



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

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Dear Parents and Children,

#### Attendance and ATLs for Last Week

Last Week's ATL Winners		Weekly Attendance	
FS	RM	RC	99.6%
KS1	2K	RM	99.3%
LKS2	3P	4W	99.3%
UKS2	5B	2M/3C/6W	99%

#### Attendance

Another good week for the attendance figures at an overall 97.4%; that's 2 consecutive weeks over 97%.

#### ATL Points Cup Winners

Well done to Christie in 3C and Isabel in 5B for earning the most ATLs last week.

#### 5B Class Assembly

5B took us back to Ancient Greece last week, even scaring the audience with Medusa as they told some Greek myths during their assembly. A revival of Bonnie Tyler's 'Hero', along with some superb acting and dancing skills meant that it was yet another talent-filled showcase that we are now seeing time and again during these Friday assemblies. Well done 5B!

#### Year 3 String Performance

For those that missed the String Explosion at Warwick Arts Centre, or for those that simply wanted a second showing, the Year 3 children gave another lovely string performance here in school last Wednesday.

It really is wonderful to see the whole year group performing in unison. It gives many children a starting point from which they carry on learning an instrument as they progress through the school. Thanks again to all who helped out.

#### Borough Sports

This annual athletics event should have run last week but the weather intervened. At the time of writing this, the finals night hasn't taken place - news and results will be in next week's newsletter.

#### First Aid Training for Year 6 Pupils

As part of their PSHE curriculum, Rich from the charity St John's Ambulance visited Year 6 last week to train children in first aid skills. They covered first aid basics such as asthma, allergic reactions, choking, low blood sugar, poisons, head injuries, unconsciousness and severe bleeding. Jack from 6K said, 'It was a great experience for us and a very enjoyable day. These memories will stay in our minds and could help us in later life.' A big 'thank you' to St John's Ambulance for providing this service.

#### Ballet

We've always known what a vast array of talent we have amongst our pupils here and some of them showcased their ballet skills last Sunday when they appeared in the Point the Way Ballet School, Summer Showcase at the Solihull Library Theatre. Mrs Clamp and Mrs Walkerdine were in the audience and couldn't believe how you remembered all those steps. You were all brilliant.

#### EYFS Sports Day

Wasn't it wonderful to see so many young children having great fun at their sports afternoon last Thursday? The determination on the children's faces, as well as the smiles and enjoyment, is what always stands out at these events. Mr Burgess was particularly impressed by the relay races - well done to all children who took part so well and to the staff for organising a well-run event.



#### Gala Day 2016

Great fun was had by all who attended our spectacular Gala last weekend. Thanks to the variety of stalls and activities, we have raised somewhere in the region of £8,500 - that is fantastic! A huge thank you to all who came, especially to the parents and staff who helped out. Congratulations to the children who played for Northern Ireland who won the annual Gala Football Tournament



#### Dunfield

Last week, Year 4 went to Dunfield House. Children completed many art activities, culminating in producing a large canvas inspired by the work of Georgia O'Keeffe. Children also took part in a range of outdoor activities including the ever popular "playing in the stream," swimming and much more. On Friday children visited Oakerwood activity centre, doing teambuilding activities, before returning to school. A great time was had by all during this fabulous learning experience for Year 4.



Have a good weekend; I'm going to try and enjoy the Euro 2016 quarter finals without England being in them but it may take me a while to get over what happened on Monday!

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Assistant Head

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**Nursery Zig and Zog's Stars of the Week**

Miss Sargent's class - Kacy

Mrs Basener & Mrs Parkin's class - Oscar M & Luke B

**Robin's Stars of the Week**

Amelia H, RW

Zac A, RM

Shivani D, RC

Annabel H & Tom S, RK

**Writers of the Week**

Yijiang W & Henry H, RW

Amelia O, RM

Freddie J, RC

Evie K, RK

Bailey P-R, 1D

Sophia M, 2B

Daisy-May A, 2K

Matilda C, Emilia W & Isabella W, 2M

**Maths Wizards**

Holly T, 1H

Alois O, 2K

Henry M & Owen S, 1D

Emilia W, 2M

**Good Choice Stars of the Week**

Megan W, 1H

Gianluca F, 2K

Isabelle T, 3D

Grace W, 4C

Farah M, 5P

Edward S, 6K

Jovan G, 1H

Erin M, 2M

Kenny G, 3C

Harry S, 4W

Libby J, 5B

Rhys J, 6W

Chase C, 1D

Harry Mc, 2M

Edward L, 3P

Chloe O, 4J

Lucy W, 5T

James M, 6B

Thomas F, 1D

Emily S, 2B

**DIARY DATES**

Friday 8 July	HSBC SchoolBank Disco
Monday 11 July	16:30 Year 1 Information Evening 17:30 Year 3 Information Evening
Wednesday 13 July	14:00- Year 6 Performance - Matinee Performance for Grandparents 18:00 - Year 6 Performance
Thursday 14 July	18:00 - Year 6 Performance
Friday 15 July	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 18 July	Reports Home Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 20 July	Year 6 Fun Day and BBQ PTA final meeting
Thursday 21 July	Final KS1 birthday assembly
Friday 22 July	9:05 Final Assembly Year 2 14:30 Final Assembly Year 6 <b>END OF SCHOOL YEAR</b>



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