

Maney Hill Newsletter

20th October 2017

Dates for your diary

updates in red

October

 $23^{rd} - 27^{th}$ – half term week 31^{st} – 1R Inspire Workshop

November

1st – School Photographs 2nd – Y3 Inspire Workshop 8th – 2W Inspire Workshop 9th – Open Morning

14th – 2G Inspire Workshop 23rd – Inspire Workshop w/b 27th Christmas Hoops Up

December

1st – PTA Christmas Fayre w/b 4th SEND One Page Profile Meetings

w/b 4th - Reception P w/b 11th - Christn w/b 11th - KS1 Pr w/b 18th - Carol C w/b 18th - KS2 Pro 15th - Xmas Jumpe 21st - last day of t 22nd - Staff Training

January 8th – Spring Term sta

23rd – 2W Inspire Work. 31st – 2G Inspire Workshop

February

1st – Y3 Class Assembly 6th – 1J Inspire Workshop 19th – 23rd – half term week 28th – Y5 Inspire Workshop

March

8th – Y4 Class Assembly 13th – RB Inspire Workshop 21st – RS Inspire Workshop

27th – RS Inspire Workshop 27th – Easter Assembly with Rev Rhodes

29th – last day of term **April**

16th – Summer Term starts 19th – Y3 Inspire Workshop 26th – 1 I Class Assembly

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Dear Parents and Carers

Despite expanding to two form entry, we seem to be more popular than ever. All year groups have long waiting lists for places. This week we hosted a huge number of parents at the Reception Open Morning, for children starting in September 2018. Despite the ongoing building work, so many parents commented on how lovely the school is. They also talked about how happy the children are which was great to hear. As always, our Year 6 class were amazing tour guides taking prospective parents around the whole school and answering any questions. If you have a younger child starting in September 2018, don't forget to let Mrs Smith know. We ended the week with our first Special Merits Assembly of the year. It's been a super half term. Whatever you have planned for half term, have a good week!

Mrs Whitehead

A visit to Buckingham Palace...

About 200 Headteachers from across the United Kingdom were invited to an Education Forum at Buckingham Palace led by HRH The Duke of York. I was delighted to be one of those invited. On Monday I swapped my office for the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace! HRH The Duke of York was joined by representatives from The Outward

Bound Trust and an education and industry panel. The theme of the forum was the importance of developing resilience and emotional well-being alongside learning knowledge and understanding. Aside from the fabulous surroundings and amazing canapés, a few comments stood out:

HRH The Duke of York talked about the importance of young people learning how to cope with failure in order to succeed.

Sir Anthony Seldon talked about inspiring children to try new things and stressed that resilience couldn't be taught, but had to be learnt.

Leo Holding is a mountaineer and he said that when he tackles a mountain he never thinks about getting to the top of the mountain. Instead, he focusses on the next small part of the mountain he has to climb.

All of the Headteachers were invited to the forum because their school sends children on residential trips with The Outward Bound Trust. In our case, it's the residential to Ogwen in North Wales and for the current Year 5 class, to Ullswater in The Lake District.

Surprisingly, we also heard that 20% of schools offer no extracurricular activities at all. At Maney Hill we have a huge range of clubs for the children, mostly run on a voluntary basis. For the first time, this year we have started two residentials, to Herefordshire and to The Lake District.

The forum was a timely reminder of the importance of a balanced education. An excellent academic education is important but so too is emotional well-being and resilience.

Inspired Education for Lifelong Success

Year 4 Maths Trip



On Friday 13th October four children from Year 4, Ellie, Zain, Amelia and Zak, represented Maney Hill School at a Maths Competition at King Edward's School.

We did different questions and the questions we did were number crosswords which are crosswords with numbers and a relay race where we got a question, gave it to a teacher when you answered it and then gave another question to your team mates.

We tried our best and finished all of the questions. We only got two wrong in the whole day.

At the end of the day we got the taxi back. We would like to thank Miss Heath for taking us and making it happen.

Ellie Hanlon, Zain Hussain, Amelia Moors & Zak Tisdale



Congratulations to

1R and Year 3

Lunchtime Classes of the Week

School Expansion Update

Over the half term week, the building work will continue. When we get back we're especially looking forward to:

- Concertinaed doors between the Reception classrooms
- *Heating in the school office*
- *A new entry system for the main door*

The building work at the back of the school is rapidly progressing, so we're sure to see changes when we return after a week away!



Thank you for all your support for the upcoming Firework Spectacular on 4th November.

There are still some tickets so please get your requests in asap to avoid disappointment. Tickets will be in book bags when we get back after half term.

If you can spare some time on the evening to help out, then please get in touch.

Don't forget to keep those pumpkins and bring them with you on the night!



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RS Poppy Ware & Thomas Rawlins

Owain Eustace-Roberts & Amelia Cole

1R Tiarna Gilkes & Aiden Cox

2W Sebastian Wheeler & Miley Hughes

2G Martha McCallion & Elena Rudzka

Year 3 Tabitha Jones-Gilmore & Honor Fallows

Year 4 Skye Hancox & Harley Pollard

Year 5 Samiyah Hakim & Ben Richards

Year 6 Kiana Patel & Joshua Mangat