

NEWSLETTER



At times, the last half term has felt like the hardest one to navigate but as we break up for the half term, may I thank you all for your support and understanding.

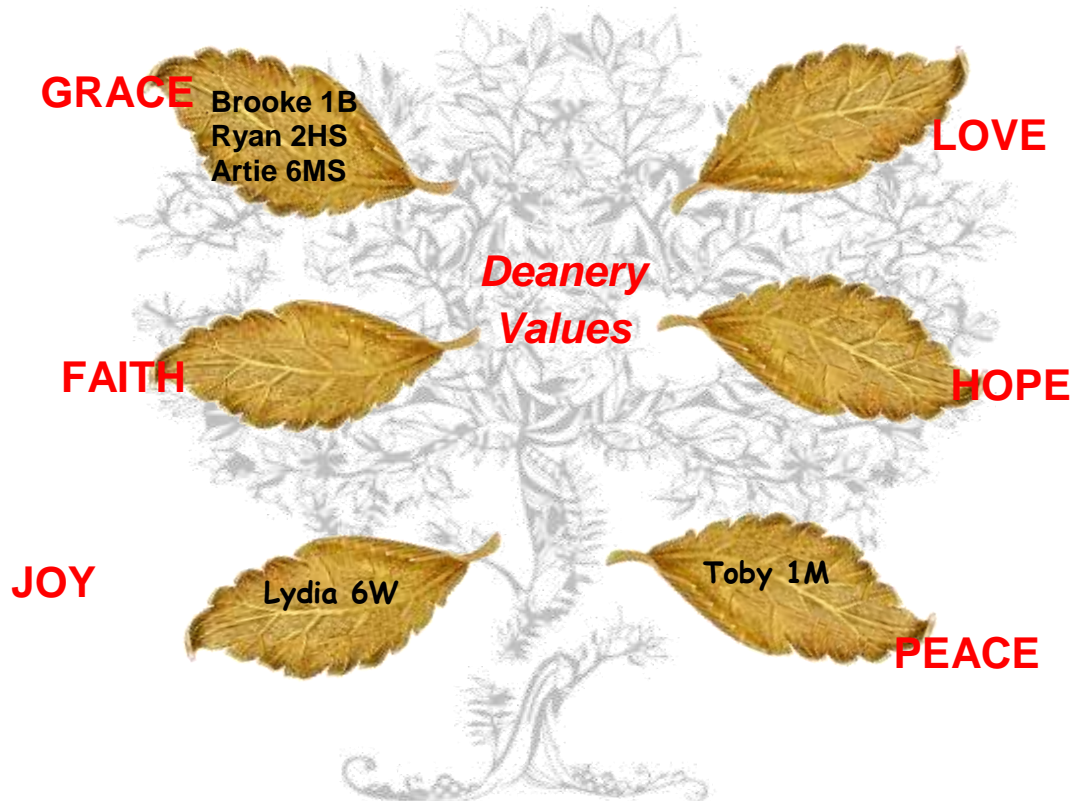
I am sure that you will join me in thanking all the staff for maintaining a positive outlook and greeting each day with a smile and a welcoming approach.

Enjoy the holiday, take time to be kind to yourselves and enjoy a more relaxed week.

When we return to school, the one-way systems will remain in place. This tremendously eases the pinch points in the playground. The paths around the perimeter of the school field also prevent the surface of the MUGA from being damaged.

Staffing update

We say goodbye to Mrs Blackshields from our Foxes team. We wish her all the very best and thank her for kindness shown to the children.



Pupil Voice

Harleen, 6W – “We've made protest placards to persuade people to help save the planet and be aware of the effects of climate change”

Kate, 6MS – “For Children's mental health week, our teachers played us 'Reach' and showed us the dance routine to help us think about our emotional goal and how we can achieve it”

Olivia 2HS – “We have been doing lots of Art. We mixed colours to paint part of a picture.”

Ottilie 1M – “I have LOVED learning about The Great Fire of London in creative curriculum. I know lots about it.”

Our Head Boys, Head Girls and House Captains have been chatting to children around school to gain their thoughts on our new behaviour system.

What are our three school rules?

Ready, respectful and safe

What do you think of our new behaviour system?

