



Message from Mrs Squires

Dear parents/carers,

What a wonderful week! It has been a delight to see the children coming into school with smiles and enthusiasm. It was particularly wonderful to see our new cohort of Reception and Nursery children enjoying the outdoor environment. All of the classes are being inspired through their new class texts to produce some wonderful writing. Please can I remind your child to Read! Read! Read! At home. The children have also created some super work to contribute to our display in our hall to commemorate the life Queen Elizabeth II.

Our value for the half term is 'kindness' and the children have been recognising acts of kindness from their friends and writing them on notes to contribute to our Kindness Tree which is growing in the hall. Please join us for our 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' which will be held at school on Friday 30th September from just after 9.00am. I hope you all have a lovely weekend making the most of the fine weather!

Health and Safety Notices

Head Lice Information

We have been informed that there has been a case of head lice in school. Please see information via this link on how to check and treat your child as necessary:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

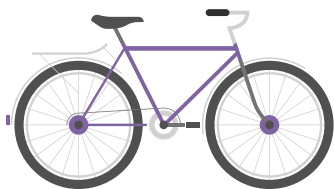
Staff Car-Park

In the interests of health and safety, please can parents and carers ensure/remind children to stay on the path when exiting the front of school as we had an incident of a child running in front of a car on the staff car park earlier this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bikes and Scooters on School Site

We are happy for 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 will need to be stored in the bike shed at the front of school, please be aware this at own risk, or taken home by a parent/carer.



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

Mrs McShane

Nursery children have settled well. They are all attending a full session now and are enjoying playing with all the toys and beginning to play with the other children. We have been singing lots of new songs that help us to learn our Nursery routines. I am sure that you will start to hear these songs when your children begin to sing them at home. The children are really interested in diggers, digging and mud at the moment. Please accept my apologies for the dirty clothes. They also LOVE washing their hands in the little sinks in the bathroom, which is why the children are bringing home so many wet jumpers. I would just like to clarify that Nursery closes at 3.15pm. Thank you for your continuing support.



Reception

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

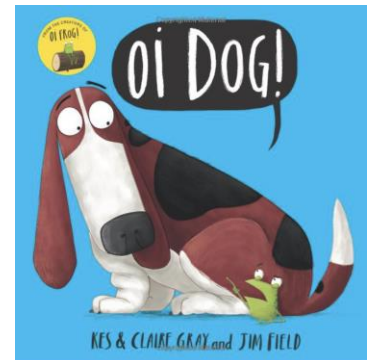
Well done to all children for another fantastic full week in Reception. This week we have begun our Read, write Inc lessons and have learned the sounds m and a. Please see seesaw for more information about this and how you can support your child at home. We have learned about the school's Golden Rules and that we might receive stickers for our behaviour rainbow chart for following them. The children were all fantastic during their PE, art and music lessons on Thursday - their teachers all said how brilliant Reception were! In the classrooms, we have been practising using scissors, exploring the numicon shapes and practising our pencil control (and lots of playing with new friends too!) We hope that you all have a great weekend.



Year 1

Miss Skidmore (Year 1 Leader), Miss Allison and Mrs Corbett

Year 1 have continued to write about the Oi Dog story in English lessons and they have been focusing on using capital letters and full stops. In Maths, Year 1 have been counting amounts of specific objects and they have been recognising 2D shapes in Arithmetic lessons. The children in Year 1 learnt what a 'bird's eye view' is in Geography and they were able to draw a map of the classroom from a bird's eye view perspective. In RHE, the Year 1 children thought of some really good ideas about their responsibilities within school. The Year 1 teachers were very impressed that the children were able to think of a variety of ways to keep everyone safe and to help each other to learn.

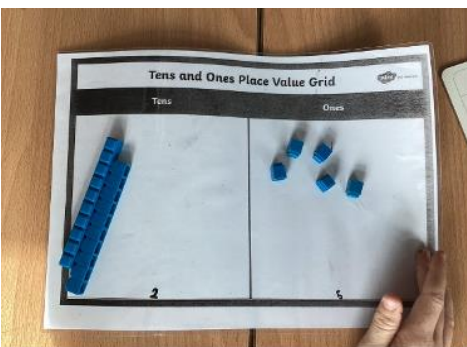


Year 2

Mrs Merkelbach, Mrs Gill (Year 2 Leader) and Mrs Nolan

This week in our Maths lessons, we have been recognising tens and ones in two digit numbers. We have been using tens and ones charts and part whole models to do this. The children have really enjoyed using base 10 to represent the tens and ones. We have also been continuing to learn the 10 X table. The children enjoyed the challenge of completing their first times tables test this week!

In our English lessons, we have been carrying on reading "The Sea Monster." We were amazed to discover that the sea monster was actually a good character. The children also wrote their own setting descriptions based on a picture from the story. They used lots of exciting adjectives to make their work more interesting.



In Science, the children enjoyed describing different materials. They used words like hard, strong, rough and bumpy to describe wood, glass and metal. They then discussed what the materials could be used for.

In History, the children were given a picture of a mystery woman from history. They created their own questions to find out more about her. The children can't wait to find out who she is next week and why we are learning about her!

