

Newsletter



Reflecting on the progress we have made over the past three weeks fills me with great pride. Our wonderful pupils continue to demonstrate all of the qualities a Headteacher could wish for and I am extremely grateful for the fantastic support we receive from our parents and wider school community. The world outside our school gates remains turbulent. However, we are proud to offer a safe, happy and enriching learning environment. Through our carefully constructed curriculum, we hope to ensure that pupils develop the compassion, character and social agency that will support them in growing into the very best version of themselves. Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Mr James

#MalvernMacmillanBakeOff

As many of you will be aware, this time of year usually brings our annual fundraiser for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity. Usually, we would host a coffee morning to raise awareness and funds. Unfortunately, we will not be able to host our coffee morning in school. However, we still wish to support and raise awareness for such a fantastic charity. Therefore, we are inviting all of our families to take part in a virtual Malvern Bake Off. To take part, we are asking families to bake a cake at home and post a picture of it to our school Twitter page [@malvernprimary](https://twitter.com/malvernprimary). All entries will receive a special certificate and will be celebrated in next week's newsletter. Should you also wish to make a donation, you can via the Macmillan website: <https://donation.macmillan.org.uk>

Healthy Snacks

At the start of this year, members of our School Council wrote a letter to all children and parents regarding the type of snacks being eaten at playtime. The letter followed a meeting with our School Governors and explained that any unhealthy snacks would not be allowed at playtime. The School Council now feel that this issue needs revisiting. With the support of Miss Baker, School Council will be hosting a class meeting to reaffirm our school expectations. Please see below the list of foods that are acceptable and a list that are not.

Healthy and Acceptable at Playtime	Unhealthy and Unacceptable at Playtime
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruit / veg (apples, oranges, strawberries, cucumbers, pears, tomatoes, pineapple etc)• Healthy , low sugar granola or cereal bars• Crackers• Bite-sized cheeses• Healthy crisps- baked crisps, Sunbites• Yoghurts (Frubes)• Raisins• Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chocolate• Crisps• Biscuits• Cakes- cake bars, cupcakes• Sweets (lollipops, Haribo, chewing gum, hard sweets)• Sugary drinks

Spotlight on EYFS @ Malvern Primary School

The early years are the building blocks that form the foundation of all future learning. As such, they are vitally important. It is here that children first learn to grow friendships, overcome obstacles and work in collaboration with others. It has been a pleasure to observe our youngest pupils as they develop these friendships and settle into their new environment. See below some of the exciting opportunities facilitated for our children this week:

Indoors

Children have been using construction materials to engineer their own towers and castles - sometimes complete with racetracks! In the workshop, children have explored a variety of materials, manipulating these to sculpt their own models and artwork. In the reading den, pupils have started to put their reading skills to the test by retelling familiar stories and developing oral storytelling. In addition, children have been developing their motor control in our funky fingers zone.

Outdoors

This week our children have had a fantastic time testing out their ideas about den building. They have used their communication skills to share their ideas and thoughts with others and have tested their hypotheses. Getting messy in the sensory garden has proven incredibly popular and children have delighted in creating their own bridges to navigate over muddy puddles. In the water area, children have used their reasoning skills to solve problems.



EYFS Reminders

- Please send a pair of wellingtons clearly labelled with your child's name into class next week.
- Please return your Tapestry form back to school as soon as possible
- Remember to follow our Malvern Early Years Team on Twitter [@MissH_YearR](https://twitter.com/MissH_YearR)

Attendance Update

Super Start

For the third successive week, attendance across the whole school has exceeded our attendance target of 97%. This is fantastic and needs to continue to ensure that our children make the very most out of every day of learning. Well done Malvern families!

#In2Win

Today marked the launch of our new whole school attendance initiative. Our Attendance Lead, Miss Baker, virtually Zoomed into all classrooms to explain our plans to further improve attendance and set each class a number of tasks for the week ahead. Watch this space for exciting updates!