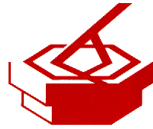




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Dear Parents and Children Nursery Graduation



Our youngest children graduated from the school Nursery this week. They all looked absolutely fantastic in their gowns and mortar boards, and moved gracefully across the stage to collect their graduation certificate. This is now the third year that we have conducted this ceremony, and I have to say that it is a truly delightful event. The nursery team have, once more, done a sterling job, and your support has been immense. Thank you, and well done children.

Whole School Music

Our annual music event was another re-sounding success. Children from across the school were showing off their developing talents, individually and as



part of a group. Watching the children playing, and seeing them develop over the years, is particularly rewarding. We seem to have come a very long way since we introduced the school orchestra, and we remain one of the very few primary schools in the country to have one!

Attendance

Attendance was down overall last week. Children in KS1 in particular have been

struggling with high temperatures and diarrhoea. Nevertheless, life moves on and we are still able to celebrate classes with the highest attendance rates. A particular well done to the children in 3C and 3D for achieving 100% last week.

Weekly Attendance	Class
EYFS Highest	RC - 98.5%
KS1 Highest	2K - 96.9%
LKS2 Highest	3C+3D - 100%
UKS2 Highest	6J - 99.0%
Whole school	95.4%

Head's Classes of the Week

	Weekly
EYFS	RW
KS1	2M
LKS2	3D
UKS2	5B

Winners of the Weekly ATL Cup

Children across the school continue to work hard to achieve ATL points for outstanding attitudes. I will be letting you know shortly which children will be accompanying me on a celebration 'outing'.

KS1	James L, 1D
LKS2	Alois O, 3B
UKS2	Lucas W, 5B

Sport

We have had a busy few days again with sport. Year 5 athletes took part in the Borough Sports alongside Year 6, thus Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 have all had teams representing the school in the last two weeks. Year 3 and 4 athletes took part in the South Solihull Quad Athletics and performed excellently, finishing 5th overall, whilst the whole of Year 2 took part in the Tri-Golf Tournament at Tudor Grange, finishing a creditable 6th. The Year 6 Tag Rugby team took part in the Birmingham Regional Finals representing Solihull. This is a competition open to over 500 schools with the quality of play being of the highest order. We finished 3rd overall, with Lilla W being named player of the tournament. The Year 6 Cricket team visited Crackley Hall, and won by 1 run. In the second of the Borough Sports, Lilla W won gold in the 75m sprint. In addition, the Year 5 and 6 Rounders Team was invited to Solihull

school for their annual tournament. In our group matches, three out of three wins, against Sharmans Cross, Acocks Green and The Croft, put us top of the table, which meant a final against a very strong Solihull school. The match was tight and ended with Solihull winning by one rounder. I feel exhausted just writing it! Very well done to all the children who have taken part and a special thank you to Mr Green who continues to work tirelessly to coach, organise events and accompany the children on these events. The children who take part are certainly reaping great reward.

Year 6

Children in this year group had a great day last Friday at Drayton Manor, combining learning about forces with fun! Thank you Year 6 team and all those who accompanied the children for the day.

Last Two Weeks

Reception children who either missed or need to have their hearing re-tested will be assessed next Monday; **Year 6** are performing their end of year play on Wednesday and Thursday; **it is INSET DAY on Friday, so the school is closed to pupils; Year 2** are celebrating July and August Birthdays at a special assembly on Thursday 20th at 9.10am; **Year 2** have their final assembly on Friday 21st at 9.10am; **Year 6** have their final assembly at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm, also on 21st!

Job Opportunity at Pathways

Pathways is looking for caring lunchtime practitioners (term-time only), to support children between 11.15 and 1.15 daily. Contact 01676 532298 or e mail: office@pathwaysnursery.co.uk for further information.

Parking

Unfortunately, the odd one or two of our parents have been causing some distress by parking across driveways and using them as turning points in the slip road on Balsall Street East. Please don't do this!

I cannot believe that there are only two weeks to go! Have a great weekend

GT Burgess

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Robin's Stars of the Week

Lucciano F, RM Ethan B, RW Joe, RC George T, RK Abigail S, RK Martha, RC

Writers of the Week

Louie B, RM Jacob W, RK Sophia C, 1H Lewis S, 2L
Amelia S, RM Isla B, RK Matilda F, 1H Henry M, 2K
Elena P, RW Daisy B, 1R Daisy P, 1H Tawny H, 2K
Oscar L, RK Megan W, 1S

Maths Wizards

Jessica B, RM Isla B, RK Trinity P, 1H Ella G, 2L
Matthew M, RM Tara V, 1S Imogen T, 1H Pheobe McN, 2L
Rupert F, RW Alex H, 1S Ben B, 2M Ruby W, 2L
Oscar L, RK Evie M, 2K
Cezar D, RK William S, 2K

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Henry H, 1H Sophia B, 1S Jordon J, 2L Alex W, 3B Chloe D, 4C
Nelson-John, 1H Owen S, 2K Alfie M, 3C Libby B, 3D Maisy M, 6J
Evie K, 1S Henry M, 2K Lewis F, 3C Freya K, 4W

DIARY DATES

Monday 10 July	16:30 Year 1 Information Evening 17:30 Year 3 Information Evening
Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 July	18:00 Year 6 Performance
Friday 14 July	INSET DAY - School closed for pupils
Monday 17 July	11.00am Children meet their new teacher for next year Reports Home
Wednesday 19 July	Year 6 Fun Day and BBQ PTA final meeting
Thursday 20 July	Final KS1 birthday assembly
Friday 21 July	9:00 Year 2 final assembly 14.30 Year 6 final assembly (no awards)
Friday 21 July	TERM ENDS
Monday 4 September	INSET DAY, Dragons CLOSED
Monday 5 September	INSET DAY, Dragons OPEN
Wednesday 6 September	TERM COMMENCES FOR ALL CHILDREN



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