



# MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

### MILK Homework Update

All account holders now have the option to change their own password to something more memorable.

**App users** – each time the app updates MILK will always ask for your login details, even if you have requested them to be remembered.

Students have not always made a note of their password and need to request a new one, however the password given is only a **temporary** login – the first thing students need to do is to select the cog in the corner to then set a permanent password they will remember easily. On the PC version of MILK – users are prompted to do this, but the app does not provide this prompt and so this necessary step is being missed.

### New - ICT Student Drop-in

To support the students with any issues relating to logins on MILK, Futures or access to the Wi-Fi, our ICT Technicians will now be available in the Digital Suite every Thursday for students to drop-in for any technical support. The ICT Policy states that phones must be switched off and stored in the bottom of the bag unless a teacher in a lesson directs otherwise.

### Car access at the end of the day

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting our parking policy at the end of the day – keeping the area at the front of school clear has made a big difference to the movement of minibuses from the site and the ability to give emergency vehicles clear access.

### Year 11 Countdown to Success

It is still not too late to join us on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at 5.30 p.m. for approximately 90 minutes, to hear about the support we have in place for your child and learn about revision skills from our guest speaker – you should not miss this crucial event as we reach just **16 weeks left** before the first GCSE exams.

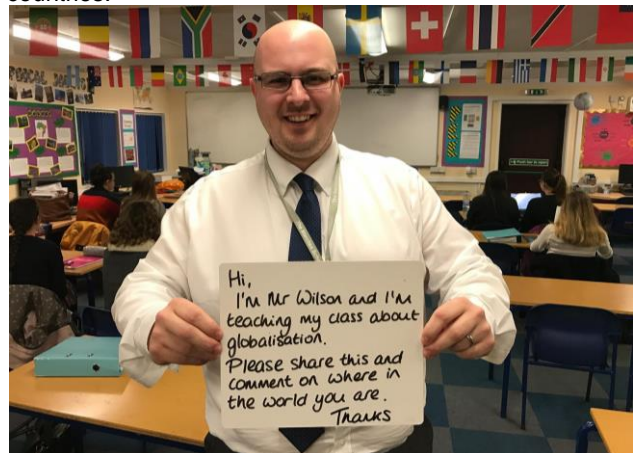
We are happy to welcome younger children with you to support you with childcare. Year 11 will have met Karim, the guest speaker, in the day so they do not need to attend unless you wish them to.

The special Year 11 Countdown to Success bulletin will be released shortly; we hope you find it supportive.

**Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher**

## Mr Wilson Goes Global

On Thursday, Geography teacher Mr Wilson decided to post a photo of himself on Facebook holding up a sign asking viewers to comment where they were in the world and to share the post for his globalisation class with his Sixth Form students. Over the next couple of days hundreds of people on Facebook commented and shared the post and, as it stands, Mr Wilson's post has been shared 1,560 times and people have commented from 85 different countries.



## Raising Money by Rowing a Marathon

Year 8 student Abbie Ball is raising money for her local gym to encourage people of all ages to lead a healthier lifestyle. Abbie has been going to Basecamp Health and Fitness Centre in Ellesmere for nearly two years and would like to raise money for new gym equipment by rowing a 26-mile marathon on a Concept2 indoor rowing machine on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February with the owner of Basecamp, Danni Evans. This is not the first time Abbie has raised money for the gym. Previously she raised £250 by completing a 1000 burpee challenge which took her a total of 1 hour and 42 minutes.

Abbie has also found success in CrossFit as she recently won a partner CrossFit competition in Telford where she competed against 12-14 year olds. Abbie will be competing in the British Teen CrossFit Championships in Brighton in July.



# TASTER MORNING

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Taster Lessons

Sixth Form Centre Tours

Parent Talk

# m

SIXTH FORM



Transport available from Wrexham, Chirk, Ellesmere and Powys.

**7 NEW BTEC COURSES**

We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for prospective students to see what it is like to study at The Marches Sixth Form. With our extensive course offering in 2017 it has enabled us to increase opportunities for a wider range of students. Please visit the website to register your place!

T: 01691 664400  
W: [www.marchesschool.co.uk](http://www.marchesschool.co.uk)  
E: [admin@marchesschool.net](mailto:admin@marchesschool.net)

## Spring School Trips

- Year 13 Psychology Day: 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 9 RAF Cosford: 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 11 Jaguar ICAT: 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Austria Ski Trip: 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Erasmus Greece: 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- A Level Geography Fieldwork: 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Years 12 and 13 Andalucia Tour: 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April

## Reminders

If for any reason your child loses a letter, letters can be downloaded and viewed on the Parent & Student section of the School Website under Letters. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8:30 a.m. Call the School on 01691 664400 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

## Sporting Fixtures W/C 30<sup>th</sup> January

- Monday**
- U12 Girls' Netball vs Oswestry School at home 3:15 p.m. kick off.
- Tuesday**
- U14 Girls' Netball vs Oswestry School at home 3:15 p.m. kick off.
  - Year 8 Boys' Rugby vs Abraham Darby away 2:45 p.m. kick off.
- Wednesday**
- Year 9 Boys' Rugby vs Wrekin College 2:15 p.m. kick off.
- Saturday**
- Shropshire School Cross Country at Oswestry School 9:30 a.m.

## Oliver! Rehearsals

Oliver! Rehearsals have been in full swing these past weeks. Thom Hughes, Charlie Brooke, Molly Francis and Harvey Jones are pictured rehearsing in their costumes.



## The Spaghetti and Marshmallow Challenge 2017

**When?** 1 week beginning 30th January 2017

House Heats – Monday /Tuesday/Thursday form time.

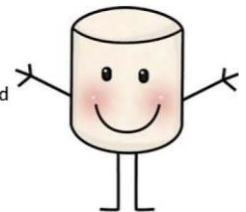
Final – Friday lunchtime.

### What's involved?

Your challenge is to build the tallest freestanding spaghetti tower to support a marshmallow.

You will be given spaghetti, 1m of masking tape and 1 marshmallow and given 15 minutes.

The house with the tallest structure wins!



### How can I take part?

Your house rep will take interested names to their house leader to enter the house heat.

You will need to be in a team of 3-5 students to enter the competition.

Each house can enter 10 teams per heat.

If your house enters 10 teams they will be awarded 10 bonus participation points.

Each house will then enter 1 team into the final which will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February lunchtime in the hall.

Heats	
Form Time	House
Monday (IC1)	Hargreaves Whittaker
Tuesday (IC1)	Bonington
Thursday (IC1)	Mallory Stephens

## House Points

Bonington – 1981

Mallory – 1804

Whittaker – 1594

Hargreaves – 2129

Stephens - 1752

T. 01691 664400

E. [admin@marchesschool.net](mailto:admin@marchesschool.net)

W. [www.marchesschool.co.uk](http://www.marchesschool.co.uk)