



Newsletter Friday 13th September 2024

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Dear Parents/carers,

We would like to welcome you to the Autumn Term in school, in particular to those families who have just joined our GMSJ family. Summer, and the little bit of sunshine that we had, already seems like a long time ago but I hope that you managed to have a relaxing break and spend time together.

The children have come back to school looking very smart in their uniforms and for that I thank you. Should you need any additional uniform, then please visit the office and Mr Longley or Mrs Fletcher will point you in the right direction.

This week you will have received information about opting into homework. Homework will be posted onto Google classrooms on Fridays and needs to be completed by the following Wednesday. All children however will bring reading books home to share with you.

Reading is a priority at GMSJ and we encourage a love of reading in the children. We would love you to play your part in this too. There will be 'Stay and Read' sessions running in KS1 and all children will soon be able to bring a library book home so there are many lovely opportunities to share books with your children.

As always we are available to support you, not only in your children's education, but in other areas if needed. Please contact the office via email on gmsjoffice@cidari.co.uk, telephone or in person and one of the Senior Leadership Team will happily see you if we are available.

Kind regards
Mrs Hollas



Class Dojo

We have started off this new school year with our new communication platform - Class Dojo.

The majority of our parents/carers are now up and running with this and we thank you for getting on board. The feedback we have received so far is very positive.

A point we wanted to touch on briefly is that all responses to a group message will need to be sent directly to either Mrs Fletcher or Mr Longley. It also has a great feature within the settings, whereby the app will automatically translate all messages for those whose first language may not be english.

It is essential that all our parents are signed up to this to receive all urgent class and school notifications, as well as good work messages home and information on school trips etc.

The office has sent out a QR coded letter this week to all students without a parent/carer registered on the platform. Please get in touch if you need any help with this.

This weeks Medal Winners are:

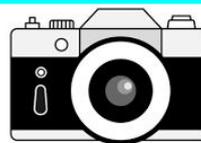
Ari - Year 5 - For amazing sentence writing

Mirren - Year 1 - For being a great listener and trier, super maths and phonics and for always joining in.

Free School Meals - Are you eligible for **Free School Meals**? Use this link to check:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

Please remember to update the office if your child has any allergies or dietary requirements that we need to be aware of, as well as any changes to medical conditions.



Mobile Phones

Please note only children in Years 5 & 6 should be bringing phones into school - and only if necessary. These must be turned off whilst on the school premises and handed to the class teacher.

School Photos

Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday to take photos of all our children. Please remember to wear full uniform - including a tie.

KS1 MILK

All children under 5 years old are provided with free school milk within school. All KS1 children aged 5+ can receive milk, by registering and making payment with Cool milk. Use this link for more information and to register

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

Meet our Friends Group

Our Friends group is made up of teachers, parents and friends of the school community. Anyone is welcome to join, and our aim is to help plan and arrange fundraising events to benefit the children. Any money raised is used around the school on things such as new equipment and special events/trips to help enrich the children's experiences whilst at school.

We are actively seeking new members to come and join our meetings. If you are interested, please either contact the office or keep an eye out for the next meeting date which will be published on the school newsletter.





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Free School Meals

If you believe that you are eligible for free school meals, please scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. This will take you to the Lancashire County Council application page.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, not only does this mean you won't have to pay for lunches, but will also mean your child is a Pupil Premium recipient and will give the school extra funding for a variety of materials and activities.

If you require any assistance with the application please do not hesitate to ask one of us in the office for support. We are more than happy to help.



Year 6 - Upcoming Open evenings for High School

Year 6 - Don't forget to register for High School Places by 31st October by using the following link:

<https://schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Open Evening

We invite you to join us for our Open Evening to learn more about Marsden Heights Community College and what our school can offer.

Wednesday 9th October 5pm - 8pm



The poster features a dark blue background with a colorful geometric pattern at the top. At the top center is a crest with the letters 'FM' and a cross, with the motto 'LET ALL OUR BRIGHT COLORS SHINE' above it. The main text is in large white font: 'Fisher More Open Evening'. Below this, in a lighter blue band, is 'Tuesday 8th October 2024' and '5pm to 7pm'. At the bottom, in white text, is 'Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Roman Catholic High School' and 'Gibfield Road, Colne, BB8 8JT'.



