

Newsletter

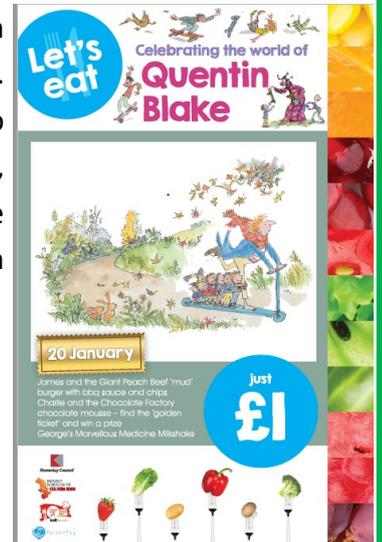


Next week in school, we will be celebrating the wonderful world of Sir Quentin Blake (illustrator and first Children's Laureate) by hosting a special party lunch. The lunch will take place on Thursday 20th January and we invite all children to leave their packed lunches at home and enjoy a delicious school meal. This year, every child who has a school meal will be entered into a prize draw and have the opportunity to be a golden ticket winner and receive a very special Sir Quentin Blake themed reward.

I wish you a restful and relaxing weekend!

Mr James

Headteacher



NSPCC Number Day 2022

We are delighted to once again be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 4th February 2022**. The NSPCC need our support more than ever and by raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as ChildLine – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Number Day is a great way to promote the enjoyment of mathematics and create a positive, 'can-do' attitude. On **Friday 4th February** we will be hosting a fun day of maths activities and we will be inviting children to take part in [#DressUpForDigits](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/). All children are invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it. This can be a sports shirt, cap or you can get more creative by creating your own outfit with a maths or numbers theme.

Please note, we will not be expecting any monetary contributions to come directly into school. However, for those who are in the position to contribute, we would encourage an online donation to the NSPCC. Details for making a donation can be found at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>



SHOW YOU CARE, PARK ELSEWHERE!

Put child safety before your convenience.

Malvern Karate Club

After our first successful grading, we are pleased to announce spaces are available for new beginners to start in our after school club on Tuesdays and Fridays at 3:30pm. The cost of attending the club is £30 per term. This is to attend a single session each week. If your child wishes to attend on both Tuesday and Friday, the cost is £50 for the term. If you would like to book in please contact Chris on: 07595258345.

I'm sure you'll agree that the club looks like great fun!



Rock 'n' Roll Pantomime

Last Thursday, members of our Year 5 and Year 6 Drama and Theatre Club gathered at Liverpool's Everyman Theatre for the annual Rock 'n' Roll Pantomime. The story of Robin Hood was the theme this year and as usual, the Everyman's versatile cast did not disappoint. Drama and Theatre Club children had a fantastic evening - booing, cheering, clapping and dancing with appropriate gusto! The children were a pleasure to take to the theatre and proved themselves to be excellent ambassadors for our school. Many audience members commented that they were a credit to themselves, their parents and Malvern.



Attendance

Spotlight On: Attendance

Here at Malvern, we are committed to raising the attainment of the pupils at our school so that they have the skills they need to be successful in the next stage of their education. To ensure all pupils achieve their potential, it is vital that they attend school every day possible. At Malvern, pupils are growing their knowledge and understanding every session of every school day. For this reason, we see a significant correlation between persistent absence and low attainment. This is a key driver in our school improvement planning.

We will continue to celebrate fantastic attendance through our fantastic rewards and incentives. These include:

Attendee of the week Prize – This is awarded to a child who has made a sustained effort to improve their attendance or has demonstrated resilience in their determination to attend school.

100% Attendance Class Prize – Each week, any classes with 100% attendance are awarded a cash prize.

In2Win Attendance League – Our whole school attendance league will continue to run throughout the spring term.

If your child is absent for any reason, it is imperative that you contact school on each day of their absence. This reduces the workload on our administration team and means we are able to keep accurate records in school.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS
TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

- Don't give in! Follow through.
- Be organised! Get everything ready from the night before. Have their coats and bags at the door, their lunch made and their clothes on the banisters.
- Treat it like a military operation in the morning!
- Don't give them a choice to stay at home.
- Give yourself 15 minutes before the kids get up.
- No TV, iPad or phones allowed in the morning.
- Keep talking about the importance of school.
- Early to bed the night before school, especially after holidays.
- Come back to school after doctor/ dentist appointments.
- Know how many days your child has missed in school.

TUSLA
An Ghníomhaireacht um Léarnú agus an Teaghlaigh
Child and Family Agency

CYPSC
Cairde na n-Óg agus na n-Ógánaigh
Dublin City North

Did You Know?

If your child is 30 minutes late every day they miss 2 and a half hours a week. That works out at 4 days a term and 12 days a year!

If your child is between 5 and 16 years old and is a registered pupil at school, it is your legal responsibility to make sure they attend regularly.

If your child misses 1 day of school a week they miss 7 and a half weeks a year. This is more than half a term's learning!