

Marner Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Marner Families,

We kicked off the week with an excellent and informative assembly, focusing on the excitement and inspiration of the **London Marathon** which took place last weekend. The children were fascinated to learn about the dedication and determination of the runners, and it has certainly sparked interest across the school. We are hoping to begin working with pupils who would like to train for the Mini Marathon next year so that Marner can be part of the incredible atmosphere. The Mini Marathon is a special event designed for young people, where children run a shorter route around central London, finishing on the same iconic stretch as the main marathon. It is a fantastic opportunity to promote fitness, resilience and a sense of achievement.

We also explored the marvel of **Artemis II** and were amazed by photographs of the dark side of the moon. It was a brilliant way to inspire curiosity and wonder—what a great start to the week!

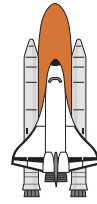
Well done to Happiness Class for their wonderful Class Assembly this week.

It will be the turn of Explore Class next Wednesday. These assemblies are always such a thoughtful showcase of the children's current learning, and we strongly encourage parents and carers to attend your child's assembly where possible.

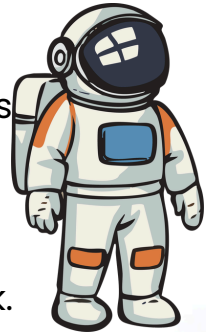
We hope many of you were able to enjoy our "**Behind the Scenes @ Beauty and the Beast**" experience on Friday afternoon. The costumes and cardboard creations are truly like no other. A huge thank you to Ms Liber for the creativity, dedication and inspiration she brings to our children—her work continues to make the arts come alive at Marner.

This year, we are incredibly excited to celebrate **International Day at Marner** for the very first time. This event is all about recognising and celebrating the rich diversity of our school community. Our pupils come from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, and this is a wonderful opportunity to explore, learn from and take pride in the different countries, traditions and stories that make up our Marner family.

International Day will take place on Thursday 21st May, with workshops running throughout the day for families across all year groups to take part in. We will continue the celebrations on Friday 22nd May with a mini gallery, fashion show and carnival. It promises to be a vibrant and meaningful experience for everyone involved.



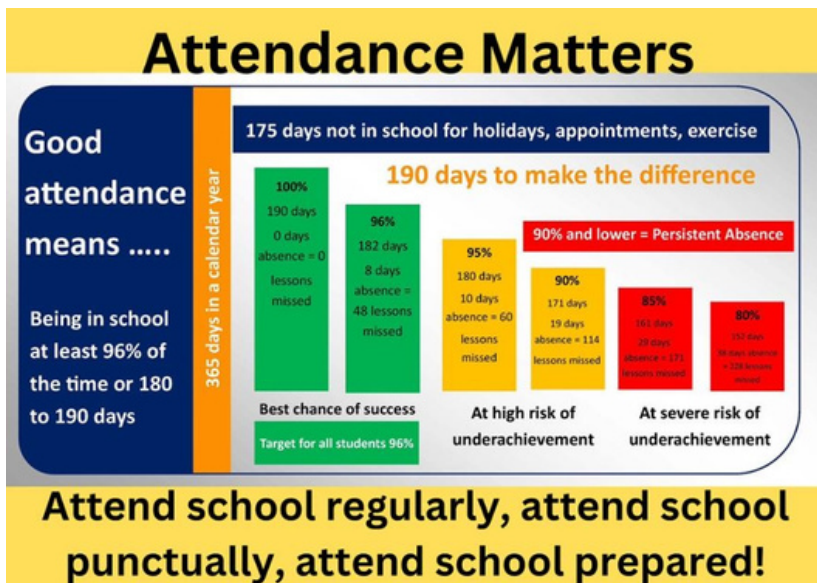
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You're Invited

To help shape this event, we are hosting a **Parent Workshop on Wednesday 6th May**, from 9:00–10:30am in the Art Room huts. We would love to hear your ideas for workshops that celebrate your culture. These could include games and sports, African drumming, dance, craft making, cooking, learning a new language, or story time in your home language. We are really looking forward to working together to make this event truly special.

Attendance and punctuality continue to be a focus for us as a school. Did you know that attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence? If a child attends only 90% of the school year, this means they miss 19 days of school—almost four full weeks of learning. Over time, this can have a significant impact on progress, confidence and relationships. We are currently exploring new and innovative ways to improve attendance across the school and we hope for your full support in ensuring children are in school, on time, every day.



Thank you so much to the parents who have come forward to be a **Parent Governor**. Having your voice represented on the Governing Board is incredibly important to the ongoing development of our school. The next steps in the voting process will be shared next week.

- 📣 Year 6 Key Reminders – Please Check Dojo
- 📌 Year 6 SATs: Week beginning 11th May
- 📌 Year 6 boosters (Tuesdays & Thursdays) – attendance is essential
- 📌 SATs Breakfast available daily from 8am during SATs week

We hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday.

Ms Gowmer
Headteacher



Superstars of the Week...



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Our Praise Card Winners are:

Thrive Class – Abdur Rahman and Zayn

Explore Class – Abid and Zakirah

Happiness Class – Zoya and Huzaifa

Bravery Class – Ariana and Deen

Community Class – Zaid and Raisa

Friendship Class – Ilyas and Amelia

Strength Class – Muhammad & Hiba

Compassion Class – Kaysan & Aaliyah

Confidence Class – Liyannah & Grayson

Motivation Class – Isa & Abonti & Oyon

Determination Class – Kareemah and Aidan

Growth Class – Alina & Rayyan

Empower Class – Whole Class

Justice Class – Rawan and Hidaya and Ayman

Respect Class – Iqra and Aiden

Aspire Class – Zidan and Nidhi

Achieve Class – Safiyyah & Sara

Leadership Class – Aleyiah and Nasif



Attendance Winners Years Reception to 3

1st Place – Happiness 99.2%

2nd Place – Compassion – 97.9%

Attendance Winners Years 4 to 6

1st Place – Respect – 100%

2nd Place – Justice 96.9%



In it to Win it Winners

KS1 – Jesse– Friendship

KS2 –Greta – Determination

