



Message from Mrs Squires

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children continue to impress us with their wonderful enthusiasm for learning. It was super to see the Reception children going on their trip to the Immanuel Christian Centre this week. The rest of the school have also started the RE lesson units this half term learning about and through different religions.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and on Monday we will be wearing odd socks and having a special assembly. The children will be doing some work around Anti-Bullying in their classrooms. Please see the link below for further information from the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)

I hope everyone enjoys a lovely weekend with their families. We are busy starting to plan and prepare for Christmas activities for the school and community – look out for more information next week.

Health and Safety Notices



Polite Reminder about 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.

Attendance



Our school target for attendance is **96% or above**.
School attendance for this week =



Year Group Winners

Reception = RDelta - 93.9%

Year 1 = 1Beta – 97.6%

Year 2 = 2Beta – 99.0%

Year 3 = 3Beta – 97.7%

Year 4 = 4Gamma – 99.2%

Year 5 = 5Delta – 96.4%

Year 6 = 6Beta – 98.8%

Most Improved Winners

Reception = RDelta

Year 1 = 1Beta

Year 2 = 2Beta

Year 3 = 3Beta

Year 4 = 4Gamma

Year 5 = 5Gamma

Year 6 = 6Beta

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

The children in Nursery have had a colourful week. We have been making firework pictures to go on the wall in the classroom. We used lots of lovely glitter. We have used colour viewers to look at our Nursery environment in a very different way.

We have also drawn colourful pictures.

We have been learning to recite the book of the week "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you hear?" this story is full of colourful animals. Next week we will have our first P.E. lesson. The children are encouraged to come to school in comfortable clothes on that day to aid them when moving around.

Morning session children will have P.E. on Tuesday morning.

Afternoon session children will have P.E. on Friday afternoon

All-day children will have P.E. on both Tuesday and Friday.



Mrs McShane

Reception

This week the Reception children visited the Immanuel Christian Centre as part of our learning about people, communities and celebrations. The children made us so proud by walking so sensibly to the church. Their behaviour and listening when we got there was great too! We learned a little bit about the church and what some of the people who attend the church believe. In Read, write inc we have learned new sounds... v, y, w, th. Please practise reading and writing these at home (see Seesaw for more information). In Numeracy we have learned all about the number 4 with help from Freddie Four. We have looked at the composition of 4 and are beginning to say sentences such as '3 and 1 make 4, 1 and 1 and 1 and 1 make 4!'

Numberblocks has also helped our understanding with this. We hope that you have a great weekend - please remember to keep up the daily reading at home and to sign reading diaries. If your child reads 5 times within the week, they will receive a sticker for their bookmark.



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

Year 1

This week, Year 1 have continued to write about the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. They have focused on using capital letters and full stops in the correct places. In Maths, they have been learning how to recognise and make number bonds to different numbers. In Science, Year 1 explored the difference between the properties shiny and dull and sorted objects based on these properties. In History, Year 1 looked closely at old cars and new cars and recognised some ways they are different. In RE, the children learnt about some Christian beliefs. They explored a story from the Bible and they did some drama to re-tell the story.



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



Year 2

Year 2 have amazed their teachers with their Maths this week. We have had a missing numbers week! The children used a variety of different methods to solve number sentences and then applied these methods to problem solving questions. They are getting more and more confident at choosing the correct method to solve a problem. In English, we have been concentrating on reading comprehension skills. We have been retrieval detectives. Ask your child what this means! The children showed their understanding of Amazing Grace by answering questions. They were excited to find out that Grace's dream came true and she got the part in her school play. The children are looking forward to writing their story retells about Amazing Grace next week. In Geography, the children were shocked to find out that Santa's elves had been in the classroom already!

They had found out that the elves had chopped up maps of the United Kingdom. The children worked in groups to piece the puzzles back together and then labelled the countries and the capital cities. We also wrote notes to Zog to let him know which season in the UK would be best for him to land his spaceship. We looked at different weather reports to help us decide. In Science, we learnt about Charles Macintosh and why he is important. We wrote fact files about him and were amazed to discover that rain coats were named after him. As the weather is getting colder, please can we remind you to send your child to school with their coat. Hats, scarves and gloves also need to be labelled with your child's name.



