



# Margaret McMillan Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers

Another school year draws to a close and it's time to reflect on all we have accomplished this year. Our final curriculum theme week – Shark week was fun and engaging, finishing with a “Sharknival” in the school playground. We are pleased to tell you that we have secured grant funding to be able to run 3 weeks of Summer Holiday Clubs.

Over the year we have taken part in many events and visits to enhance our curriculum. The year 6 children enjoyed their residential visit in the Lake District as did Year 5 on Tall Ships and Year 4 to Nell Bank. We have held World Book Week, Science and Sports week, Safeguarding Week, ICT week, One Britain - One Nation (OBON) Event and various sports tournaments to name but a few. Phases 1 and 2 have presented our ever-popular annual Nativity play. Our school Choir took part in the Young Voices Concert in Sheffield; we took part in the Bradford Literature Festival, Bradford Music Festival and PAT Spelling Bee. Every year group took part in the Cartwright Hall Margaret McMillan Project which we will be continuing next year.

We held Winter and Summer Fairs for the first time. These were well attended and we raised a massive £1764 for school funds. Over the year, our staff, children and families have also raised a whopping £1070 for Charity.

Our wonderful staff have also been recognised for their talents. Our teachers have held workshops to showcase their skills to other professionals in Bradford at the Bradford Literature festival. Bradford teachers visited our school to observe our work with oracy and Bradford College students have visited our school to learn about new maths mastery approaches. Our SENCO, Mrs Iqbal has completed her master's degree and is now a qualified Irlens screener and Specialist Teacher of Dyslexia.

We have increased our consultations with parents so we know where we are supporting you and where we could do better. You have asked for more information about your children's' learning so you can support them – and so we have introduced more workshops and now have weekly homework meetings in every year group to keep you better informed. The Father's day breakfast and science workshops were successful and the children really enjoyed sharing their learning with them. Our children have been even further involved in school decision making this year; the school council introduced new school rules and Take Over Day was so successful that we were all worried for our jobs!



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The year 6 children have achieved really well in their end of KS2 SATs and have achieved the best ever result for our school – with writing and maths above the national average! Their Leavers' Performance "The Greatest Showman" was amazing – we definitely have some very talented performers. A huge thank you to all the staff and children involved and we wish them all the very best as they move onto the next stage of their school journey.

Our whole school attendance for this year is 94.4% and this is below the National expectation of 96%. As a school community, we must work to improve this next year. We have recently begun to work with BCL Consultancy Limited to review our attendance procedures and support. We now have 2 attendance Officers. More about this in the Autumn term.

At this time of year, we always bid farewell to staff who are moving onto pastures new. This year we say goodbye to Mrs Donaldson who is retiring; Miss Solari who is moving back to Lincolnshire; Mrs Johnson who is starting her maternity leave; Mrs Holdsworth who is returning to her main PAT school; Mrs Flintoft is going to train teachers at Leeds Trinity University; Miss Yasmin; Mrs Sharma- Patel; Mrs Younas; Mr Gallagher and Mrs Settle. We have some new and returning staff starting in September and I will introduce them to you then. I will also send out a new staffing list in September so you know who is who.

We have been more active on twitter this year. Our twitter account is well and truly up and running. To keep up to date with all the things we do to make Margaret McMillan a great place to learn please have a look. You can access it through the school website or twitter - @MMPS\_Bradford

We still have a few places available in our morning and afternoon nursery. Children can start straight after their 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday and every session is led by a **qualified teacher**. Nursery gives children a really good start to their educational journey and prepares them well for formal school when they are 5 years old. If you know anyone who is looking for 15 free hours' nursery provision - please recommend us if you can.

I am sure that 2019/20 will be every bit as successful. Have a wonderful summer break and I will see you all in September. May I also take this opportunity to wish all of you who are celebrating Eid Ul Adha, Eid Mubarak.

Children return to school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8:45 am.**

Kind regards



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Headteacher