Year 3

Miss Kakathasan, Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader) and Miss Waddell

Year 3 have had another fantastic week and are working hard. This week we have continued our work on a pirate diary in literacy, ready to write independently next week. We have targeted adjectives and conjunctions in our writing. In maths, we have continued to learn about place value and the children have learnt how to partition and make numbers to 1000. In humanities we have continued to learn about the stone age, and we have also looked at number lines and how the stone age fits into history. Lots of children received their reading at home 5 times stamp and can begin to collect them towards a new book. Thankyou for your ongoing support at home.

Year 4

Miss Bassi, Mrs Cox (Year 4 Leader) and Mrs Hussain

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In English this week, we have been learning how to set out a conversation between two characters using inverted commas and collected adjectives to use in descriptions. In maths, we have been representing and partitioning numbers to 10,000. The times tables we have been learning this week is the 4X and next week we will be learning the 8X. In history, we have started to ask questions about Ancient Egyptian society and discussing what a civilisation is. In science, we have learnt the difference between solids, liquids and gasses. In RHE, we are starting to learn what makes a good school citizen.

Year 5

Mrs Hatton, Mr Maguire (Year 5 Leader) and Miss Wherly

This week in year 5, we have continued working on our place value knowledge in maths, the children have been looking at numbers to 1,000,000 and considering the importance of the place holders. In English, we have continued diving into our text Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo. Children have been exploring the thoughts and feelings of various characters and thinking about their descriptive techniques in their writing.

In History, we have been looking at the reasons why WWII started and in Science the children have been introduced to their new topic on materials.

**5Delta and 5Beta start their swimming lessons on Monday 26th September.
5Gamma will then start their swimming lessons on Monday 10th October.**

Year 6

Mrs Sandhu (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader), Mr Payne (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader) and Miss Knowles

Another fantastic week for Year 6 this week! We started our week by discussing the funeral for Queen Elizabeth II and it was so nice to hear about how so many of the children spent their day watching the funeral and remembering the Queen. We have been continuing our work on place value in maths and the children are really settling into their groups and enjoying learning lots about numbers up to 10,000,000. In English, we have been continuing to read the book 'Skellig' and are building up to writing a character description as we learn more about this mysterious character. We have already looked at what makes a great character description and have read an example of a description of Gollum. The children have had some great fun discussing vocabulary that they can use to describe these gruesome characters. In our afternoon lessons, we have been busy becoming both a human timeline and the circulatory system. We learnt all about when the Maya civilization happened in history, and we moved around the classroom pretending to be blood taking oxygen to all of the organs in science!

Attendance

Lates

Gates are open from **8.30am** and close at **8.55am** therefore, please ensure your child is in school before this time. If your child arrives after this time, then you **MUST** take your child to the Main Office to sign them in late.

If you know your child is going to be late, please call school to inform us of this and a reason why.

Weekly Winners!
KS1 – 2 Beta 99%
KS2 – 3 Delta 97%



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

Absence

Please remember to call school by 9:00am to report your child absent and give a valid reason. Your child's absence will be unauthorised if we do not hear from you regarding why they are off school. You can also send a message via the school gateway app.

PE Team

This week our after-school clubs have started. It has been great seeing so many children attend and trying new sports. We have a few spaces available please see the table below for clubs which have spaces left: Payment needs to be made online via School Gateway and the places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you have not yet activated your School Gateway account, please visit the website www.schoolgateway.com or download the app from your app store to book your child's place.

Day	Time	Activity	Year Group	Location	Teacher	Places Available
Monday	end of school day - 4.30	Football	Year 5&6	Football Pitch	Mr Parry & Mr Brown	1
Tuesday	end of school day - 4.30	Netball	Year 5&6	Playground	Mr Parry & Mr Wilson	10
Tuesday	end of school day - 4.30	Tag Rugby	Year 3&4	Football Pitch	Mr Brown	4
Wednesday	end of school day - 4.30	Dance	Y3&4	Sports Hall	Ascension Dance	6
Thursday	end of school day - 4.30	Dance	Y5&6	Sports Hall	Ascension Dance	6

Domestic Abuse

Coventry Haven 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.

Cost of Living

www.coventry.gov.uk/costofliving

[www. Clothingcoventry.org](http://www.Clothingcoventry.org)

www.bare-necessities.org.uk

Pathways Family Hub

Telephone 024 7697 8130

E-mail

PathwaysFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Health

Parent Advice Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am -4.30pm, 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 **07507329114** 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If your child is unwell please call your GP or call 111. For medical emergencies ring 999.

www.healthforkids.co.uk offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes.

Finance

Coventry Independent Advice Service offers free advice, information and support to Coventry residents.
Call **024 7652 1100**

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Young Minds supports children and young people with mental health and well being www.youngminds.org.uk

Childline available to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. **0800 1111** 9am to midnight every day

Samaritans provides a free 24-hour helpline for people who are upset, troubled or who are feeling suicidal.
Call **116 123** at any time



School Crossing Patrol

A very special mention to our wonderful School Crossing Patrol, Mr Garrett!

Many of our families have shared how Mr Garrett is always so cheerful and friendly. He makes time to speak to children, staff and grown-ups in the mornings and at the end of the school day. We think he is an incredible asset to our school and community, supporting us all with safely crossing the road every day, and doing it with a smile!

So, a big THANK YOU to Mr Garrett from all of us at Whitmore Park Primary School.



MacMillan Cancer Support

Macmillan Coffee morning

When: Friday 30th
September 2022, 9:30am

Where: Whitmore Park
Community room.

Why? To support a
fantastic charity close to
many of our hearts.



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