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Upcoming Events

Autumn Term
Begins
Wednesday
6th September 2023

October Half Term
Monday 30th October-
Friday 3rd November

School closes for
Christmas
Friday 22nd December

School opens for the
Spring Term
Monday 8th January
2024

Nursery News

The Nursery children have had a very busy third term at school. We have enjoyed learning about King Charles III and celebrating the Coronation. We even had a Coronation disco.



Our parents came into school for our first ever Learn-Along; they had a lovely time completing craft activities with us.



Nursery News

We tried really hard on our Sports Day, and had a great time on our trip to Wolseley Education Centre, to learn about frogs and take part in pond dipping!



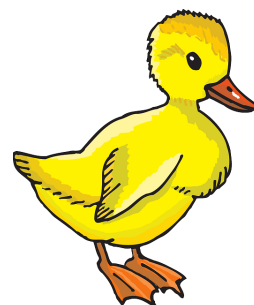
During our last few days in Nursery we will be dressing up as Nursery Rhyme characters and performing in our Summer Show. We also have an inflatable and sensory session to look forward to.

Reception News

Reception have had a busy summer term! We were very excited to have 5 duck eggs arrive and an incubator. We watched the eggs hatch and were amazed to see 5 beautiful ducklings!



Reception enjoyed a visit to Ash End Farm after learning all about farm animals and their young. We saw lots of different animals including a horse, foal, pig, piglet, alpaca, cow, calf, chicken, chick, duck and much more! We really enjoyed our day out!



Reception loved celebrating the King's Coronation. We made crowns and flags and enjoyed a picnic lunch outside on the playground.



Reception News

Reception also enjoyed a visit from Fireman Tim, who showed us his firefighter outfit, fire engine and equipment.



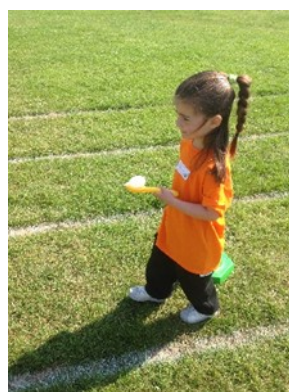
We also enjoyed visits from local Police Officers and our local Lollipop Lady, learning all about the jobs that they do.



Reception News



Well done to everyone in Reception for taking part in their first Sports Day. You were all amazing and worked really hard! We would also like to thank all of the parents and carers for attending and showing us lots of support.



Year 1 News

Sports Day Award

Well Done Year One!

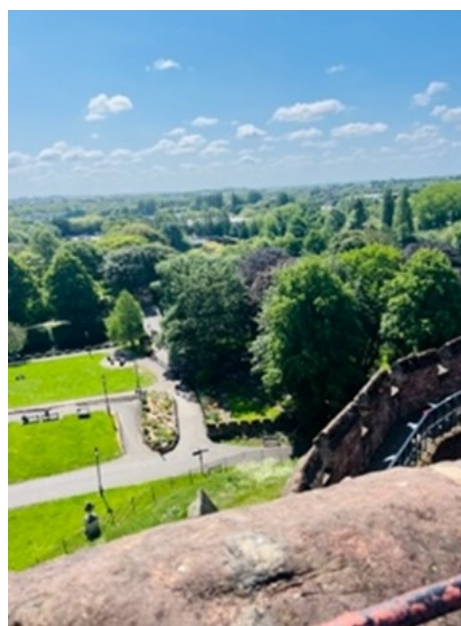
for competing in our
Year One Sports Day event.

We were absolutely thrilled to all take part in Sports Day this year, it was a hot one! All the Year 1 children showed great team work and determination. The atmosphere was electric! It was so wonderful to have all the grownups in attendance to show their support. Congratulations to the Blue Team, who came first, and a huge well done to everyone!

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Tamworth Castle where they completed a 'Great Fire of London' workshop. There was a range of different activities we took part in. We absolutely loved having first hand experiences throughout the workshops and having our very own tour of the castle. We even went right to the very top! It was a fantastic day and the children behaved outstandingly.



