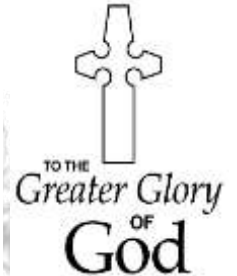


NEWSLETTER



I have noticed, over the last couple of days that the nights have gone dark very quickly. Winter is definitely just around the corner and at this time of year, especially with the increase in the cost of living, we think not just about ourselves, but about those in our community and further afield, who might be struggling more this year than ever before. At parent consultations, governors welcomed your views on the cost of living and what school could do to help. Whilst we are a caring school and look to support many at this time of year, we also appreciate the challenges faced closer to home, and with this in mind, all of the Christmas events, where parents usually give so generously, are optional. We are looking to support The Samaritans through the annual shoebox appeal, championed by our school council. As well as providing gifts for children through the work of Birmingham City Mission during our Toy Service. Small gifts of pencils and colouring books are very much appreciated by children who have very little to celebrate at Christmas time.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.



GRACE

Kaya 3C
Jack 5MC

Lucy 1B

LOVE

**Deanery
Values**

FAITH

Amelia 6A
Jessica 6W

HOPE

JOY

Izzy May RW
Yahya RHM

Steven RW
Archie 1S
Evelyn 2R
Matt 5T

PEACE

Pupil Voice

Reception have been learning about similarities and differences. They enjoyed listening to 'Harold shares his scarf' and role-playing the characters.

Florence RHM – “We have been reading Peter Pan and I built a tower for Neverland.”

Quinn and Amelia, 5MC – “We have been doing something called bikeability where we have learned how to ride our bikes safely on the road. Our favourite bit was when we learned how to do signalling past and into a minor road. We really enjoyed it. It was great fun and a good experience and we recommend it to everyone!”

Ella 5T – “I enjoyed enrichment last week. I did yoga and we played a game called rock, tree, bridge. It was really fun!”

Mia 6A – “We've been learning about light and how it travels and we investigated how shadows change the further the distance from a light source and object is.”

Hasina 6W – “We learnt about light and shadows. It was fun using torches to test our predictions. Would an object closer or further away from the torch make a bigger or shorter shadow?”

Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination 12 December 2022

Early next week your child will be bringing home a consent form which is in relation to them receiving the Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination.

The vaccination will take place at school on 12 December 2022.

It is very important that you complete and return your consent form and give to class teacher by **Friday 25 November** at the latest please. We require a consent form for **every** child as it is to state whether you **DO** or **DO NOT** require your child to have the flu vaccination.

For further information please refer to Parents Info Section on the school website where you will find all the necessary information.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Optional Charity Contribution – Christmas Shoe Boxes

Last year we donated Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Good Samaritans Charity. This year we would like to donate again! We feel it was and will be a lovely way for the children to show kindness and generosity for those less fortunate than themselves. **Please bring in your Christmas shoeboxes no later than Friday 18th November 2022.**

During the first week in November, the school council will share a presentation with their class providing more information about their good deed. This presentation will include a video linked to the children receiving the boxes as well as other information, for example the countries the Christmas shoeboxes are delivered to.

If you would like to get involved these are the steps to making your Christmas show boxes:

Step one – You need a shoebox (Or you can buy one on the Good Samaritans website)

Step two – Decorate your shoebox with paper (preferably Christmas paper)

(You do not need to decorate the ones bought online)

Step three – Select who you are packing for – Girl or Boy and the ages of 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14

This information will need to be on a clear label on top of the Christmas shoebox (For example GIRL AGE 5-9)

Step four – Fill with gifts (ideas are on the website and at the bottom of the letter)

Step five – OPTIONAL - You can donate money online on the Good Samaritan website if you would like to follow your box. (Print the barcode and place on top of the gifts inside your box)

Step six – Personalise your box and prayer (For example you could include a hand written note and a photo of your family. You may also want to pray for the child that will receive your gift)

Step seven – Put a rubber band around the Christmas shoebox (school will provide one if you do not have one)

Step eight – Bring in your completed Christmas shoebox into class (the school council will collect it from the classrooms and bring it to the appropriate place)

This charity event is of course optional and there is no obligation to participate. We would also really appreciate any spare shoe boxes or gifts. The School Council will fill these. Thank you for your continued support.

Please see separate email for more information and shoebox gift ideas.

Response to Curriculum Evening Feedback

If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure culture and encourage children to read at home.

It also has some great tips as to why reading is so important and how to read with your child and the kinds of questions you can ask.

