



Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet again, we find ourselves at the end of a very busy week! The children have had a great time learning and it has been wonderful visiting classes in Years 3,4 and Nursery.

I was very impressed with the children's knowledge and the positive attitude they displayed when learning. The children in Nursery were smiling with excitement as they made a spell to create a new animal!

Our Year 6 children had a brilliant time at Coombe Abbey attending the Year 6 Network event. The staff were extremely proud of the way the children represented the school and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Let's hope the sun shines this weekend 😊

Health and Safety



Bikes and Scooters on School Site

We would encourage children to ride their bikes and scooters to school, providing they do so safely and are accompanied by a parent/carer as appropriate. The riding of bikes or scooters is not permitted whilst on the school site for health and safety reasons. They may be stored in the bike shed at the front of school, please be aware this is at their own risk, or taken home by a parent/carer.

Please can parents and carers ensure that children get off their scooter or bike before entering the school site and walk it across the playground.



Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

There is not long now until the Nursery trip to Hoar Park on Tuesday 28th June. We have been talking to the children about the animals that they will be able to see. We have also been sharing lots of stories about farm animals this week. I think that the children's favourite book has been "The Naughty Sheep"

If you would like further information regarding the Nursery trip, please see the Nursery Newsletter this week or speak with me at the gate.

We have also been looking at and creating patterns in Nursery this week. We have enjoyed painting ladybirds and making patterns as we put spots on the wing cases.

The children and the Nursery staff did finally fit the cave den together, as you saw from the picture on Seesaw. However, the very next day it was quite windy and unfortunately the den got blown all over the garden. This was before we had made a note of how the pieces fit together!

Mrs Ruth McShane



Reception

The children have had a fantastic couple of weeks with the chicks. They have held them, learned how to look after them and clean them out. It was amazing how much the chicks grew in just one week. We were able to talk about how they were changing and observed their feathers starting to grow. The children have done some lovely observational drawings of them and lots of fantastic writing - including the lifecycle of a chicken. We said goodbye to the chicks today as the farmer came to collect them to take them back to the farm. We hope that the children enjoyed this experience. We hope you all have a brilliant weekend; please remember to send reading folders in on Monday - thank you.

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



Year 1

This week in Maths, the children have been learning to describe and compare volume and capacity. We explored different capacities and enjoyed the glorious weather we have had this week.

The children had a fantastic time looking at everyone's baby photos and learning about how they have changed since they were babies. We learnt that it's ok for things to change and some changes we can control and others we can't. Thank you for sending in baby photos, they really supported the children's learning.

Next week, we will be going on our zoo trip. Please ensure that on Tuesday the children arrive promptly wearing school uniform and appropriate footwear. We will be outside all day so please ensure the children are appropriately dressed for the weather including sun cream, sun hats and waterproof coats if needed. The children will need to carry their own lunches, so please send them in with a rucksack. Have a fabulous weekend!



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

Year 2

This week, we've had two RE Mornings exploring and learning about sacred texts. The children learnt some stories from Christianity and Islam and how some religions treat their Sacred Texts to show respect.

In English, the children created a character for Traction Man. They picked an inanimate object and turned it into a villain or a friend for Traction Man's next mission. The children came up with some creative ideas using glue sticks, pegs, whiteboard pens and other objects found in the classroom!

In Maths, the weather was lovely so we went outside and the children had fun completing an orienteering course. In pairs, they had to find the correct number on the whiteboard and then complete the Maths question. The children really enjoyed themselves!

In the afternoons, we have been learning all about Dreams and Goals in our RHE lessons. The children set themselves a goal of learning the Macarena dance, counting to 5 in Mandarin or counting to 10 in French. They then worked together in a group to complete their goal and performed it in front of their class. The children loved completing their goals and said how happy and proud they felt after completing it. On Wednesday, the children worked in teams to create a bird. They designed and then created it by working together. The birds they created were fantastic and they used brilliant teamwork skills.



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

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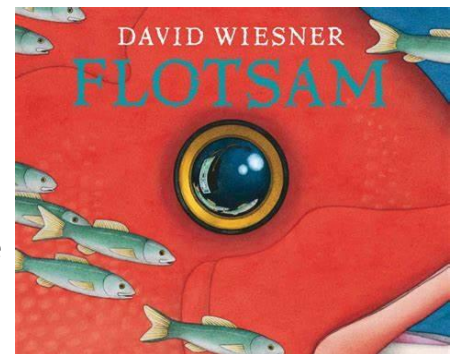
Year 3

This week in English, the children have had lots of fun writing a biography about David Attenborough and all his amazing achievements. In maths, we have started to learn about different angles and types of lines and have applied our new knowledge to solve problems. In geography, the children have continued to have lots of fun learning about maps and worked on grid references. They have also continued to learn about Buddhism in RE and how Buddhists live their lives. We all enjoyed some meditation and designed posters about harmlessness and kindness. Overall, the children have had a great week full of great learning. Well done Year 3.

