

# Football

Marshland High School (Year 7) Football team competed in an indoor Football tournament at Lynnsport.

Mr Saunders was very proud of the boys for coming 3rd in their pool of teams.



# Netball

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October the U14 netball team travelled to Downham Market High School to compete in the West Norfolk Schools' District Tournament.

They put on a very dominant display and worked very well as a team to progress through the stages.

Firstly they beat Licham 3 - 2, then defeated Convent 8 - 5; going on to overwhelm Hammonds 9 - 0 and beat Smithdon 8 - 4. The team therefore reached the semi-finals where they played Springwood, beating them 6 - 3.

Lastly, the team took on Smithdon in the final. This was a very close game but the girls were outstanding and rose to the challenge to **WIN 8 - 6**.

This means they won every game and qualify to compete in the county finals!

Well done to all the players –

- Helena Wadlow,
- Agata Rataj,
- Amanda Kalnina,
- Tegan Eggleton,
- Abbey Magor,
- Jess Slack,
- Chloe Sutherland,
- Erin Jarvis Leigh.

A huge thank you to Mrs Claxton for driving and Mrs Eggleton for coaching.

*Mrs Beck*

# Homework Club

Homework club takes place in the library from Monday to Thursday 3:15 – 4:30pm.

This is an ideal opportunity to catch up with coursework or homework in a quiet location full of resources and the use of computers.

Please come along.

*Miss Hensby (Little miss)*



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# Flying High

Year 8 student, Samuel Gowler, came second in the U14s Intermediate Schools Trampoline Competition, representing Marshland High, on Sunday 29 November.



The competition took place at Hitchin Boys' School and Samuel has now qualified for the Zonal round, which will be held in Cardiff on Saturday 23 January.

Samuel has been a trampolinist for 9 years, and belongs to the Aerokinetics club. Last summer he went to Denmark and competed at a high level at the Hans Christian Anderson Youth Games.”

**Christmas Dinner**

Roast Turkey Dinner  
£1.70  
Christmas Pudding  
50p

**Buy both for £2.10**

Cracker included

Monday 7th till  
Thursday 10th December



# Fundraising



Continuing towards our **£5000** target for fundraising this year....

... on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Gainsborough house held a cake sale in aid of Children in Need and raised

**£201.00**



... And a non-uniform day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Cancer Research raised a further

**£682.29!**

*Thank you for your support!*

# Message from the Headteacher

*Dear Parents, Carers and Students,*

It has been another very busy term, with students benefitting from a huge range of experiences. The Maths trip to Paris was a huge success (details in this newsletter) as was the History trip to Norwich, various Drama trips to productions, and the German exchange. Students have also been involved in a variety of fund-raising activities, all contributing towards their target of raising £5,000 this year for charity.

There was a highly successful Careers' Fair on 11<sup>th</sup> November which was very well attended by KS4 students and their parents, who gained valuable information from being able to talk to so many local post-16 providers. The year 11s have also benefitted from practice interviews, a 'Maximise' presentation to learn revision skills, and 'Impact weeks' to practice those revision skills this term. All of this preparation culminated in the sitting of their first set of Pre-Public exams last week. We hope they have all done really well in these important exams, and look forward to giving them their results in a 'mock results day' in the first week of next term.

Prizegiving on 12<sup>th</sup> November was, as always, a joyous occasion, and it was lovely to see the former year 11

students and find out how they are getting on. Those students certainly had a lot to celebrate, and we hope that the current year 11 will have just as much to celebrate next year!

The last week of term will feature all the usual celebrations including the music concert on 16<sup>th</sup> December and the Learning Awards on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December. The end of term will soon be upon us now, so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and I look forward to working with you all again in the new year.



Mrs E Dormor  
Headteacher

# Attendance

In an effort to improve school attendance and communication about absence I would like to clarify the school position regarding attendance

- It is important that you ensure that your child attends school regularly and if your child is absent then you must contact the school each day to inform us of the circumstances. If we do not receive an explanation for your child's absence, this will be marked as an unauthorised absence in the register
- All medical appointments must be evidenced with a copy of the appointment card/letter. If this is not provided, this will be marked as an unauthorised absence in the register. Non-urgent medical appointments i.e. routine dental/eye tests **SHOULD NOT** be taken in school time
- Leave of absence during term time **WILL NOT** be authorised unless exceptional circumstances are presented
- Punctuality will be monitored as closely as attendance.** The school day begins at 8.45am. Children who arrive after this time and before the official close of the register at 9:10am will be marked as late. If a child arrives after 9.10am an unauthorised absence is recorded
- We will carry out regular attendance checks and advise you if your child's attendance falls below 95% for whatever reason
- All students' attendance is monitored regularly by the Education Welfare Service. Our Education Welfare Officer, Mr Gray, meets with the school regularly to discuss and monitor students whose attendance is a cause for concern. Our expected attendance levels are:

Excellent	Good	Requires Improvement	Serious Concern (Education Welfare Referral may be made)
98% - 100%	96% - 97%	91% - 95%	Less than 90%

As an example, a child with 90% attendance misses *one half day each week, nearly four weeks every school year, over one half a school year in a school career.*

Should your child's attendance/punctuality cause concern, an appointment will be arranged between yourself, the House Leader, the Educational Welfare Officer or Mrs Wildman, the attendance officer. The aim of this meeting will be to resolve any issues regarding your child's attendance/punctuality, to offer support, and to agree the way forward to improve this. Should this not lead to an improvement, then a formal referral to the Education Welfare Service may be made.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with our school to improve attendance.

