

**Personal goals:** This week we have focused on **Communication**. Next week we will look at **'being adaptable'**. How does your child cope when things change, or don't go as planned?

**Playground development:** Phase One of our Playground development starts on 4<sup>th</sup> March, and will take three weeks. During this period, temporary fencing will be erected in the main playground (making it smaller) as well as around the main gates. Please take extra care and bear with us during this time.

**Independent School Information Session:** We are providing an opportunity for parents in Years 4&5 to come to a Q&A session with representatives from MGS / Manchester High School for Girls and Withington High School. Starting at 2:15 and will last an hour.

There will be a general introduction to Independent Secondary education to get the session started

Areas that may be covered could include:

- the sensible preparation that parents can do at home over Years 4,5 and 6 of their primary school
- the things that are not helpful
- see sample exam papers
- talk about format of interviews/days and what qualities and characteristics you are looking for
- talk about the references and the value you place on these
- talk about the value of hobbies and interests outside of school
- talk about financial assistance
- dates of exams
- value of open days and visits
- Q&A general then Q&A school specific

**PTA disco:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets on the door £2:50. Reception and KS1 Starts at 6:00 to 6:50 and KS2 7:00 to 8:00. Dancing shoes please!

**Rubiks Cubes:** There are many 'crazes' that come and go in every primary school – and at the moment it is the time of the Rubiks Cube. We would always discourage children from bringing in such items – they can cause more trouble and heartache than they are worth and there is the real possibility of them getting dropped and broken, or disappearing. Please can you check your child's bag – and return to school any item that you know does not belong to your child. We have very distraught children wanting the safe return of their favourite items.

**Movie Magic Menu:** To coincide with our PTA film night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we are offering a theme menu for all children – we would encourage those children who normally have a packed lunch to join us! Look out for the letter with more information on it.

## Days and Dates:

New events in **bold and underlined**.

**There are lots of events coming up – please read this section so that you and your child do not miss out!**

Week beginning	Event
11 <sup>th</sup> February	<p>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> : Circus workshops for Year 2</p> <p>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> : We are providing an opportunity for parents in Years 4&amp;5 to come to a Q&amp;A session with representatives from MGS / Manchester High School for Girls and Withington High School. Starting at 2:15, this is a chance to ask about their entry system at Year 7.</p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup>: PTA disco. Tickets on the door £2:50. Reception and KS1 Starts at 6:00 to 6:50 and KS2 7:00 to 8:00. Dancing shoes please!</p>
25 <sup>th</sup> February	<p>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>: Drop off your ‘pre-loved’ uniform today and tomorrow (there will be a box ready and waiting in reception)</p> <p>Friday 1<sup>st</sup>: School nurse in to talk to Year 3 about Dental Hygiene</p>
	<p>March 4<sup>th</sup>: Whole School Science event (the cost for this is being carried by the school)</p> <p>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>: Pancake racing – more details to follow</p> <p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day</p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: Reception and KS1 PTA Film Night – more details to follow. 6pm start. Come in your PJs, bring your teddy and a blanket and snuggle down to watch a film. With an opportunity to buy additional items of uniform at a great price.</p> <p><b><u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: Move magic Menu – theme school dinner £2:35 – more information to follow</u></b></p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: School nurse in to teach Year 3 about food and healthy eating</p>
11 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b><u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>: EYFS trip to Smithills, Bolton</u></b></p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup>: Parent Forum at 2:30. Come along to ask questions, find out about how and why we do things, and tell us what’s going well.</p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup>: Red Nose Day – more details to follow</p>
18 <sup>th</sup> March	<p>Scholastic Book Fair this week</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>: EYFS visual and hearing checks</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>: English workshop for 4x Year 5 at MGS</p>

	<p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>: sign up for parents evening</p> <p>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>: Lecture and workshop Day at MGS</p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>: PTA chocolate collection for our Bingo Evening – more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Great British Spring Clean</p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Year 2 trip to the farm – more details to follow</p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Disability Awareness day for Year 4</p>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	<p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>: Sign up for Parents Evening</p> <p>Friday 29<sup>th</sup>: PTA Family Chocolate Bingo night 6:00 to 7:30. More details to follow.</p> <p>Friday 29<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 trip to the farm – more details to follow</p> <p><b><u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup>@ Dance competition for Year 5/6</u></b></p>
1 <sup>st</sup> April	<p>No teacher run clubs this week</p> <p>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> / Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> :Parents Evening</p> <p>Friday 5<sup>th</sup>: Spring Sing KS1 at 9:20 and KS2 at 2:30 – more details to follow</p>
Further ahead	<p>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Pirates Workshop for Year 1 – cost about £5:00 per pupil</p> <p>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May: PTA Bag 2 School collection – more details to follow but please start collecting unwanted / old / worn out clothing.</p> <p><b><u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Computing workshop MGS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATS week</u></b></p> <p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May: International Week – more details to follow but on the Friday of that week (24<sup>th</sup>) we want parents to come in and run events and activities celebrating their culture.</p> <p>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: NSPCC ‘Speak out, stay safe’ assemblies and workshops</p> <p><b><u>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 phonics checks</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June: EYFS trip to Zion Arts, Hulme</u></b></p>