



Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a brilliant week in school learning about the monarchy and the Queen's life during her 70 years reign. They have created some fabulous artwork including portraits of the queen, family trees and models of castles and palaces. The week finished with a wonderful picnic on the school grounds this afternoon, where children dressed in red, white and blue or their best clothes, wearing their crowns and waving their flags. We hope you have a lovely half term holiday.

Health and Safety



Warm Weather

Now that the weather is starting to get warmer, please can parents and carers send a cap/hat for your child to wear during playtime and lunchtime in the playground. Please ensure that it has your child's name clearly written inside. Please can they also bring in a water bottle, which can be filled up in school. It would also be advisable to apply sun cream before coming into school.



Polite Reminder about the Trim Trail

The trim trail is only available to be used during school time when supervised by school staff due to health and safety reasons.

Please can parents remind children not to use it when dropping off and collecting before and after school.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have created our very own Vet's Surgery. The children have loved role playing, taking their animals to the vets, and giving them lots of injections! I have to say that the waiting time at our surgery is much less than at the vets that I use! We are all very busy preparing for the Jubilee celebrations. The children have been making crowns and flags. We are also experimenting with the large blocks to see if we can make a throne. I hope that you have a lovely half term break and I hope we get lots of sunshine.

Mrs Ruth McShane



Reception

In Reception this week the children have been learning about the Queen's Jubilee. We started the week by researching the question 'Who is the Queen?' and then we learned about the Jubilee and why lots of people were celebrating. The children have participated in lots of fun Jubilee themed craft activities throughout the week, including making bunting, flags, paper plate crowns and decorating biscuits! We finished the week with a lovely celebratory picnic on the school field which the children really enjoyed. We hope that you have a lovely half-term week and enjoy any Jubilee celebrations that you may be participating in with friends, family and the local community.

Miss Ridgway (Early Years Leader), Miss Blower and Miss Mosey

Year 1

This week, we have been learning lots about the Queen! We have learnt and written some facts about the Queen, including that she has nine thrones altogether! We have created a family tree from Queen Victoria all the way to the Queen's great grandchildren. In Maths, we have been investigating and learning about numbers to 100 and learning about their place value using base ten, part whole diagrams and place value charts. We have compared numbers to 100 and looked at which is the greatest and smallest number. We hope you have a fantastic half term and enjoy what ever it is you have planned!

Thank you for all your support this half term.



Miss Skidmore, Mrs Ellis (Year 1 Leader), Miss McShane

Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely week celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. It has been great to see the children showing their creativity. The children have especially enjoyed creating centre pieces for the Jubilee Garden party. As well as this, the children have learnt the National Anthem and have spent some time learning about the Queen's reign and coronation.

In English, the children pretended they were glue sticks and wrote letters to the class complaining about not being treated right. They enjoyed expressing their feelings about losing their lids and being knocked off the tables. They used phrases such as "I'm going to completely lose it" and "I'm so fed up" to show their frustration.

In Maths, we had a challenge week where the children completed various problems based on all the learning the children have completed so far in Year 2. The children especially enjoyed the challenge multiplication and division test!

We would like to wish all the children and their families a lovely half term. As always, the children have worked extremely hard and we would like to thank you for your continued support. Let's hope the sun stays shining and you can all have quality time outdoors.



Mrs Sandhu, Mrs Gill (Year 2 Leader), Mrs Nolan

Class Teacher Messages...

Year 3

This week the children have had a great time celebrating the Queens Jubilee! We are so impressed with the quality of work the children have produced. They have made castles and learnt lots about the queen British castles .They have also learnt lots about the queen and are looking forward to a picnic this afternoon! In maths, the children have enjoyed learning about money and calculating change . In science, the children found out the results to their experiments and many were surprised by what they discovered !

Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader), Miss Hussain and Miss Waddell.

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we really enjoyed our 'Rainforest Roadshow' visitor. We looked at a variety of invertebrates from this habitat, made necklaces and drew pictures of artefacts. It was also fascinating to listen to a biologist who had lived and worked with indigenous Amazon rainforest tribes. In maths, we have been converting units of measure and learning how to calculate perimeter. In English, as part of our preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we have made a timeline of the main events of her life and written a biography. We have also been busy crafting things for our tea party on Friday.