*Mrs Wildman*

# Maths Trip to Paris

On a recent trip to Paris, fifty year 8 and 9 students took their learning outside the confines of the classroom to investigate the application of mathematics in everyday life.

Highlights included investigating the biomechanics of levers at the Palais de la découverte, calculating the height of the Eiffel Tower, determining the volume of the Louvre pyramid and estimating the speed of the rollercoasters at Euro Disney.

Other activities also included a cruise on the River Seine and a tour around

the Stade de France (with the opportunity to see the dressing room and shirts of the 1998 Football World Cup winning French side).

Visit leaders Mr David Saunders and Miss Kirstie Harrison heralded the trip as a phenomenal success, stating "The students all found that mathematics is something they use every day and can present exciting and exhilarating challenges. It is fantastic to see everyone return to school with a renewed vigour to apply and relate what they have learnt on the trip to classroom based activities."

# Remembrance Service

On Sunday 8th November I went as a representative to the Remembrance service at the local parish church, St Marys, with my form tutor (Miss Mowat) and another representative, Bethany Slack. At the service we sang hymns and between the hymns there were prayers and a short sermon.

When the service was over we went and placed the wreaths on the War Memorial in the village cemetery.



As a thank you for attending the service, the rector told us that there was coffee and tea back at the church and after having a good warm 'cuppa' we went back to our homes.

At the service I was pleased to see a familiar face in Mrs Wharrier who had been manning the Poppy stall in my local Co-Op when I donated to the Royal British Legion.

Going to the service was a new experience for me as I don't normally go to Sunday services.

I felt proud to represent Marshland within the local community and was pleased to show how Marshland students are disciplined and well-mannered.

*Baran Dennis*

# BTEC First Award in Business

From September 2015, we are pleased to be offering the BTEC First Award in Business. Launched in 2012, this qualification gives students the opportunity to learn a range of business skills, through a combination of written assignments and practical experience.

This BTEC Award can help students take their first steps towards a career in the business world or even running their own company. They learn essential skills such as business enterprise, project management, selling and promoting a brand, and financial awareness, from planning to making a profit.

Once students have completed the BTEC First Award in Business, they can choose to continue studying at the next level Award and ultimately achieve a diploma in Business Studies.

Alternatively, they can take the first step towards a multitude of careers, including Web Analyst, Accountant, Project Manager or Marketing Manager.

Our current students have started by looking at the importance of customer service in business and have received visits from Adrian Johnson from Subway and Caroline Gascoigne from DFS, who spoke to the students about how the businesses implement customer service.

We are very pleased with the enthusiasm and progress displayed by this first group to study this qualification and hope that their BTEC First Award leads to great success in the business world.

*Mr Woodhouse*

# Science Club

If you enjoy exploring Science, why not join our science club which runs each Tuesday lunch time in S1.

Pupils are presently building model planets as part of their research into the solar system.



If you are interested in joining us, just turn up or speak to Mr Jennings for more information.

*Mr Jennings*

# Annual Prizegiving Awards 2015



Marshland High School held its annual Prizegiving ceremony on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Honoured guests included the Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Councillor Mr Colin Manning, and the Mayoress of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Mrs Julie Manning; the Mayor of Wisbech, Councillor Mr David Hodgson, and the Mayoress of Wisbech Mrs Judy Hodgson; and the guest speaker, Mr Paul Mitchell, an educational adviser and consultant who has worked with the school over several years.



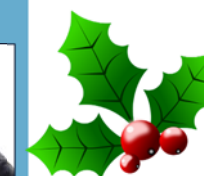
The Headteacher Mrs Dormor spoke about the school's many achievements over the past year and how delighted she was to see the students rewarded for all their efforts with such good GCSE results. She also reminded

them to continue to aim high and never settle for second best.

Mr Mitchell also congratulated the students on their excellent results and talked about how they will need to adapt their skills to an ever-changing world of work.

Many students won special prizes for particularly impressive achievements, including Rhian Quenby who was presented with the Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk's Award for

Achievement; Lissi Campbell who was presented with the Marshland High School Chair of Governors' Award for Achievement; and Rimmer Peake who was presented with the Marshland High School Award for Inspirational Achievement.



Q) What do you call a singing elf with sideburns?

A) Elfis!

Q) What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

A) Tinselitis!

Q) What do you call a frog hanging above your door at Christmas?

A) Mistletoad!

Q) What goes 'oh, oh, oh'?

A) Santa walking backwards!

Q) What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs?

A) Anything you like, he can't hear you!