Year 6 Open Event

If your child is in Year 6, you can reserve your place at our Open Event on Thursday 26th September by clicking here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/colne-primet-academy-open-evening-tickets-909747317717>

Applications for a September 2025 Year 7 place need to be made on the Lancashire County Council website by 31st October 2024 - <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

LUNCH TIME

Autumn Winter

2024-25:

2/9, 23/9, 14/10,

4/11, 25/11,

16/12, 6/1, 27/1

THE MAIN EVENT

MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish

RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Grains

BIG TOPPING
Meat, Bacon

DESSERT TROLLEY

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT
AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Cheese

MONDAY

Margherita Pizza
Slice and Wedges

Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza
Slice with Wedges

Sweetcorn

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Toffee Frozen Yoghurt

TUESDAY

BBQ Cheesy Chicken

Cheesy & Bean Wrap

Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Brownie

WEDNESDAY

Bangers & Mash

Quorn Sausage, Mash

Peas and Carrots

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Forest Fruits Jelly Pots

THURSDAY

Lasagne

Vegetable Lasagne

Green Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Cookie Dough Apple Crumble

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips

Veggie Burger and Chips

Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits

LUNCH TIME

Autumn Winter

2024-25:

9/9, 30/9, 21/10,

11/1, 2/12,

23/12, 13/1, 3/2



The MAIN EVENT

Cheesy Tomato
Pizza Muffins

Sticky Chinese
Noodles

Buttered Chicken
Curry

Classic
Cottage
Pie

Battered Fish
and Chips

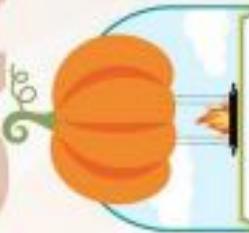
MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



MEAT-FREE MAGIC
veggie Dish

BBQ and
Sweetcorn
Pizza Slice

Sticky Ho Sin
Veggie Noodles

Sweet Potato & Chic
Pea Balti

Roasted Sweet
Potato Pastry Roll
and Mash

Cheese and
Tomato Toasted
Wrap with Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Zouya

Wholegrain
Pasta Salad and
Green salad

Broccoli

Wholegrain Rice
& Sweetcorn

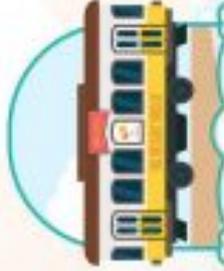
Peas

Baked
Beans



BIG TOPPING
Filled Avocado

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo



DESSERT TROLLEY

Toffee Apple
Sponge and
Custard

Chocolate
Sprinkle Iced
Cake

Raspberry
Coconut Jelly

Fresh Fruit
Salad

Anzac
Biscuits

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT
AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce &
Cheese

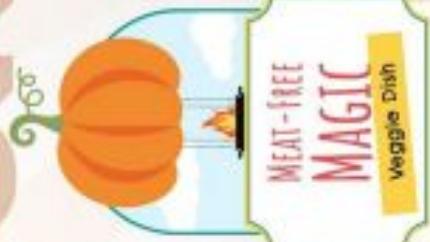
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Autumn Winter
2024-25:
16/9, 7/10,
28/10, 18/11,
9/12, 30/12,
20/1, 10/2



THE MAIN EVENT

Aspens All Day Brunch
Sausage Casserole and Mash
Chicken Tikka Masala
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice
Golden Fish Fingers and Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish

Aspens Veggie Brunch
Vegetable Pot Pie and Mash
Vegetable Curry
Mild Veggie Bean Chilli Loaded Wedges with Cheese
Vegetable Fingers and Chips



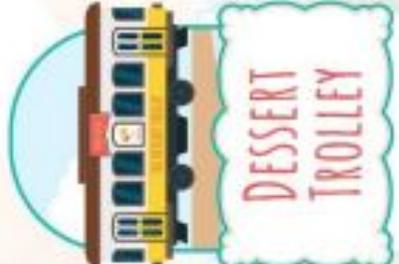
RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

Baked Beans
Roast Root Veggies
Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn
Broccoli
Peas



BIG TOPPING
Filled with...

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
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DESSERT TROLLEY

Marble Cake
Apple, Cinnamon Raisin Flapjacks
Orange and Mango Jelly
Banana Bread Muffins
Gingerbread Cookies

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT
AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
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Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

I.C.T

Capacity Building Workshops

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