Year 1 News



Year 2 News

During the summer term, we have studied the history of sport during our topic and English lessons. We found out about the modern Olympics and wrote a report about some Olympians and Paralympian's. We also found out about the origins of the Olympics and held our own Ancient Olympic games. The children competed for one of four city states: Athens, Sparta, Corinth or Megara. They worshipped at the temple of Zeus before competing and made a promise not to go to war during the games. Our athletes competed in disciplines including the hoplite soldier race, chariot-racing, javelin and running. Our Olympic champions received their olive wreath crown beneath Mount Olympus.

Here are some photographs of Miss Wright's class enjoying the Games.



Rafe, Chase and Millie



Elijah



Jack, Chase, Rafe, Millie and Freyah

Year 2 NewsJapanese Drumming

Year 2 enjoyed a drumming workshop. There were all different types of Japanese drum that James brought along for us to see and hear. We were treated to a demonstration of the different drums and then we had a chance to try some drumming for ourselves. After learning how to hold the sticks and how to stand like a Japanese drummer, we copied different rhythms that became louder and faster. We sounded amazing! Here are some photographs of Mrs Robinson's class drumming.



Year 2's Sports Day took place on Friday 9th June and was a fantastic event enjoyed by all. Nine teams worked very hard to earn points in nine



different events including hurdles, baton run and football dribbling. In third place winning the bronze medals was Orange Team; in second place winning silver medals was Purple Team. The White Team including Alexandrina, Freyja, Poppy, Thea, Jorge, Alanna, Ronnie and Ed gained first place winning the gold medals. Well done to all of Year Two for showing brilliant skills, behaviour and attitude.

Year 3 NewsOur Beautiful Planet

Oh what a beautiful planet!
I can see the exciting, exuberant
fish.

The bright, pink flowers.

The blue, clear ocean.

The orange, fluffy fox!

The fast, spotty leopards

What a wonderful sight to see!

The pink, orange coral

The leafy, green trees.

What a beautiful planet, looking
back at me.

Our Damaged Planet

Our damaged planet, our damaged
planet.

What a sad sight to see.

The sticky, red oil spill.

The thunderous, terrible war damage.

The trapped, hurt turtle.

Can anyone help these sea creatures?

The dead, mouldy trees.

The black, foggy sky.

The lonely, sad polar bear.

If we don't help these creatures soon,
we all risk extinction.



Year 4 News

Sea Life Centre Trip

On Tuesday 16th May, Year 4 visited the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. We went there to enrich our learning about habitats and food chains in science. We saw lots of wonderful marine creatures and found out interesting information about them.

In our Independent writing, we wrote recounts about our visit. Here are some extracts:-

We walked in and our eyes were greeted with loads of colourful fish. There was a TV that showed some of their animals, but the one that caught my eye was the sea otter and it said that we could shake its hand. Sadly, we did not. The first non-fish we saw were the penguins. They were adorable and there was a video that told us about penguins, and the naughty and star penguins of the week.



At first, I thought they were plastic until one moved its wing. One also dived into the water! It was an amazing diver. Some also came up to the glass. We held our lunch up to the glass and the penguins tried to eat it. We also went to the ocean tunnel, where there were sharks, sea turtles, rays, small fish, big fish and tiny turtles, but I thought it was a bit sad for them to be in this habitat in a little tunnel. But I am sure they were cared for.

Maisie P (04KM)

Year 4 News

We saw baby, dark brown sea otters being fed. We got to feel an orange, bumpy starfish's arm. There were some weird fish with horns on their head, they were called unicorn fish. I also saw six black and white, cute penguins and some colourful jellyfish. I really enjoyed the trip and my favourite part was the penguins. I thought that it was funny that they wore different coloured bands so we could tell who was who.

Lexi P (04SM)



We saw cat fish which were as black as charcoal. We saw sea otters whose names were Ola and Ozzy. They were as big as a medium sized dog. Also, we saw upside down jelly fish (and yes - they were swimming upside down weirdly). The best thing was the shark tunnel. It had see-through glass so you could see water eels bobbing up and down, majestic underwater turtles, small but deadly sharks and millions of miniature, colourful fish.