November Book Club Picks

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

Age 9-12

Explorers at Stardust City by Alex Bell

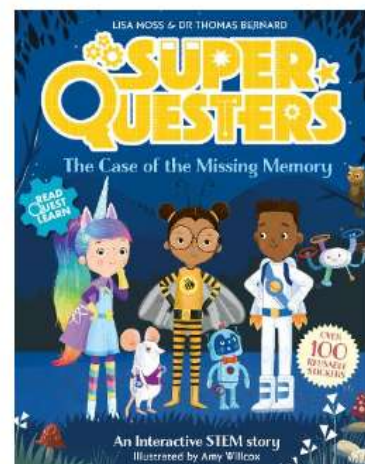
The Ocean Squid team rockets through time and space in this, the sixth instalment of the compelling Explorers series. Can Ursula and her sidekicks prevent the evil Collector from gobbling all the world's bucket list locations? They enlist the help of some strange and interesting allies to save the world and rescue Stella in this highly imaginative and fast-paced part-illustrated adventure suitable for children aged 9-12. You'll never look at a snow globe the same way again...



Age 7-11

Super Questers: The Case of the Missing Memory by Lisa Moss and Dr Thomas Bernard

Lilly, Leo and Bea are back in this quest to find Lord Grumble's evil megalomaniac memory-stealing machine before it's too late. To find it they need to solve eight science, maths and logic-themed trials with your help. Using stickers, rewards, cracking illustrations and a dialogue-driven storyline, this interactive book is cleverly constructed and highly engaging. Hours of fun will be had. It's a great book for KS2 children, and particularly greater depth students in Years 3&4.



Response to Curriculum Evening Feedback - continued

Age 5+

The Woodcutter and the Snow Prince by Ian Eagleton

Kai, a woodcutter, spends each Christmas Eve carving amazing statues. But no one visits and each year he grows more and more lonely. Remembering his grandmother's stories, he decides to seek out the mysterious Snow Prince. Will his life change from gloominess into joyful happiness?



Age 4+

Please Mr Magic Fish! by Jessica Souhami

When Jack catches a fish, he doesn't expect it to answer back and promise him a magical wish in return for returning it to the sea. When Jack accepts, he and his wife Liz have their dreams come true. But then they get bored and ask for another wish. All does not go to plan in this imaginative reimagined fable about greed and being ungrateful. With



Programmes of Study - Autumn 2



Our Programmes of Study for Autumn 2 have now been uploaded to the website - <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/p-o-s>

Here you can find out all of the great knowledge and skills that we will be learning over the next half term.

Football Reports

Girls football match report

Deanery v Boldmere 17.10.2022

On Monday after school, we went straight to Boldmere to play our first football match. The match kicked off at 4p. There are a very good team since they have been playing together for so long. They scored goal after goals but we were still smiling. At half time it was 6-0 to Boldmere but everyone still had faith that we would score. After a long team talk, the second half kicked off. We were getting better as the match went along. But eventually, we got a goal!!! Lucie with the magic touch. They scored another straight after but we were all still delighted we got at least one goal considering it was our first match. The match ended and our teacher congratulated us for our amazing tackling. We all left with smiles on our faces knowing we made Deanery proud.

Written by Lucie and Hasina Y6

Boys football match report

Deanery v Walmley Round 1 of the Cup 18.10.22

On Tuesday, we played our first school team football match against Walmley. When the opposition arrived, they looked like a tough team to beat. They took kick off and we were underway. We kept strong until we conceded our first goal after 10 minutes. Soon after, they scored another but we didn't give up. Just before half time, we scored and we had the momentum with lots of opportunities to score again. Then it was half time and we had a good team talk and made a few subs. Early into the second half, we scored and equaliser – the crowd were ecstatic! Now we were confident that we could win. However, during the second half sadly Walmley scored again. WE still didn't give up but a little later, they score once more, now with a 4-2 lead. They scored again but thankfully, it was disallowed because the ball went out before. It was an unlucky loss. We tried our hardest and had a lot of fun too. Deanery will be back again!

Written by Jack and Zack Y6



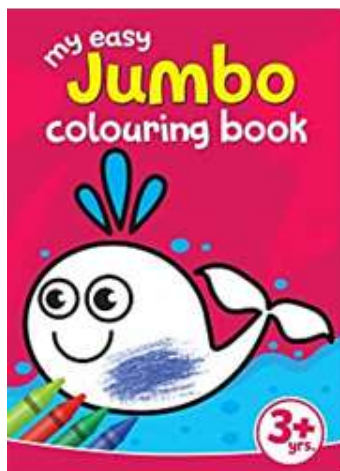
Christmas Toy Service - Thursday 1st December

School children and staff will come together on Thursday 1st December for a service in school to celebrate Christmas, focussing on what we can do to support others at Christmas time. Everybody will have an opportunity to think about the needs of others in preparation for this service and will be invited to contribute to a prayer if they would like to.