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

Year 3

In year 3 , we have continued our reading and writing based on the story of 'The True Story of the Three Pigs '. The children will be writing their own version of this twist on a fairy-tale next week . The skills we have learnt in this unit are inverted commas and time adverbs. In reading we have continued to learn the skill of retrieval and began to learn about inference. In maths we have been learning column addition and column subtraction with renaming of 10s and 100s. In Science, we have learnt about how shadows are formed and how to change the size of a shadow. In geography , we have been learning about the different counties and regions of the UK . We have looked at some landmark physical features and human features for some of these regions. e.g. the lakes of Cumbria in the Lake District (physical feature), Tower Bridge in greater London (human feature)

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

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have continued to read the 'The Spider and the Fly.' We have learnt when and how to change paragraphs, how to use fronted adverbials for time and how to identify a characters emotions through what they do and say. In maths, we have learnt what area is and how to calculate it by counting squares or multiplying rows by columns. In science, we have carried out an investigation into gases in liquids. In geography, we have learnt how to use Eastings and Northings to read maps. This has helped us with our understanding of co-ordinates, and we have started to read maps showing our local area. In RE, we have continued to learn about what Sikh's believe.

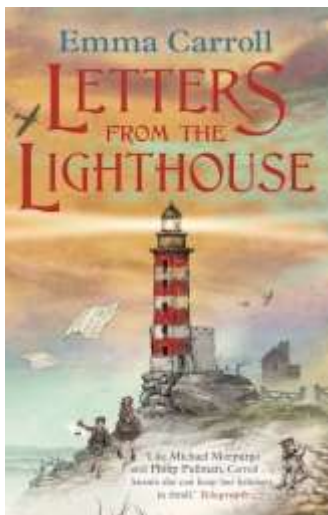
Miss Bassi, Mrs Cox (Year 4 Leader) and Mrs Hussain

Year 5

This week, the children have had a great week and should feel proud of all of their achievements. In English, we have continued our work on play scripts and the children have had to opportunity to use role play to understand why parenthesis is used. We have started our new Geography topic, 'London, changes over time' which the children have enjoyed starting to look at. We have also been reading our class story 'Letters from the Lighthouse' and we are excited to find out what adventures Olive and Cliff go on to solve the mystery of the coded note.

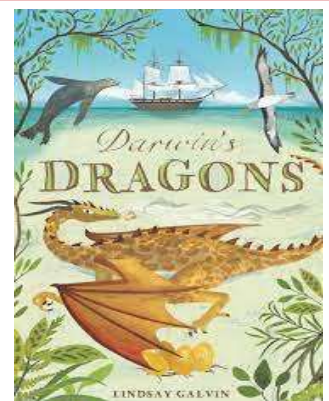
Finally, all of the parents evening appointments have now been attended, and it has been lovely to get to have a conversation with you, the parents and we are looking forward to working with you to help your children reach their full potential whilst at school.

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



Year 6

Another fantastic week for Year 6! In English this week, we have been reading Darwin's Dragons and learning about the new vocabulary and how to find the meaning of words using different reading strategies. We have also been using some ideas from this book in writing as we have been learning about the features of a non-chronological report so that we can write our own about some of the dragons on the Galapagos Islands in the book. In maths, we have been working hard on fractions and learning how to add and subtract more difficult mixed numbers. In science, we have been learning about adaptations. We looked at different animals and their habitats and analysed their characteristics to see how they help them to survive. In RHE we have been learning about consequences of behaviour and using some roleplay to come to a decision as a class about the consequences of people's actions. In Geography this week, we continued our work on North and South America and looked at the physical and human features of the continents and how these might have a positive or negative impact on the area around them. What a busy week for Year 6!



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

Reading



At Whitmore Park, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we want to ensure that every child has a love of reading. To help children in school to achieve this, we want every child to read...read...read.

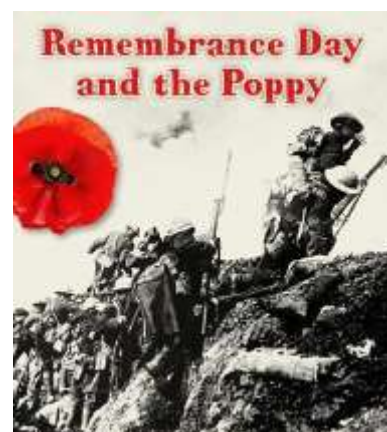
The expectation is for children to be reading at least 5 times every week; reading diaries need to be signed by an adult to show how many times children have read.