Good because it stops verbal and physical bullying

I think it's great

I think it is cool that we can help charities

If you have had a token, what was it for?

Opening the door for a teacher – Respect

Being sensible- Safe

For being helpful and tidying – Respect

Helping a friend who needed first aid – Safe

Picking up litter - Respect

Which charity did your vote go to and why?

Children In Need because I know more about it

RSPCA because I like animals

Children In Need because children are special

British Heart Foundation because it's important

RSPCA because I want to help animals and be a vet

Congratulations

Congratulations to our KS1 Gymnasts! They competed last week in the Sutton Schools Gymnastics Competition and came 2nd on vault and 3rd overall!

Well done girls!

Year 1: Isla and Sienna

Year 2: Faye, Bridgit, Anushka and Marcee



After School Clubs

The summer term afterschool clubs will be available for booking after half term.

There will be a new Multi-sports club available for our Reception children. Look out for an email on Wednesday 2nd March for more details.

Foxes Club Bookings

Foxes Club and Little Hollies Extended Care bookings for summer term will open on Friday 4th March 2022.

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion sent their thanks for raising £160.61 through the poppy appeal and £122.17 from selling the knitted poppies.

Reception Class request for Toys

If anyone has any of the following toys that they no longer require and would be happy to donate to school, please let the Reception staff know. We will be extremely grateful and can take them off you to enhance our role-play areas:

- Pretend food, in particular cakes, breads, fruit, vegetables and ice creams
- Small wicker baskets or crates
- Plastic or card cake stands
- Cake cases or cake boxes
- Plastic tongs and cake slices
- Artificial flowers and plants
- Metal or plastic vases and pots
- Fabric bunting
- Hessian
- Ribbon for flowers bouquets
- Cellophane wrap for bouquets
- Log slices

Behaviour

Look at the amazing amount of tokens that our children have collected this half term for going above and beyond. Great to see all houses represented and all charities being voted for @BBCCiN @RSPCA_official @TheBHF #pivotaleducation .

We will be holding a fundraising day for these three charities on 1st April. The theme will be 'Heads Up' and the children will be invited to wear a hat, a cool hairstyle or something different on their heads in exchange for a donation to the charities.



Junior PCSO Scheme



We are really excited to be working with PCSO Broll-Wills and PCSO Duckers from Sutton Coldfield who are going to be working with us to deliver the Junior PCSO scheme. This is going to be a 6 week course aimed at Y5 and Y6 with the aim of building a positive relationship with our local police force, getting an insight into the varied work they do and working together to empower us to tackle issues such as bullying, litter, parking. We will be inviting children to apply for the role of PCSO so look out for more information after half term.

Sutton neighbourhood police will be holding a community meet and greet on Monday 21/02/2022 at Sutton Park near the Town Gate area between 9am and 1pm. They will have their mobile police station on site and are hoping for a surprise visit from their drone unit and maybe even a police puppy in training. All are welcome to pop along and meet the team.



Little Hollies Nursery 2022 Admission

We are now accepting applications for Little Hollies Nursery.

Please follow the link below for an application form

<https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/files/files/2%20LH%20application%202022.23.pdf>

Please follow the link below for our admission

<https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/files/files/Admissions%20Policy%202022-23%20v3%282%29.pdf>

The closing date for applications for admission to Little Hollies Nursery is **Friday 25th March.**



Dear Parents and caregivers,

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 3rd March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books. To celebrate World Book Day, we will have plenty of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:

Children will be invited to bring their favourite book into school and share it with their friend. We will also be inviting the children to share why this is their favourite book and sharing their recommendations on future newsletters and on Twitter.

Masked Reader - Can the children guess which member of staff is reading a passage from their favourite book?

A World Book Day craft/ making activity e.g.

- Decorate a potato as a favourite book character
- Make a video about a story
- Create a trailer for a book
- Book Poster
- Leaflets

Don't forget we also have our book swap zones in school, (KS1, Y3&4, Y5&6 and Staff/Parents) – if you have a book you no longer want, why not bring it in to the book swap zone and swap it for a new book to enjoy



Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

World Book Day® is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens.

Use your £1/€1.50 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book!

