

MALMESBURY NEWSLETTER



COMING UP...

Thursday 30th January:
Y1 Lunar New Year
Assembly

wb 3rd February:
Children's Mental
Health Week

100% attendance
week

Wednesday 5th
February: Dental team
Fluoride Varnish visit
(Reception/Y1)

Tuesday 11th
February: Safer
Internet day

Half term holiday:
Monday 17th - Friday
21st February

BOW ARTS STORYTELLING INSTALLATION

Our reception children have been working with an Artist from Bow Arts organisation to transform our reading chair into a storytelling den. Today they watched their ideas and artwork get installed.

We can't wait to see this area continue to evolve as a really special place for our children to enjoy reading and being read to. Roll on the spring and summer when this space will really come into its own.



PANATHALON COMPETITION

A group of our children with additional needs attended a panathlon competition at Poplar Baths this week. This was a great opportunity for them to try new sports, build confidence and learn outside of school in a different environment with a range of children and adults.

They did an amazing job and were joint 2nd in the competition. A particular well done to Maria the Medal Magnet!



HOME LEARNING

What do we ask parents to do? Why?

Research and educational studies have shown that homework has limited impact on children's progress at primary unless it is reading and the learning of rapid recall facts. We ask parents to ensure children:

- Read EVERY day. (5/10 mins for our youngest children to 20 minutes+ for our older children. Children also have access to 'Bugclub' our online reading library. Did you know it can also 'read aloud' to children. This is a great support/motivator for some.
- Practise basic maths skills: For reception/KS1 children this is Numbots (for number bonds) For KS2 children this is Times Tables Rockstars and/or Numbots. We recommend 10 mins practice 4/5 x a week.
- Learn and practise weekly spellings/phonics patterns.



It is also really helpful if parents can practise key time facts at home - telling the time, days of the week/months of the year etc. These are important life skills.

What has the biggest impact on children's learning is talking with and to others about their thinking as they work out how the world works. Thank you for doing this.



Schoolping have updated schools to say they are in the final stages of testing their software to restore their **payments service**.

In the meantime, we continue to run all clubs, nursery lunches, music lessons, trips etc but are unable to take payments from parents. Your parental contributions matter as they support us with giving our children the range of enrichment experiences they are entitled to.

We will update you again as soon as their payment system is working.

In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding.

This week's attendance

Whole school attendance this week:
This week: 94.4%

This week's top 3 classes:

Y3 Lancastrians - 98.5%
Y3 Elizabethans - 97.6%
Danes class - 96.6%