



THE MARTON ACADEMY

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Vision

*Challenging educational orthodoxies so that every child makes good progress in core subjects;
all teachers are committed to personal improvement and fulfil their responsibilities;
all children receive a broad and balanced curriculum;
all academies strive to be outstanding.*

Monday 9th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Improvement Update - September 2019

In the Summer Term we continued to develop as a school and build on our existing strengths.

We achieved the following:

- We were very proud of our children's achievements at the end of Key Stage 2.

Subject	The Marton Academy	National	Difference
Reading	86%	75%	+11
Writing	93%	78%	+15
Mathematics	79%	76%	+3
SPaG	79%	78%	+1
Combined	71%	64%	+7

Our results in every subject were above the national average. Being a small school, our results do vary from year to year. However, we are extremely pleased with these results thanks to the hard work of staff, parents and pupils.

- Our teachers completed their Cache courses linked to an area of their work, such as recognising special needs, awareness of mental health problems and dealing with challenging behaviour. Our teachers are encouraged to continue with their studying to ensure that their practice is informed by the most up to date thinking and research.
- We have continued our links with the Centurion local schools. We participated in the Centurion Games, which the children really enjoyed. They had the opportunity to experience a range of sports activities, learning new skills with qualified coaches. Keeping up links with other schools in the area ensures that children are able to meet new friends and it gives them an opportunity to associate with children in other schools. Sharing the costs with local schools allows us to buy in professional coaches to carry out the activities and will give our children the opportunity to learn new skills and try out some different sports.
- We competed in the Forge Trust Athletics Competition at the Harvey Haddon Stadium in Nottingham. Our Boccia team won the gold trophy. We aim to provide children with as many opportunities as possible, and competing in a full sized athletics stadium was an exciting experience. It also meant that they could compete against other schools and enabled them to socialise with other children in the Trust. They were able to

experience a range of different sports, including lacrosse, handball, boccia and scatterball. In addition to our academic achievements, this provides children with complimentary life skills to enable them to succeed.

- Our Head Boy and Head Girl were elected democratically, with every child in the school having a vote. Tommy is our Head Boy and Sophie is our Head Girl.

This is a role that children aspire to, and it gives them responsibility and ownership, linking into our school values. We encourage children to practice and understand important British values, such as democracy. We also like to ensure that everyone has a voice.

- Children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) attended gymnastics at Witham Hill. This is a purpose-built gymnasium with qualified coaches. All of the children from reception class have now participated in the gymnastics sessions.

We use qualified coaches to ensure that children receive the very best instruction, to enable them to make good progress and gain enjoyment from the use of top-quality provision.

- Our music concert and prize giving afternoon was a great success. Children who have had musical instruction on instruments this year were able to perform to an audience, and everyone was able to showcase their singing talents. We awarded prizes to children in each class who had shown particular regard for our school values and we also presented trophies for sports day and housepoints.

We are very proud of the achievements of our pupils over the last year. They have all worked hard and have made a positive contribution towards life at The Marton Academy. We were able to showcase musical achievements of all of our pupils through their singing and of some pupils who have learned to play musical instruments. We hope that parents enjoyed listening to a sample of what they have learned. We were also proud to showcase the importance of the school values, as they provide children with the life skills that they will need both today and in the future.

We are looking forward to the year ahead, continuing to build on the strengths of the school. If you have any comments that you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will be holding a parent information workshop regarding the new book band levels in the next few weeks and we will be investing in new reading books. We will inform you of the date as soon as it is finalised.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Taylor

Mr Green