



MAHARISHI SCHOOL

CONSCIOUSNESS - BASED EDUCATION

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy term which, thanks to our dedicated staff and enthusiastic pupils, had many wonderful highlights.

Our Year 11 pupils have been working extremely hard; attending early morning, after-school and weekend revision classes. We are so proud of how resilient and determined they have been this term. They truly have been a credit to the school. The efforts of our Year 6 pupils also deserve a special mention. They have shown impressive focus and commitment throughout the last two terms and their efforts continue to be rewarded every Friday afternoon, by Mrs Naylor, with a range of rewards including a class disco, a pizza party, ice cream sundaes and a trip to Beacon Park, to name a few.

Another highlight of this term has been the two performances by our Year 5 choir, led by Miss Wagstaff. The pupils sang beautifully for their parents and other family members at the Year 5 Welcome Meeting - many of us were close to tears after their wonderful performance! We were so impressed that we invited the class to perform in the secondary phase assembly. This second performance, to a much larger audience, was equally impressive and was enjoyed by all.

Our Year 5 pupils took part in the Procter & Gamble Enterprise Project which involved them creating smoothie recipes, exploring marketing and advertising and a group of children visiting P&G headquarters. All schools involved in this project submitted designs for a recipe book cover and I am delighted to announce that Maharishi School won! What a fantastic achievement!

Year 1 visited Greenslate Community Farm, the trip was a great experience to explore and learn about how plants are important to us, and how they are grown and harvested. Year 5 took part in an Indian Cultural Day, they had the opportunity to have a henna design applied and dress up and dance to traditional music. Year 2 visited Staircase House, as part of their current Area of Research, The Great Fire of London; this visit

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included dressing up, re-enacting the story of the Great Fire of London and 'hands on' work in the larger rooms of Staircase House.

Year 10 had a tour of Chester Cathedral; Year 11 visited Thackray Museum medical history museum and studied a timeline from ancient to modern day medicine. Pupils from Year 8, 9 and 10 attended a careers fair at Skelmersdale College and came back to school enthused about the many possibilities available to them.

The whole school participated in World Book Day and came to school dressed in an array of wonderful costumes which represented their favourite book. This event is a worldwide celebration of books and reading which is marked in over 100 countries all over the world. We strongly advocate the many benefits of developing a lifelong love of reading and are delighted that a number of our Duke of Edinburgh pupils have chosen a reading challenge for their Bronze and Silver Skills sections of the award. Many of us also took part in Earth Hour; pupils were encouraged to switch off lights and all electronic devices as a demonstration of support for action on climate change. Year 8 pupils did a great presentation in assembly to inform and inspire us for Earth Hour.

Visitors to the secondary site may have noticed that we have had magnetic locks fitted to our external gates to improve our external site safeguarding arrangements. Also at the secondary site, building contractors are making good progress with the footpath from the bus stop to the school car park and we expect this to have been completed in time for our return to school on **Tuesday 18 April** at the normal time of 9:30am. Following an independent safeguarding review, and advice from the Department for Education, we will be making some changes to the external perimeter of the primary school site. This work is due to begin when we return after the Easter break.

We have recently received lots of very positive verbal feedback from parents wishing to express their contentment with the school. We are very appreciative for your feedback and would request that, if you have not already done so, you please complete the Ofsted Parent View survey which can be found at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Both parents of a child at school may complete the survey individually.

We would like to wish a very happy and healthy Easter break and look forward to seeing you at the start of the summer term.

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher.