



Maney Hill Newsletter

26th February 2016

Dates for your diary

March

- 2nd – Mother's Day Assembly (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
- 3rd – World Book Day
- 4th – Y3 to Tamworth Castle
- 7th – Cyberwise eSafety Workshop for Y4, Y5 & Y6
- 9th – Reception Ash Farm
- 9th – Y1 Maths Inspire
- 11th – RNLI Workshops for Y1-6
- 15th – Reception R Inspire
- 17th – Y3 Class Assembly
- 18th – Sports Relief Day
- 19th – PTA Race Night
- 22nd – Reception H Inspire
- 23rd – Easter Bonnets Parade

April

- 11th – Staff Training Day
- 12th – first day of Summer term
- 13th – Life Caravan
- w/b 18th – Parents' Drop-in
- 21st – English Inspire
- 26th – Y4 Maths Inspire

May

- 4th – Y3 Maths Inspire
- 5th – Y1 Class Assembly
- 9th – SATs Week
- 9th – Year 5 residential
- 22nd – PTA Fun Run
- 25th – Reception R Class Assembly
- 27th – Staff Training Day

June

- w/b 6th Provisional Sports Day
- 22nd – Reception H Class Assembly
- 24th – Y6 to Sutton Park
- 30th Transition Day

July

- 4th – Y5 Buddies Assembly
- 9th – PTA Summer Fayre
- w/b 11th Reports out
- w/b 18th – Leavers' Production
- 22nd – last day of year

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. We returned to some very cold weather but lots of sunshine and many of our daffodils in bloom. With Easter being quite early, this is a very short half term. Nonetheless, the teachers have packed lots into a short space of time. The half term ends with our Reception and Key Stage 1 Easter Bonnets Parade and we are delighted that Reverend Rhodes will be in school to lead an Easter assembly for the whole school. Alongside our Head Boy and Head Girl, he will also be judging the Easter Bonnets!

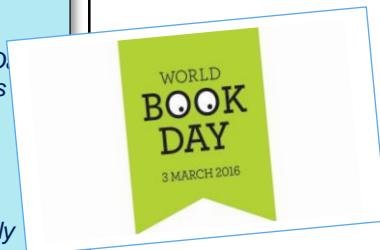
Mrs Whitehead

Upcoming events

Mrs Freer and the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 teaching staff are busy making final preparations for next week's **Mother's Day Assemblies**. The PTA will be making teas and coffees and it's an opportunity, should you wish, to have a chat with the PTA about how you can support future events. *Mother's Day Assemblies are on Wednesday 2nd March – Reception from 2pm, Year 1 and Year 2 from 2.30pm.*



All the classes will be involved with **World Book Day** on Thursday 3rd March. Mrs Freer, Miss Tyrrell and Miss Farmer will be running the book swap. Children can bring in any book from home and swap it for another. In addition to books from home, we will have lots of brand new books that can be swapped. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in book related events.



The **Year 3** class will be having a day out at **Tamworth Castle** on Friday 4th March. The visit has been arranged as part of their topic on understanding the features of a castle and will also support the children's development of descriptive story writing.

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Staffing Update

The Governing Body were very pleased to appoint Miss Cipko as Deputy Headteacher. Currently, Miss Cipko works as Assistant Headteacher in a primary school in Warwickshire. She will join us in May.

Tae Kwon Do

We have vacancies for **Thursday's club**.

If interested, please see **Mrs Smith at the office**.

Athletics Report

On Wednesday 24th February, 23 children took part in an indoor athletics competition at Arthur Terry school. From Year 3 there was Emily, Daisy, Sofia, Millie, Lydia, Spencer, Ishan, Tom and Ben and from Year 4 there was Lara, Iliana, Sharniya, Poppy, Zoe, Maddie, Grace, Ethan, Freddie, Hugo, Harry, Oscar, Gregory and Tom. We took part in different track and field events. Some field events were long jump, speed bounce, chest push and target throw. Some track events were obstacle races, over/under races, relay races and hurdles.

We managed to finish in 5th place out of 8 schools that were there. Thank you to Mr McNicholas for taking us and to all of the parents who supported us during the event.

- By Ben Richards and Sofia Johnson



Reception H	Isaac Dexter & Olivia Lightfoot
Reception R	Emily Vaughan & Freya Goodall
Year 1	Toby Moorhouse & Emeline Vuong
Year 2	Bella Tross & Isabel Jarrett
Year 3	Gracie Blunt & Harry Sealey
Year 4	Mustafa Ahmed & Natasha Boyle
Year 5	Eve Freeman & Sam Wall
Year 6	Thomas Halliday & Natasha Mallee



Governor Spotlight:

Karthi Srikanthan

Co-opted Governor

What made you decide to become a governor of Maney Hill School?

Education is the most valuable asset a child could have and I wanted to ensure that every child at Maney Hill received the best education possible. I have many years of experience in Financial Services and the Third Sector and felt I could make a real contribution to the school. In addition, I have a close affinity with Maney Hill as my son is here. I also felt I could bring cultural diversity to the Governing Body.

What skills do you think you bring to the role?

I offer strong financial and project management skills. I am also a people person.

What do you most enjoy about being a governor at Maney Hill School?

The staff and children make Maney Hill a fantastic place to be and I am privileged to be a part of it.

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is Lamprais, a Sri Lankan delicacy - rice boiled in stock accompanied by meatballs, meat curry, blachan, aubergine curry and onion pickle all wrapped in banana leaf and baked in an oven. Yum!

Who would you most like to talk to on a long journey?

I would love to share a long journey with the great Haile Gebrselassie and talk about long distance running and how and what he did to achieve all that he has. When I ran the 2014 London Marathon he was the pace maker, obviously not for me! However, I take pride in saying that we ran the same event. He is a true legend and a real champion.

What is your least favourite activity?

Ironing, absolutely detest it but needs must.



Class of the Week

Congratulations to **Year 5** who are our 'top class' during lunchtimes.