Harrison B (04ER)

Year 4 News

Roman Day

On 28th June, it was Year 4's Roman Day. We were visited by a company called Widget Workshops. This enrichment activity was paid for using money kindly given to Year 4 by the school's PTFA.

We had three sessions during the day in which:-

- . we investigated how the Romans built their towns and cities.
- . we explored the sites of Ancient Rome and the Romans in Britain using virtual reality (VR) headsets.
- . we had the opportunity to touch and investigate replica and real Roman artefacts.
- . some of us chose to dress up as Romans including a Roman soldier.
- . we played some games that they would have played in Ancient Roman times.

It was a wonderful day and we certainly learnt a lot about Romans to support our learning in Topic lessons.



Teejay W (04ER) and Aaliyah H (04KM) using the VR headsets.



Noah C (04ER) and Chloe G (04SM) dressed up as Romans.

Year 5 News

Year 5 Residential to Peak Venture

At the end of April Year 5 had an exciting, fun filled time at Peak Venture near Sheffield. We spent three days and two nights doing a variety of activities from laser tag to raft building. Staff and children pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and demonstrated brilliant resilience, confidence and teamwork.



Year 5 NewsVisit from the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity

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Air Ambulance
Charity®**

On Thursday 22nd June, Year 5 had a visit from the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. As the charity is not Government funded and relies on donations, Year 5 wore items of red and brought in a small monetary donation - we raised a fantastic £135!

During the day, the children learnt about the charity and the work that they do. Part of the day was spent visiting an air ambulance pod. The children had the opportunity to see what it was like inside the air ambulance helicopter. They were surprised to discover the amount of equipment within the pod and also that the air ambulance paramedics were able to perform open heart surgery on the side of the road if needed.

Year 5 were also taught how to carry out CPR and practised on a blown-up dummy called Geoff! They soon realised how tiring it was and how important it is to know the process and what to do in an emergency. Alongside this, they were also shown how to put someone in the recovery position.

The children wrote some lovely poems about the air ambulance and the work they do.



Year 5 News

Bikeability



On 8th and 9th June, Year 5 took part in Level One Bikeability Training, learning how to ride a bike safely. This included learning how to check that their bike was safe along with riding it in a safe manner whilst demonstrating important skills. During the session, they were given several challenges to complete and had time to practise new skills.



Artist in Residence

On Monday 10th July, Year 5 were visited by local artist, Luke Western. His artwork is predominately based upon nature and birds. He spent the morning working with the children to create a wonderful, very colourful sculpture of a peacock which is now proudly on display in the Caroline Bowers Art Gallery for all of our school community to enjoy.



Year 6 News

Y6 Laches Wood Visit

Cool Canoeing by Mrs Lindsay



Our session started with the giving out of paddles and life vests. We did a few techniques and learnt to hold the paddle on the t section. Then we walked down to the canal and played a game to see if we knew left and right. It made the paddles all drop on the floor and was harder than it looked! I got in the canoe with Allicia and Ruby (what a team). It was really fun to get in the boat and to start to paddle. The instructors told us how to go into the side and to salute to any passing boats, which we did a few times. As we made our way down the canal...disaster struck...Bella, Kate and Bea's boat capsized! Then not long after Mr Ferguson's boat capsized. Mr Ferguson was not impressed (neither were Olly and Riley). We had lots of fun sailing under the bridge and then trying to do a 360 degree turn in the water. The funniest part was linking the boats together and



then swapping places into other people's boats! We were all laughing so much! Soon after, we made our way back to where we had started and we were so much better at paddling. I was a little wet from some of the splashing as we got out but not as wet as Mr Ferguson, thanks to my expert canoeing team!

Team A+B...Ready for the BMX Challenge and Caving!



Year 6 News

Team C+D... Ready for the BMX Challenge and Rock Room



Team G+H... Ready for Frisbee Golf Challenge and Search and Rescue!



