15pm	
Year 3 and Year 4:	8:30am – 3:25pm	
Year 5 and Year 6:	8:30am – 3:25pm	

Ensure that you drop your child off at the designated entrance. Do not leave them unsupervised on the school grounds.

Fees for Breakfast club and Meerkats

Meerkats	Before 4pm	After 4pm
	£2	£5
Breakfast Club	£1 per day	-
Late collection	£5 per 15 minutes	-

Full time only sessions, £2, parents still need to order and pay for school dinner in addition to this.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast club or Meerkats you will need to apply for a space. For more information or an application form, enquire at the school office.

Please note, there is a different payment schedule for Pupil Premium/ Free School Meal pupils. Please contact the office before applying.

All pupils must be booked in advance otherwise they will not be allowed to attend. If your child attends Meerkats without a booking you will be charged the late fee. Children must not attend Breakfast Club without a booking as numbers are limited. Please book a week in advance.

You are required to sign your child in to Breakfast Club and out of Meerkats each day.

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School Uniform

Our Trust school uniform consists of:

- Red/Green sweatshirt or cardigan (Red for Marish and Green for Willow)
- Navy blue trousers, shorts or skirt
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Black smart shoes (no boots, high heels or platforms)
- Nursery the above with grey or black jogging bottoms
- PE Kit red plain round neck T-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms
- A plain black tracksuit to wear over the PE kit for outdoor lessons in cold weather.
 Trainers/plimsolls will work for outside lessons
- Swimming is a part of the Year 4 curriculum and pupils are expected to have appropriate swim wear with a swimming hat



All items of clothing must be clearly labelled with the child's name. The only jewellery allowed is one small stud in each ear, a watch and that which is a specific religious requirement. These must all be removed for PE. The child must take full responsibility for looking after these items. the school will accept no responsibility for their loss or damage.

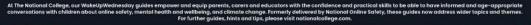
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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators MANAGING EXAM STRESS

At some point in their education, children are almost certain to encounter exam stress, which can cast a shadow over their mental, emotional and physical wellbeing. Mental health charity YoungMinds estimate that a staggering 87% of pupils suffer from exam stress – highlighting the urgent need to minimise its impact on children's health and happiness.

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PRACTISE WORKLOAD WISDOM

he build up to exam season is such a busy at pressurised time in a child's education that can be difficult for youngsters to avoid feeling rerwhelmed. Encourage them to consider hether their current workload is realistic and lows them sufficient time to relax and charage. Work with them in croting a revision

ADVISE CLEARING THE CLUTTER

disciganised work environment is proven to legaliavly effect our ability to locus, as well as sur emotional state. Incourage children to keep heir desk, notes and revision materials tidy – reating a dedicated, well-kept study space to romote maximum focus. Faster their creativity ys uggesting they incorporate vibrant colours, mind maps and even quirk ydrowings into their

MASTER THE MATERIALS TOGETHER

Revision seems far hardor when a child is uncertain where to begin or what sources to consult. Support them in confirming revision materials with their various teachers – emphasising the importance of gathering a range of resources to gat a more comprehensive understanding of the subject. Feeling more prepared should nuture the child's confidence and help to dispel some of their anxiety.

RECOMMEND CREATIVE

Writing out notes in full – rather than simply bullet pointing – can be a strong start to a child's revision. Reinforce this idea, encouraging the use of floashcarda (featuring shorter versions al previously taken notes) for effective repetition and memorization. Discuss the power of regularly reviewing notes to help them stay in the child's memory.

USE VISUAL AIDS AND MNEMONICS

Encourage the use of visual aids like videos and sticky notes to enhance learning. Some chiedhard find these resources far more useful than simply reading their notes as written. Explore creating mnemonics for a fun and effective study approach – and it's also worth noting that the strategic use of colours is a proven means of triggering recall during axoms.

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Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist pastgraduate mental health qualifications. Winner of the Social Enterprise UK: 'One to Watch' award, the charity provides training and support to education organisations and local authorities. This guide has been written by Adam Gillett – a learning and development specialist who is also Associate Vice-Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School. GATHER A

Technology can be a huge advantage in exam prop. Advantanta (Musedian) advantage in and revision websites like BBC litesize can be immensely powerful resources for helping children to sepand and retain their knowledge. You could diso recommend the use of flashcard apps and educational padcasts for revision and



Revision tends to go far more emoothy if children are having fur in the process. Injecting some humour into their notes, for instance, can make details more memorobie – as can relating information to their read-Ille experiences. Try to encourage a variety of study methods, such as incorporating physical activity (even simply taking a walk) into their residon routine.

8 SUGGEST ACTIVE REVISION STRATEGIES

Make sure children are aware of different study techniques. You could emphasise the effectiveness of spaced repetition by reviewing material regularly over time to reinforce learning and improve retention. Discuss the benefits of active recall methods – such as self-testing or explaining a concept aloud – in identifying where their strengths and weaknesses i le.

9 ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE MINDSET

It can be easy for children's thoughts to fail into a downward spiral when they're stressed about exams. Try to foster a growth mindset by emphasising the importance of giving it their all rather than aiming for complete perfection. Positive self-tak and the use of affirmations can build confidence and reduce anxiety, while visualising success and setting readistic goals



There are lots of things children can do on the day of their exam to reduce stress and increase their focus. Talk them through some helpful exam - day strategies - such as arriving early, reading the instructions and the questions carefully, and pacing themsalwes during the test. Suggest some relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing or visualisation, to help them manage any nerves before and during the

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Summer Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 10am
Decreasing Depression	16 June 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	17 June 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 June 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	24 June 10am
Autism Improving Communication	24 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	30 June 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	30 June 7pm
Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am

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What is INCEL culture? Isolation and rejection Lack of positive role models Over dependence on Smart phones Screen addiction Vulnerability to online bullying Influenced by negative role models Toxic websites Violent behaviour & misogyny

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