Miss Cox (Year 4 Leader), Mrs Hatton and Miss Chapman

Year 5

In our maths lessons this week, we have continued to learn all about measurements. It has been great to see the children showing a great understanding of how to convert between m and km and applying this to their independent work. Whilst in English, we have been writing Haiku and free verse poems. The children have enjoyed writing about subjects that interest them and have produced fantastic pieces of poetry.



In our afternoon lessons, we have been completing lots of work about the Queen and the Platinum Jubilee. Using iPads and information sheets, we discovered lots of facts and details about the Queen and her reign. We have also looked at the history of stamps and the tradition of having a picture of the reigning monarch on the stamp. We have also designed our own stamps using current images of the Queen as our starting point. It has been a great week and we especially enjoyed the garden tea party to celebrate the Queen's jubilee.

Mr Johnston (Assistant Head and Year 5 leader), Miss Wherly, Mrs Sharratt and Mrs Williams

Year 6

We've made it to the end of a very busy half term and our Year 6 pupils are still standing and raring for more! Luckily we've got lots planned in the second half of the term including trips to Dol y Moch, Drayton Manor and Combe Abbey alongside many more events! We will be planning in a production for the parents too, and look forward to sharing more information with you. Please do check your emails and child's bags in case there's letter that may have been missed. We are looking forward to ending on a celebration as we attend our Jubilee picnic, and know our children deserve all the treats we can throw a them to celebrate their success. Have a lovely half term, get some rest and we will see you for the final part of their primary school journey upon their return in June.

Mr Payne (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader), Mrs Harrison and Mr Openshaw

Attendance



WEEKLY WINNERS (w/e 27/05/2022)

KS1 – 1Beta – 96.4%
KS2 – 4Gamma – 98.6%
Whole School – 92.7%



**Congratulations! Your class will receive the Attendance Trophy next week
PLUS you will be rewarded with 5 dojos each!**

**Here Today Here Tomorrow
Every School Day Matters!**

Our schools target for attendance is 96%; this is for the whole school and for every pupil.

We are thrilled to see that over **300 children** have achieved over **96%** attendance this half term! This is a fantastic achievement!

WELL DONE!



SPECIAL SUMMER ATTENDANCE EVENT

All children who achieve 96% and above attendance for next half term will be invited to a special event in school which will be held in the last week of the Summer term. To receive an invitation children will need to be in school every day from 7th June when we return from half term. **YOU CAN DO IT!**



Holidays in Term Time

Holidays in term time will not be authorised and can lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). Only under exceptional circumstances will we authorise a holiday request. Please make sure you complete a Exceptional Leave in Term Time form, you can collect the form from the school office.

Reporting Absence

Please remember to call school by 8:55am to report your child's absence on 02476335697.

Mrs Smith and Miss Keeling are here to support you with any attendance or welfare concerns.

Please call or email us at
familywelfare@whitmorepark.org



Thrive

Mrs Smith's Thrive groups have been planting some beautiful scented Lavender plants this week and creating our own unique Splatter Art to decorate the Den!



Family Welfare

Pathways Family Hub

Open throughout the half term holiday, offering a range of services, support and advice for families, call 024 7697 8130 or check the Pathways family hub facebook page for updates and information.

Food Bank Vouchers

Whitmore Park Primary School is registered to issue food bank vouchers to families in need. You can also contact the Family Hub for vouchers.

CV Life Half Term Activities

Half-Term timetable is running: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022 at Centre AT7, The Alan Higgs Centre, Xcel Leisure Centre and Moat House Leisure and Neighbourhood Centre, including activities such as sports, performing arts and crafts. Check out cvlife.co.uk to see the timetables and book a space.

Year 5 Fundraising

This week Nicky Sargent from Coventry Cyrenians Charity visited year 5's assembly to collect the incredible £120 raised by year 5 children. A group of our Year 5 children arranged a brilliantly successful cake sale in school to raise money for the charity who support homeless people in the city.

Nicky from Cyrenians said "I was genuinely touched by the children's welcome, and they were all so well behaved. The girls who instigated the fundraising are an absolute credit to both the school and their parents – it's a joy to see them so aware of others, and willing to take the initiative to do something so wonderful!"



