

# Newsletter



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23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

## Magic Maths Workshop

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Year 1 children were joined by Mr Tony Charles who visited Five Ways. He completed a 'Magic Maths Workshop' with each Year 1 class. The children enjoyed the maths activities that they took part in and were proud to demonstrate their developing mathematical knowledge. The children completed exciting activities and Mr Charles showed them some fantastic magic tricks. Children revisited their learning on careful counting, repeating patterns, counting in groups, 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, positional and directional language, and much more! The children even learned a maths magic trick that can be shared with parents at home!

We would like to thank Year 1 parents for their support in raising sponsor money that helped to fund this enrichment activity.



## Forthcoming Dates:

**Week beginning**  
**26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 –**  
**Menu week 1.**



29th February – KS2 Assessment Information Meeting 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of children in Year 6.*)

7th March - Enrichment Day - World Book Day (*Pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character for the day.*)

15th March - Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day (*More details to follow*)

15th March – PTFA Easter Bingo Event

21st March – Year 1 Easter bonnet parade – 3.00pm

21st March – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

21st March – Peak Venture Meeting – 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of pupils in Year 5.*)

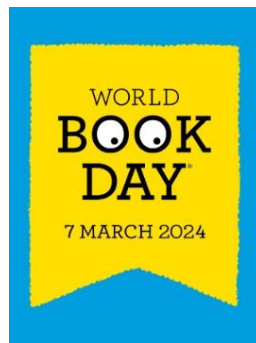
22nd March – School Closes for Easter break – Normal Times

8<sup>th</sup> April - School Opens for pupils and staff

***Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.***

## World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will be undertaking a variety of activities relating to books and reading throughout the week leading up to 7<sup>th</sup> March. This is advanced notice that children are asked to come dressed as a book or Nursery Rhyme character on this day. Please make the costume as simple or complex as you like. You might choose a character from your child's favourite book or from a story your child has read recently. Children should come to school in their costume on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and will wear it all day. I look forward to seeing your costumes on the day and I also look forward to celebrating books and reading throughout the week. Some members of staff might also choose to dress up! Who knows who you might meet?



## Bad Weather Procedures

In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/>

## **Five Ways Primary School**

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## Year 1 Design and Technology

Year 1 children have been learning about 'stable structures' in their design and technology lessons recently. The children designed and built their very own 'Bug Hotels' which feature in the KS1 Acorn Wood. (The area outside Miss Buchan's Year 1 classroom.)

Here is Olivia S from Miss Cattell's class; she has been enjoying her lessons so much that she went home and created her own Bug Hotel for Acorn Wood. Well done Olivia!



## Pep the Poet

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, we had the wonderful opportunity to have a 'real life' published poet visit Five Ways. Our friend Pep the Poet came into school to share his poems in an assembly with KS2 children and then ran poetry workshops with our Year 5 pupils. Pep the Poet is a performance poet and wellbeing champion, who writes and performs amusing poems for 6 to 11 year olds. Pep has published four poetry collections: Peter Pants, Quentin the Squirrel, The Funky Peacock and Tina the Rock Hard Robin.

## Musical Production

During February half term, some children from Five Ways were part of a full-scale musical production of 'The Little Mermaid' at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock. The girls have been rehearsing every weekend since October, and then performed 6 shows over half term to a sold out audience. The girls' performance was outstanding and the production, which was fantastic, was enjoyed by many families associated with Five Ways.



Photographed above are (left to right) Emily from Year 3, Bella from Year 4, Evie from Year 5 and Scarlett from Year 4. Well done girls! You look fantastic!

## Outstanding Choir

### Performance

KS2 Choir members had the pleasure of attending the 'Young Voices' concert last night at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. Our choir members from Five Ways performed alongside other school choirs from across the West Midlands. 53 of our pupils took part in the concert and performed in front of families and friends in a choir made up of approximately 6500 pupils. The atmosphere in the arena was outstanding and the sound of thousands of children singing together was beautiful. The choir sang with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists to create a remarkable performance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr McFarlane, who is our music teacher, for preparing our choir before the event and to all of the Five Ways staff who attended and supervised the children. In addition, I would like to thank all of the parents and family members who went along and watched the performance. Well done everyone!

## Assessment Meetings

Year 6 parents are reminded of the meeting taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> February in the KS1 Hall at 6.30pm, regarding the upcoming Year 6 SATs.

The similar meeting for Year 2 parents originally planned for 7<sup>th</sup> March is cancelled due to Year 2 assessments no longer being statutory. Year 2 parents are asked to refer to a letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from Miss Wright for further clarification.

### Messy Church

Please be aware that St John's Church is providing craft, games, singing, stories, activities and food for children aged 4 to 11 years of age, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. For more information, please see the flyer sent home with this newsletter.



### Nursery Application: Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This is an important reminder that applications for your child's Nursery place ready for September 2024, need to be submitted by **15<sup>th</sup> March**. Application forms for the Nursery cohort due to start in **September 2024**, are available to access on our school website via the 'Information for Parents' tab, or alternatively by following this link:

<https://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/school-information/admissions>

In addition, please be aware that we have organised a 'New to Nursery Open Day' on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February from 3.45pm – 4.30pm. If you would like to bring your child along to visit our Nursery, please book a place via our school office.

**Five Ways Lottery** Tickets can be bought by following the link:

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school)

### PTFA News!



Thank you for all of the donations received as a result of the non-uniform day which was held in preparation of our Easter Bingo event. We raised over £385 and received over 170 Easter chocolate items. On behalf of the PTFA 'Thank You' for your support and generosity. The money raised will go towards funding new Chromebooks for the children to use. All chocolate donations will be used as prizes across all our upcoming Easter events.

**Bag2School** – We are collecting good quality second hand clothing. The PTFA will be offering a 'Drop off Point' for donations that will take place at the main school gate entrance, off Langholm Drive on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** from **3.45pm – 5.00pm**. Alternatively, please ensure all donations are brought to school on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** and placed under the canopy by the main office by **9.00am**. Please see the flyer sent home today for more information.

**Easter Bingo** – 15<sup>th</sup> March and **Easter Egg Hunt** – 21<sup>st</sup> March – Tickets are available to purchase on the PTFA dashboard: [www.pta-events/fiveways](http://www.pta-events/fiveways). Remember to secure your tickets quickly for the Bingo event because it sells out fast!

**Egg Decorating Competition** – Entry fee £1 payable via the PTFA dashboard. Please bring eggs to school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March ready for judging on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Good luck everyone!

**'Fiveways-a-licious' Wonka style Golden Ticket competition** - Chocolate bars are available to purchase until 3<sup>rd</sup> March and are £2 each on the PTFA dashboard: [www.pta-events/fiveways](http://www.pta-events/fiveways).

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