Year 6 News

Search and Rescue!



Team E+F... Ready for the Caving and High Ropes!



Team I+J... Ready for the BMX Challenge and High Ropes!



Year 6 News

On the last day, Mrs Mander had some special awards to present...

Girl Dormitory Award: For the tidiest and quietest dormitory throughout the week.

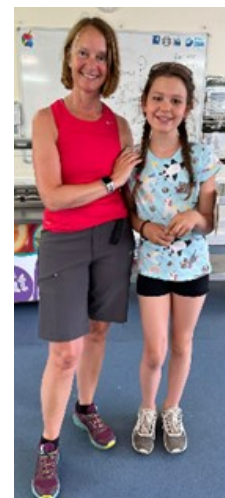


Boy Dormitory Award: For the tidiest and quietest dormitory throughout the week.

Duty Award: For the best duty completed across the week...the corridors were spotless! Well done boys.



Special Award: Freya was so helpful and even tidied the staff dormitories!



Well done to all our Laches Wood adventurers. We had a fantastic week with many challenges achieved and many fears faced!

The following children have achieved 100% attendance during the Summer Term, Congratulations!

Reception

Harper A, Jack B, Peyton B, Jack B, Mollie C, Leonard E, Blake F, Jaiden H, Ivy H, Emilia J, Darcey Rae M, Bertie O, Harriet R, Lily S, Poppy S.

Year 1

Theo B, Bodhi B, Sienna C, Alice C, Megan C, Darcie-Mai E, Daisy F, Ivie F, Arden G, Annabelle L, Amelia M, Kai N, Catherine N, Jake O, Arlo P, Gracie S, Lily W, Olivia W, Ellie W.

Year 2

Charlotte B, Jessie C, Reagan C, Max C, Bradley C, Oliver D, Brody E, Edward G, Thomas H, Jack H, Isabelle H, Roman K, Poppy L, Mollie L, Kaylee N, Rafe O, Freddie S, Charlie S, Phoebe-Grace S, Lila Szpara, Thomas W, Leo W, Peter W.

Year 3

Isla A, Kai B, Poppy B, Joshua C, Ava D, Eadie F, Roman G, Evie H, Alex H, Dexter L, Leah M, Harris M, Myleigh M, Tobias P, Harry R, Emilia R, Isla-Rose S, Penny S, Daniel T, Madeleine W, Jack W, Jacob W.

Year 4

Celie B, Lacey F, Ethen G, Eva G, Ethan H, Poppy H, Isabel M, Avery M, Charlie S, Frank S, Harry S, Teejay W.

Year 5

Jessica A, Lucy B, Louis B, Oliver C, Amelia C, Tyler L F, Toby F, Katie H, Jacob H, Dylan H, Joseph I, Hudson K, Alex L, Corban M, Kylan M, Jack N, Emily P, Poppy R, Elliot S, Nia S, Jordan S, Rose W.

Year 6

Firdaous A, Jack A, George B, James B, James B, Lyla C, Ruby C, Jessica D, Noah E, Willow F, Kate G, Lucy G, Zach H, Evie K, Lacey K, Olly M, Sasha M, Jenson O, Harriet P, Isabella R, Joshua R, Stanley S, Macy T, Calum W, Travis W, Hugo Y.

The following pupils have achieved 100% attendance for the **WHOLE Year!**
WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



Arden G, Kai N, Olivia W, Ellie W, Bradley C, Kaylee N, Eadie F, Madelaine W, Jack W, Jacob W, Charlie S (Y4), Louis B, Amelia C, Katie H, Jacob H, Emily P, Kylan M, Willow F, Zach H, Sasha M, Jenson O, Stanley S.

Mrs Mander would like to say...

Thank you to everyone for all their hard work and support throughout the year.

It has been a very busy year and we have achieved a great deal.

I hope you all have a well deserved, relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

I would like to say a special goodbye to Year 6 and wish you all well as you leave Five Ways and move to the next stage of your education.