PE / Sports News

This week has been the final week of the 'Chance to Shine' programme with Warwickshire Cricket Board and coach Luke, working with our Year 4, 5 and Key Stage 1 children. Pupils across these year groups have been learning new skills to help support their striking and fielding skills. Its been great to see all the pupils from these year groups approach the lessons in a positive frame of mind, and see them progress with their cricket skills. Some lucky children from Year 4 and 5 will have the chance to represent the school at a local cricket festival during Summer Term 2. We will hopefully have this programme in every year, so all children will have a chance to participant during their journey through Whitmore Park Primary.

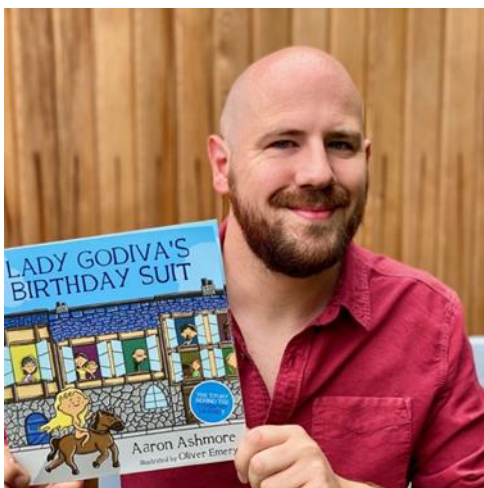
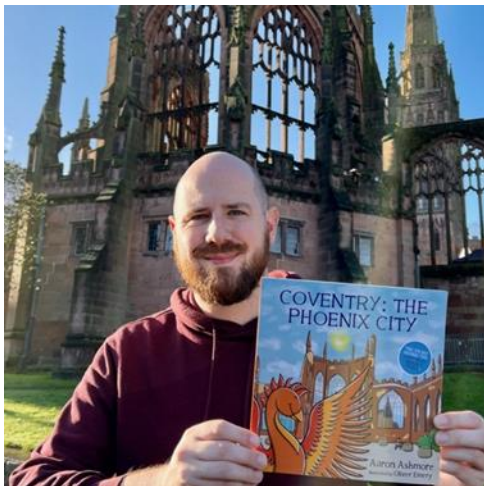


Reading

As we come to the end of yet another fantastic half term at Whitmore Park, we are continuing to encourage ALL of our children to read, read and read some more! Reading is a key life skill and its value is fundamental within our curriculum; as a school we are extremely dedicated to all our children learning to foster a love of reading.

Whilst being at home and enjoying the half term holidays, we would encourage all children to continue reading throughout it whether that is an e-book, a blog, a football analysis, stories, a magazine or brochure for a holiday, every reading experience counts and can develop your child as a reader. It could also be that whilst you are out and about, you ask your children to read local signs or maps to give directions, reading can be fun even in the holidays!

There is also a fantastic event taking place at Waterstones in Coventry City Centre on Monday 30th May 11am-1pm. You have a chance to take part in creative writing and illustration workshops with our very own Coventry author, Aaron Ashmore. You may know books written by him such as Coventry: The Phoenix City and Lady Godiva's Birthday Suit. Book your free tickets as spaces are limited. Enjoy!



FREE CREATIVE WRITING & ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOPS

Get your hands on a signed copy of the brand new Coventry children's book from Etch & Pin!
Monday 30th May 2022 11am - 1pm
at Waterstones, Coventry City Centre

The latest in the series of Coventry children's books is soon to be released!

Meet the authors, father and son, Aaron and Oscar Ashmore and the illustrator, Lizzie Ryan at a special launch event and pick up a signed copy of the book or take part in a series of workshops to help you create fun and interesting characters and bring them to life with illustration!

Authors, Aaron & Oscar Ashmore

Creative Writing Workshop with Aaron
11.10am - 11.30am

Illustration Workshop with Lizzie
11.40am - 12noon

Creative Writing Workshop with Aaron
12.10pm - 12.30pm

Illustration Workshop with Lizzie
12.40pm - 1pm

Illustrator, Lizzie Ryan

COMING SOON!!

