



Issue 9

10 May 2024



Diary Dates



Monday 13th - 16th May 2024

Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 13th May 2024

Grey Class Martineau Trip

Tuesday 14th May 2024

SCHOOL OPEN TO YEAR 6 ONLY

Monday 20th May 2024

Health Awareness Week

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Numbers Day

Friday 24th May 2024

Break up for Half Term 3:20pm

Monday 3rd June 2024

School Reopens - 8:40am

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Class Photographs

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Archery Competition

Friday 7th June 2024

Year 4 & 5 Cricket Tournament

Monday 10th – 14th June 2024

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Headteachers' Bulletin



We hope that you have all had a lovely extra-long weekend! It is not very often that the weather is kind to us, but spending time with families in the sunshine certainly helps with our mental health and wellbeing.

School has been very busy during the past week, particularly for our pupils in Year 6. Year 6 SATS tests will begin on Monday 13 May - Thursday 16 May. Year 6 children will need to be in school by **8:30am**. We will provide them with a breakfast, time to be with their friends and also to discuss any worries or concerns that they have. This is an extremely important week in the children's academic life and they **MUST** attend school everyday, with no exceptions. The children and staff have all been working so hard in the run up to these tests. We wish all those involved the best of luck.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Celebrations



Congratulations to all the pupils who have received the co-head teachers' 'Being Collaborative' award this week!

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| Nursery 1 | Guransh | Y3 Blue | Zhy |
| Nursery 2 | Muhammed | Y3 Red | Nima |
| R Aqua | Aqua Class | Y4 Pink | Victoria |
| R Grey | Yusuf | Y4 White | Mushtaq |
| Y1 Orange | Ronaldo | Y5 Gold | Amarah |
| Y1 Purple | Chloe | Y5 Silver | Kritika |
| Y2 Green | Ahsan | Y6 Bronze | Mantaj |
| Y2 Yellow | Shanaya | Y6 Lime | Jai |

Overall Readers of the Week

Last Week's Winners of tokens for the book vending machine are: **Tanzil** and **Ruth**

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| | | Y3 Blue | Anthony |
| | | Y3 Red | Hala |
| R Aqua | Maanik | Y4 Pink | Bilal |
| R Grey | Raghveer | Y4 White | Sahibjit |
| Y1 Orange | Jasreet | Y5 Gold | Chelsea |
| Y1 Purple | Harjveer | Y5 Silver | Mohereet |
| Y2 Green | Kayla | Y6 Bronze | Mhamad |
| Y2 Yellow | Amy | Y6 Lime | Asma |



Attendance



#Everydaycounts

Attendance Update

We continue to have many requests from parents for holidays in term time. Please be aware that family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are highly unlikely to be authorised. Birmingham City Council strongly discourages pupil leave of absence during term time and you will be issued with a Penalty Notice if there are a sufficient number of days of absence. Penalty notices are issued per parent per child and can add up to a substantial amount of money. This year several parents have been issued with fines of over £400. Failure to pay the fines will result in court action. In addition, we have seen a real increase in children being collected early for various appointments / reasons during the school day. This can be very disruptive for your child, for staff and for their class as a whole. Please make appointments for out of school hours wherever possible. We will always ask to see a copy of the appointment letter / card for our records. We are mindful that some hospital appointments are difficult to change but these should be the exception.

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| Nursery | 98.9 |
| Aqua | 87.0 |
| Grey | 95.4 |
| Orange | 88.9 |
| Purple | 94.0 |
| Green | 95.4 |
| Yellow | 96.4 |
| Blue | 98.7 |
| Red | 93.3 |
| Pink | 92.5 |
| White | 90.3 |
| Gold | 91.5 |
| Silver | 93.5 |
| Bronze | 97.9 |
| Lime | 95.0 |

In Other News...



Young People's Parliament



Our YPP and representatives from our Year 2 garden gang, Year 6 media team and Year 4 eco influencers were a great success at the citizenship awards event at AVFC. They demonstrated confidence and showed their creativity as they presented their citizenship project to the Handsworth association of schools. Each member contributed their ideas on how we can care for the environment and were a credit to our school. We wish them the best of luck as the panel of judges make their final decision later in the term. Well done to everyone involved. We will keep you posted.

In Other News...



VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Votes for Schools is a National initiative to give children opportunities to discuss issues that matter to them and current affairs. It also promotes British Values. In school we have a weekly assembly about a topic and a question is asked for children to think about. Children then get a token to vote 'Yes' or 'No'.

Last week, our focus was on Recycling.

The question of the week was:

Should we recycle?

Results showed:

| Key Stage | Yes | No |
|-----------|-----|-----|
| KS1 | 98% | 2% |
| KS2 | 81% | 19% |

The question next week is:

Is it easy to be a visitor?

We will be sharing the results with you in the next newsletter.

Road Safety

We are very aware that the roads around our school can get busy at the start and end of the day! We all want to get our children to school as quickly and safely as possible. We are asking all of our parents and carers to do the following to help ensure the safety of our children.

Don't block zig-zags! These yellow lines painted across the pavement are there for a reason. They allow children a safe space to see oncoming traffic before they cross. Parked cars on zig-zags block their view, increasing the risk of accidents.

Pavement parking is a no-go too! Parked cars on the pavement force pedestrians, including children, to walk into the road. This can be especially dangerous around busy junctions.

Let's work together to keep our children safe!



Writing Workshop

On Tuesday, Reception held a very successful parent writing workshop. Thank you to all the parents for supporting their children in these early stages of writing. It was wonderful to see the children working so hard alongside their parents. We hope you found the workshop useful.



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