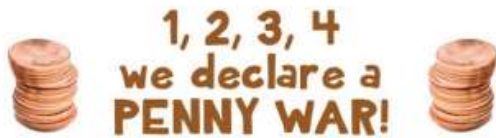
Getting a free £1/€1.50 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1/€1.50 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1/€1.50 book OR get £1/€1.50 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99/€3.99 or more. You can help your child choose their £1/€1.50 book by showing them the exciting 'Look Insides' at worldbookday.com/books

Bookshops and supermarkets are a big part of what makes World Book Day special and thousands will be taking part in World Book Day 2022, with many putting on special events to celebrate World Book Day. Your local bookseller might be on the high street or could be a supermarket. Asda, Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Tesco all stock the £1/€1.50 books. You can find your nearest bookseller at booksaremybag.com.

There are also lots of fun reading ideas and resources for you to enjoy with your child at home on the [World Book Day Family Hub](https://worldbookday.com/familyhub) as well as brilliant book recommendations for all ages.

PTFA Penny Wars are back!

KS1 Penny War



Monday 28th February- Friday 1st April 2022

Rules:

- Put your spare change to a good cause!
- Each class has their own bottle to collect loose change
- The class with the most points on 1st April will be declared the winner!
- Winner announced and trophy presented on Thursday 7th April

Prize

£50 for the winning class to choose a treat
Penny War Trophy



KS2 Penny War



Monday 28th February - Friday 1st April 2022

Rules:

- Each class has a bottle which is clearly labelled inside the KS2 hall.
- Score points for your class by adding coppers, gold coins or notes to your bottle
- Lower points for the other classes by adding silver coins to their bottle
- Weekly updates will be announced so you can see how your class is doing!
- The class with the most points on 1st April will be declared the winner!
- Winner announced and trophy presented on Thursday 7th April

Points Guide

ADDING		SUBTRACTING	
1p	1 point	5p	5 points
2p	2 points	10p	10 points
£1	100 points	20p	20 points
£5	500 points	50p	50 points

Prize

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Cherished Support



We have been very lucky to receive a 12-month training package from Cherished (a non-profit organisation providing [attachment focused support](#) for girls in Primary and Secondary schools across Birmingham) funded by The Sutton Charitable Trust. Each month we will share any relevant links with you.



Please see below links for resources, which you may find useful:

Help! I have an anxious child (Video)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hYLiCgRVItRIGgBv6OvktRN23PBZoEhk/view>

Help! I have an anxious child (Resource Pack)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fgNKx9FAG4WPOFUe2XyFr3FvUgNHVuRS/view>

<https://www.jwbridgethegap.com/>

The Power and Importance of Attachment

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/1Oa6_dmlRSr1lIIS8jsOpZsYjQrdXN5Ew5aFWnIedrpUteJmpbumTD_rTiaAaA3E.FDL6lxSaV7GJ8nqR

Adverse Childhood Experiences

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Shame and its impact

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Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support.

Use the QR code to access our **Family Connect Form**

Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.



If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Dawn & Danielle
communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org



School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)

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ACTIVITIES

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ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES



KD Counselling

**One to one counselling to
improve day to day living**



We often struggle to live our day to day lives in a happy, peaceful and settled way due to being faced with difficult experiences, complicated relationships and strong emotions. Counselling offers a safe space for you to explore whatever is troubling you and to gain a better understanding of yourself, your behaviour and your emotions. The aim of counselling is for you to gain greater self-awareness which in turn leads to growth, development and a better understanding of both ourselves and our experiences.

I work with clients from diverse backgrounds who see me for a variety of reasons including depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and relationship problems. I offer a space that is non-judgmental, emphatic and open which allows you to explore and process what is relevant to you at your pace.

I also have experience working with mothers and their families who are struggling with Post Natal Depression (PND) and I can use a range of skills including Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT), which can help with the day to day living when you have a young family and the difficulties that can arise at what can often be a challenging time.

It can be daunting reaching out when we are finding life difficult so to make you feel more at ease, I offer a free 20 minute consultation where we can discuss what counselling is, what your goals and expectations are and you can get an idea of who I am and what I offer.

So please feel free to get in touch

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