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS TO THE WORKSHOPS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE (LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE)



Date	Time	Event
Friday 27 th May	PM	Queen's Jubilee Party
Monday 6 th June		Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7 th June	5:00pm	New Reception parents meeting in the hall & tour of the school
Tuesday 14 th June	5:00pm	New Nursery parents meeting in the hall & tour of the school
Monday 20 th June	1:00pm	Choir to Coventry City Centre
Sunday 26 th June – Thursday 30 th June		Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip
Tuesday 28 th June		Year 1 Twycross Zoo Trip
Tuesday 28 th June		Nursery Hoar Park Trip
w/c July 4 th		Enterprise week
Monday 4 th July	3:30-6:00	Year 5 Activity Evening
Monday 4 th July		Reception stay and play AM/PM
Tuesday 5 th July		Reception stay and play AM/PM
Tuesday 5 th July		Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip
Wednesday 6 th July		Transition Day whole school & Year 6 to secondary school Reception stay and play AM/PM
w/c 11 th July		Sports week and Healthy Body/Healthy Mind
Tuesday 12 th July	2:00pm	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 13 th July		Year 2 Conkers Trip
Thursday 14 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 15 th July	3:30pm	Reports to Parents
Monday 18 th July	9:00am	Year 1 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 2 group assembly to parents
Tuesday 19 th July	9:00am	Year 3 group assembly to parents
	11:00am	Nursery group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Nursery group assembly to parents
	6:00pm	Open Evening for parents (books, classroom and corridor environment, meet the teachers) Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 20 th July	9:00am	Year 5 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 4 group assembly to parents
Thursday 21 st July	9:00am	Year 6 leavers assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Reception group assembly to parents
Friday 22 nd July		Break up

Our School Nursing Team Health focused websites

Coventry School Nurses have launched two websites, one aimed at children and another tailored towards teenagers:

www.healthforkids.co.uk offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes. www.healthforteens.co.uk hosts videos and webchats as well as articles to educate teenagers on a range of health topics such as contraception, mental health, drugs and alcohol.

Chat Health texting service Chat health is a free service that enables 11-18 year olds across Coventry to send confidential SMS text messages to School Nurses who will provide impartial advice and support. The number to text is 07507 331949.

Parent Advice Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am -16.30pm, Monday to Friday on 02475189190 to discuss any child health concerns they may have.

For advice and support from your school nurse please text "Chat Health" on 07507 329114 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If your child is unwell please call your GP or call 111. For medical emergencies ring 999.

Useful Links

Finance

[Coventry Independent Advice Service](#) is a charity offering free advice, information and support to Coventry residents. Our service is confidential and our skilled advisers can help you with things like:

- Identifying entitlement to benefits and helping you make claims
- Helping you to sort out debt or other money problems
- Challenging decisions on benefit claims

Domestic Abuse

[Coventry Haven](#) - ensure safety and empowerment for women and children who are subjected to Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) in any form. They offer a range of services including a Safe To Talk Helpline **0800 111 4998** or **024 7644 4077**
(Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm)

[National Domestic Abuse Line \(REFUGE\)](#) - Refuge supports women, children and men experiencing domestic violence with a range of services including a 24-hour helpline **0808 2000 247**.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

[Young Minds](#) - a national charity which supports children and young people with mental health and well being. They have specific resources for young people around COVID-19, and also offer support to parents.

[Childline](#) - Childline is available to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, they have trained counsellors to support you. The helpline is **0800 1111** and is available between 9am to midnight every day.

[Samaritans](#) - Coventry & District Samaritans is an independent charity, run entirely by unpaid volunteers. They provide a free 24-hour helpline for people who are upset, troubled or who are feeling suicidal. Call **116 123** at any time of the day or night or email jo@samaritans.org.

In addition to their normal services Samaritans has set up a [confidential support line for NHS workers and volunteers in England](#). This operates from 7am to 11pm every day. NHS staff can, of course, still use the 24 hour helpline if they prefer.

Pathways Family Hub

Our local Family Hub is 'Pathways', they are based at Radford Primary School. You can follow them on Facebook or Twitter for information about local events and support for families. [Facebook - pathwaysfamilyhub](#) [Twitter - hubsfamily](#) Tel: **02476978130**