



Newsletter Friday 27th September 2024

Genesis 6 11-14

When God looked at the earth, he saw that people had ruined it. Violence was everywhere, and it had ruined their life on earth.

So God said to Noah, "Everyone has filled the earth with anger and violence. So I will destroy all living things. I will remove them from the earth. Use cypress wood and build a boat for yourself. Make rooms in the boat and cover it with tar inside and out.

Dear Parents/carers,

As the days grow shorter and colder, those few summer days we had seem a long time ago. One of my favourite songs for this time of year is Autumn Days. One verse talks about 'Autumn days when the grass is jewelled', I think it means that there is a crisp, cool frost covering the ground. Sadly, given the volume of rain we have had, the ground is just full of mud and puddles. Ideal if you are Peppa Pig!!



Harvest Festival

One of our most cherished traditions at GMSJ is our annual Harvest Festival. This special event provides us with an opportunity to express gratitude for the work of the farmers and the harvest right around the world. Once again, Year 1 will be leading our service, which will be held in school. Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Hollas have put together a day by day plan for making donations of various types of food, anything you can give would be highly appreciated.

At the time when Jesus was alive, the harvest was a most important event. The gathering of things planted signified a time of joy and thankfulness, as they knew they would have food enough for the months to come. There are many references in the Bible to harvesting.

In Psalms 67:6 it says '**The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.**' Even today it is so important that we remember this. Our wonderful, amazing planet provides us with a rich variety of foods to enjoy.

When my children were little there was a game that we liked to play, particularly on a long car journey - the Alphabet Game. It does exactly what it says, you take turns to work through the alphabet naming relevant things on a certain theme. Without question, our favourite topic was food. Can you get all the way from A - Z? I'll start the game off for you...

A - avocado B - blackberries C - cottage pie D - dahl E- enchilada

I look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evening very soon.

Take care,

Mrs M Underwood



This weeks Medal Winners are:

Nyla	-	Year 6	- for gorgeous geography
Daisy	-	Year 6	- for gorgeous geography
Reid	-	Year 6	- for marvellous maths
Miley	-	Year 6	- for marvellous mathematical calculations
Rowan	-	Year 5	- for being a super helper at lunchtime
Harvey	-	Year 4	- for improved handwriting and sentence writing
Brock	-	Year 2	- for wonderful independent writing
Ibraheem	-	Year 2	- for gorgeous geography
Elijah	-	Year 1	- for a stunning scientific drawing

PE KITS

Can we remind everyone that PE kits need to be kept in school. We still have a lot of children without the correct full kit. Our full PE kit consists of:

Blue tshirt

Blue shorts

Black pumps

These are usually widely available in most supermarkets and uniform shops. Pumps are an essential part of the kit and need to be worn. We have in the past purchased spare kits, but these do not get returned after going home so we currently have no spares in school.

Google Forms

Next week we will be sending out a google questionnaire form regarding permission to use photographs of the children on our website,newsletter, twitter etc.

We will be looking to update all the photos on our website over the coming months, It is essential you respond so we can ensure our records are updated accurately and no photos get used without permission.

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>

Parents Evening

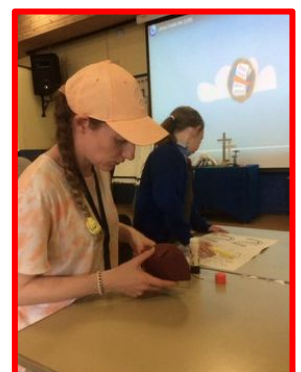
Our upcoming Parents Evening will be held on Monday 7th October. Invites have been sent out via email this week. Don't forget to book your slot.

Friends Group Meeting

Our next Friends Group Meeting will be held on Monday 30th September at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



We had a great time at JAM club on Tuesday night, learning about Jesus feeding 5000 people! There are still some spaces for Year 2 & 3 if you would like to join us - please see Miss Jefferies or Mrs Fletcher to get booked on.



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



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HARVEST Celebration week

Thursday 26th September - Cereals

Friday 27th September - Pasta/Rice

Monday 30th September - Tins

Tuesday 1st October - Crisps/ Biscuits

Wednesday 2nd October - Fresh Fruit or Veg

We are taking donations all week for our Harvest celebrations which will be held on Wednesday 2nd October. Please join in and bring what you can. All the donations are going to our food bank.

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>

Don't forget to register your child's place for High School by 31st October.



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

Pendle Vale College Open Evening

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

5:30pm-7:30pm

Headteacher presentation – 5:45pm & 6:30pm



Pendle

Have you joined our team to Beat the Street?

This is such a fun initiative to get everyone active whilst discovering their local areas.

If you download the app it also includes details for some local events.

We are currently **12th** on the School Leaderboard - let's aim to move up another few spots by my next newsletter! We can do this!

Remember in order for it to count - you must tap 2 beat boxes within the hour. Don't forget there is one right outside of the school gates!

Go Active Week Events



Nelson Fire Station Family Fun Day: 28 September, 10am-4pm

Meet the friendly team of firefighters and staff at Nelson Fire Station (BB9 7QH)! There will be a chance to have a look around their Hagglund vehicle and smoke tent. The Children and Wellbeing service will also be there doing free health checks.

We will also have a Bonus Box there with double points!



1970s Festival - Colne: 28 September, 10am-9pm

Head to the 1970s Festival taking place in Colne for an artisan food market, a vintage market, 70s roller disco and live music!

There will be a Bonus Beat Box at Colne Town Hall with double points!



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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.



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