



MAHARISHI SCHOOL

CONSCIOUSNESS - BASED EDUCATION

13 July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the summer term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your support throughout the school year. We are fortunate to have such caring and supportive parents and are happy that you have chosen to send your children to Maharishi School. Our wonderful pupils are a joy to teach and we enjoy observing their kindness, their desire to learn and their many talents on a daily basis. They truly are a credit to you all.

Fundraising project

£158.67 was raised at the June non-uniform day: £96.80 at the primary phase and £61.87 at the secondary. £121.45 was raised at the July non-uniform day: £70.50 at the primary phase and £50.95 at the secondary. £2,139.62 was raised at the Summer Fair. Many thanks to the fundraising committee for organising this fantastic event and to all of our families who bought raffle tickets and who were able to come along on the day. It has been noted that a substantial amount of the total came from the 'Stocks' - many pupils enjoyed throwing wet sponges at their teachers! Thanks to all of the staff for volunteering.

Sponsorship for Mrs Edwards' and Mr Marriott's recent 10k run is still being counted. We will let you know in September how much was raised. To continue with our fundraising/fitness campaign, Mrs Edwards will be taking part in the Manchester half marathon in October. This is quite a step-up in distance and training commitment, so any parents (or staff) who would also like to get involved would be most welcome!

Mr Mitchell is continuing with his sponsored weight loss campaign. So far he has lost just over two stone and has raised £212.00 (the money pledged for the end of the campaign has not been included). It has been reported that Mr Mitchell has been spotted looking longingly at the lovely cupcakes that have been brought into the reception classroom today, but his willpower is strong and he is resisting!

Primary news

The primary phase Sports Day was a huge success and was enjoyed by all. The winning team was France, although all of our pupils were winners as their enthusiasm and sportsmanship was exemplary. Thank you to Miss Lunn for all of her hard work in putting this event together.

Pupils from Y2-6 enjoyed their end of year trip to Gulliver's World. Our pupils represented our school beautifully; their behaviour was excellent. Reception and year 1 had a lovely time at the Teddy Bear's picnic. Reception have had a fabulous first year of school and have been amazing growing in confidence and ability every day. Year 2 had a Florence Nightingale workshop in June. The pupils looked at and sketched old fashioned medicine bottles and hospital implements, learned how to bandage each others arms and legs and how to wash clothes using a washboard and soap. It was a very exciting and busy morning which helped the children consolidate their learning about Florence Nightingale. Year 6 have had a busy half term. They enjoyed their PGL trip to Winmarleigh, completed Design Technology projects for the rest of the primary school to enjoy and conducted themselves so wonderfully throughout the SATs period. They enjoyed a well-deserved trip to Fairy Glen and will be celebrating moving up to the secondary phase with a water fight at the end of the school day today.

Secondary news

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At the end of this term, a new Head Boy and Head Girl were appointed from year 10 ready to represent the school when they start in year 11. There were 5 candidates in total who were interviewed by the Head and Deputy Head of the secondary phase and each pupil delivered a speech to the entire secondary phase. All of the pupils did incredibly well and we were immensely proud of them all. In addition, eight pupils became school Prefects and will also take on roles of responsibility throughout the school.

11 pupils successfully completed their Bronze DofE awards in very challenging heat. We are very proud of them and looking forward to several of them doing their Silver awards next year alongside 15 new Bronze candidates. Year 10 enjoyed two days of taster sessions at local A level colleges. They say they feel inspired to do well in their GCSEs as a result. Our pupils took part in the St. John Rigby College Maths Challenge in July and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our pupils also participated in the Salter's Festival of Chemistry and gained 2nd place in one of the categories. Our year 10 pupils produced some wonderful photography work which was exhibited at the Dome and received praise from all who saw it. Our Social Skills group had lots of fun working together to produce some fantastic cheesecakes, and Lego Therapy group is continuing to go from strength to strength. Mae Dorricott, an ex-pupil of the school, came and talked to pupils about her year on the Rolex sponsored marine biology experience and has inspired some very interesting conversations about our own environmental footprint which will be pursued in the new academic year.

During the heatwave of the summer term, many pupils have been enjoying the expansion of the secondary playground to the trees on the hill. We plan to develop this area further so that it can continue to be enjoyed by our pupils in fine weather. Lunchtimes at the secondary site have been transformed by the introduction of skipping ropes, hoola hoops and a range of other fun activities that pupils from all year groups are enjoying together. We plan to extend this to the primary phase from September using some of our recently raised funds.

Reminders for all parents

- Ordering of school dinners for the Autumn term can be booked now on ParentPay.
- Please send any communications to the school via parents@maharishischool.com
- Please ensure that all contact information, medical and emergency details has been updated for your child.
- Please remember that pupils at both sites must be signed into the school office if they arrive late for school or if out for appointments. Wherever possible, please provide prior notification of appointments with an appointment card.

Secondary phase reminders

- Please review permission for your Y9-11 child to go out at lunchtime via email or letter to the admin office; pupils will not be allowed out without written confirmation.
- Year 11 - Equipment list (see attached secondary phase equipment list).

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer break. We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Thursday 6 September at 11:30am at both sites.**

"If you want happiness for an hour — take a nap. If you want happiness for a day — go fishing. If you want happiness for a year — inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime — help someone else."

Chinese Proverb

"Happiness radiates like the fragrance from a flower and draws all good things towards you."

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

Have a wonderful half term break.

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