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

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have started a new book called 'Flotsam' and have practised the skills of editing and using adjectives to improve our descriptions. In maths, we have learnt all about symmetry and quadrilaterals, including how to classify shapes using their properties and how to use a mirror to look for reflective lines of symmetry. In geography, we have learnt about the different layers of the rainforest and in science we have made food chains for different animals. We are enjoying our dance lessons and are learning how to work in small groups to recreate scenes from Alice in Wonderland.



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

Year 5

It has been a good week in Year 5 with lots of brilliant learning taking place. In maths this week, the children have worked hard to find the area of shapes and apply their understanding to challenges. Whilst in English, the children learnt how to write a biography about Harry Potter; we have also continued to read 'Who Let the Gods Out' and the children have completed reading activities related to this text. In history, the children enjoyed learning about Ancient Greek democracy and applied their understanding to show the main differences of democracy in UK today and Ancient Greece. In science, the children worked hard to understand the relationship between gravity and the upthrust of water. Well done on a good week, Year 5. Remember to always be the best that you can be!

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

Year 6

The weeks just keep on getting busier! This week, all Year 6 children took on an orienteering challenge planned by the maths network of schools at Coombe Abbey. They had a great day in lovely weather, and all returned worn out (or saying that their feet hurt from all the walking!). If Coombe Abbey wears them out, I can't wait to hear the grumbles as we climb hills, scramble beaches and traverse mines at Dol y Moch next week! Remember to be in school at 1:30pm on Sunday ready to leave with your medical forms. The children have been told their groups and we cannot wait to depart. Remember to check ClassDojo for updates!

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

With it being the last term, we have had lots of sporting action take place over the last .

On Friday 17th June, a mix team of Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Regional NFL Flag Festival which took place at Westwood Academy School. Mr. Parry selected 10 pupils to represent our school who played as the Denver Broncos NFL team. With some great skills shown by all schools who took part, the team reached the semi-finals and unfortunately lost to the eventual winners New England Patriots.

The children had an amazing day, and we are so proud of their efforts.



During this week, we had the School Games Coventry West regional heat for rounders which was hosted at Whitmore Park Primary. For this event Mr. Brown selected 12 pupils from year 6. Within the heat, the team played against two other schools, Southfields Primary and St Augustine's Catholic Primary School. Great sportsmanship was on show from all school pupils and our Year 6 team won one game and lost one, which meant we finished in 2nd place. Mr. Brown was proud of how the team showed resilience and fair play.



To finish our week, the boy's school football team played against John Shelton Primary School. The game against John Shelton Primary was a very close game and we were drawing until the last minute, but unfortunately John Shelton Primary School scored to make it 1-2. The PE Team were proud of the boys, showing character and wonderful play to keep battling for the result.

Attendance



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

KS1 – 98.9%

KS2 – 100%

Whole School – 92.4%



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.

WELL DONE!

We are seeing fewer children coming in late through the school office.

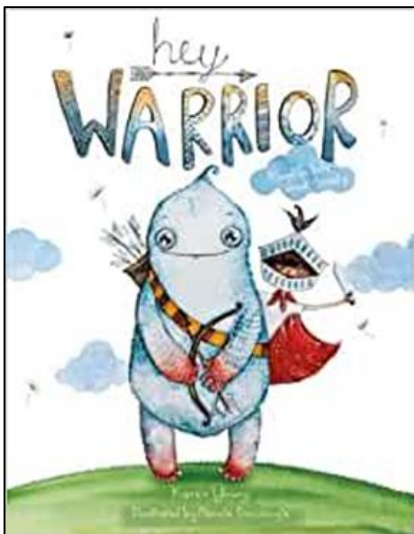
Thanks to our parents and carers and children for trying their best to be in school on time!



Holidays in Term Time

Please remember you will need to complete a Request for Exceptional Leave in Term Time form if you are planning to take a holiday during school term, you can get these from the school office.

Thrive



In Thrive this week Mrs Smith has shared the book 'Hey Warrior' with children. This is a book about anxiety and the part of your brain called the Amygdala (your Warrior!) which tries to protect you from danger. This is great book to share with children of all ages, with lovely pictures and a child friendly approach to anxiety and wellbeing. You can get your own copy of Hey Warrior from Amazon for £12.99

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

As you all know, 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.

You can be reading at any time, in any place throughout your school day or when you get home. I wanted to share with you some information around the Summer Reading Challenge that will take place over the Summer Holidays!

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency, is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays. Each year, the challenge motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is Gadgeteers, created in partnership with Science Museum Group and illustrated by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford.

This year's theme 'Gadgeteers' will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. With resources and activities from the Science Museum Group, the challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone. The reading challenge will begin in England on Saturday 9th July and we will be receiving more information about it this term...so keep reading!

Mrs Sandhu, Mr Johnston and Mrs Dankaro (English Team)



Date	Time	Event
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	pm	Year 5 Choir Trip to Broadgate, Coventry City Centre
Monday 4 th July	3:30-6:00	Year 5 Activity Evening
Monday 4 th July		Year 5 CBS arena trip to launch Enterprise Week
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
	3.30pm to 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**