Winning classes for last week for children reading the most were:

YEAR 1 = 1 BETA (31%)
YEAR 2 = 2 GAMMA (43%)
YEAR 3 = 3 DELTA (62%)
YEAR 4 = 4 BETA (56%)
YEAR 5 = 5 DELTA (60%)
YEAR 6 = 6 GAMMA (54%)

All these children will receive an extra 5 dojo points!

In assembly this week, Miss Carney spoke to the children about Remembrance Day and why it is important. So, this week's recommendation is themed with our assembly. It is called 'Remembrance Day and the Poppy' by Helen Cox Cannons.



Find out why we wear poppies on Remembrance Day. Who are we remembering and why? This book brings the story of the poppy to life, showing how it was first used as a symbol of remembrance and how soldiers are remembered all over the world.

Enjoy! The English Team

PE / Sports

🏀 Dodge, Duck & Dive 🏀 A BIG WELL DONE, to our amazing Year 5 Values Dodgeball Team who took part in the Coventry West, School Games festival at the Xcel Centre. Teams were scored on showing:

- 🌟 - Teamwork
- 🌟 - Respect
- 🌟 - Honesty

The team demonstrated great character in the above values during games & finished in 5th place out of 13 schools. Well done everyone who took part.

👕 Kit Return to School 👕

Please can we ask all families whose children have represented the school at various sporting events during academic year 21/22 and this academic year to kindly return. I have attached pictures of the kits we have missing.

We are running low and have lots of sets missing and it's really important for our children representing our school, that they are in the appropriate clothing for sporting fixtures, which we have over the next few weeks.



Can these kits be returned ASAP.



Many Thanks,
Mr Parry

Pathways Family Hub
Based on Radford Primary School site
Please call for more information
Amber or Sophie
on
02476 978150

**Stay Together
Play Together**
For children aged 2 - 4 years

Every Friday
9.30am - 11.00am

Exciting and fun activities
to support children's
communication,
physical development and
their personal social and
emotional skills



Hats and Gloves

As the weather begins to turn chilly children will need to keep warmer when outside, please contact Mrs Smith if your child needs a woolly hat or a pair of gloves.

Donations also appreciated.

Pathways Family Hub

**2nd September -
20th December 2019**

Tel: 024 7678 8444



Monday

Twins Group
9.30 - 12.00
** Monday of the month
From 2 September

Open Baby Weighing
Clinic
1.00 - 2.30
Drop In

Post Natal Clinic
1.30 - 3.30
Appointments Only

Tuesday

Stay and Play
9.15 - 10.30
From 2 September

Wednesday

One Busy One Little 2-4's
10.00 - 12.00
2 October to 27
November

Mums in Mind
10.00 - 12.00
From 4 Dec

Infant Feeding 1:1
10.00 - 12.00 Fortnightly
Call to book - Term Time
Spon Gate School

Complex
Communications Group
1.00 - 2.15
Appointments Only

Family Links Nurture
Group
1.00 - 3.00
25 Sept to 27 Nov

Thursday

Post Natal Clinic with
Infant Feeding Support
9.00 - 12.00
Appointments Only

Post Natal Clinic
1.30 - 2.30
Term Time Only
Spon Gate School

Music, Arts and Craft
For Tots
9.30 - 11.00
28 September to
28 November

Tots P
12.30 - 2.30
From 26 September

Friday

Coventry Independent
Advice Service
9.30 - 12.00
Drop In

Coventry Independent
Advice Service
9.30 - 12.00
Drop In - Term Time
Spon Gate School

Infant Feeding Group
10.00 - 12.00
Drop In

Coventry Independent
Advice Service
1.00 - 4.00
Appointments Only

Whitmore Park Christmas Fayre



Friday 9th December 2022 3pm - 6pm

Meet Santa
Raffle

Face painting

Guess how
many sweets
in the jar.

Are you interested
in having a stall?

Contact
**admin@whitmore
park.org**

And many more ...



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