With the shoebox appeal, we have already had an opportunity to support children around the world. The toy service is an opportunity to support children locally. We invite families to donate a new, unwrapped toy for a child in Birmingham if you would like to. These toys are given to Birmingham City Mission to distribute to families in the city as part of their toylink initiative. To find out more about this please visit

<https://www.birminghamcitymission.org.uk/news/christmas-toylink> .

Please bring any toys to donate on Thursday 1st December and put them straight into the van at 8.30am on the way into school. The van will be parked on the car park outside of the school gate near the Foxes building.



Christmas Lunch - Thursday 1st December



We will be having our Christmas lunch on Thursday 1st December. If your child normally has sandwiches but would like a Christmas lunch on that day then please fill in the form below before Friday 11th November.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijlNeEygFqjlf3WwVv09RIC8ZpPmBk>

Lunchtime Supervisor Advert

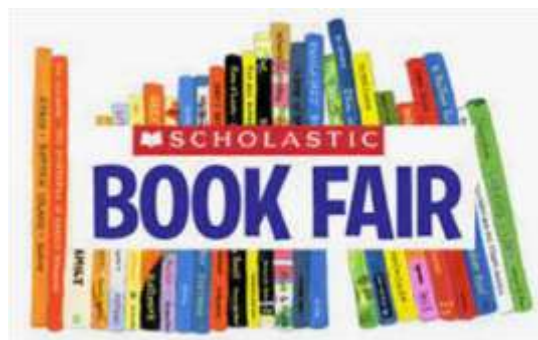
We are currently advertising lunchtime supervisor roles at Deanery. If you are interested or know anyone that may be interested please see the website <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies> or contact the School Office for more details.

Residents Feedback

What lovely feedback! Well done Year 5 and thanks to Aspire Sports.



Book Fair



A huge thank you to everyone who visited our book fair before half term, your purchases have earned £717.92 worth of books for school. Thanks as well must go to our team of Y6 helpers and the PTFA who all helped to man the book fair.

School Photographs

If you have ordered School photographs to be delivered to school, these will be sent home with your child this week.

Art Gallery



Thank you for all of your purchases at our wonderful art gallery held before half term.

All of your kind donations will be split between the 3 local charities we are supporting this term @Acacia, @West Midlands Air Ambulance and @Birmingham Dogs Home.

It is not too late if you would still like to make a donation for your child's artwork, just send in your donation and we will send the artwork home to you.

Thanks again for your continued support!

PTFA Christmas School Disco



Christmas School Disco

Friday 2nd December

KS1 DISCO (RECEPTION TO YEAR 2) 5.00 - 6.15 PM

KS2 DISCO (YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6) 6.30 - 8.00 PM

PRE-BOOKED TICKETS ONLY
BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE

(Payments can still be made offline, forms available at the office)

Book online from 10th November at
www.pta-events.co.uk/deanery





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](#)

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION
BELOW FOR LOCAL
ACTIVITIES

DEANERY DO NOT PROMOTE
ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES

Could you foster?

Would you like to find out how you can provide a family home to children in your area? Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Birmingham, who are urgently seeking full-time foster carers willing to foster. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer in your area please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.



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We can help you to provide a young person with a stable, secure home.

Call us on 0800 389 0143
Visit us at www.nexusfostering.co.uk



HelpinBrum

Find Help In Brum Are you concerned about the rise in cost of living?

Find some helpful contact details for advice and support.

Birmingham City Council and partners are working to support and offer guidance to our residents during the cost of living crisis in the UK.

We want to support as many of our residents as possible across key areas which are outlined in this leaflet.

Warm Welcome:

We are working with the local community and a partnership of voluntary and community sector organisations to expand a network of warm spaces. These spaces will be available for people to use and visit during the winter period and beyond.

There are several existing Warm Welcome Spaces within local communities across the city. Warm Welcome Spaces are:

- inclusive and non-judgmental
- heated and free to access

The services at each space will vary but may include:

- information on further support and available guidance
- opportunities to participate in activities and learn new things
- free internet access, computers and charging points
- a friendly environment to connect with others within the community

You can find details of our current Birmingham Warm Welcome Spaces at www.birmingham.gov.uk/warmwelcome

Keeping checking back online as more spaces will be launched weekly.

Benefits and Money Advice:

During the cost of living crisis, it is also important to ensure you have access to the right benefits and money advice for you. There are several information portals below which can help.

To find out what benefits you are entitled to, it is best to use the Benefits Calculator provided by the Government. Find out more by using this link: www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support

Birmingham City Council has also developed several support factsheets which provide useful information on a range of debt related issues. You can view and download Information on www.birmingham.gov.uk/debtadviceteam

If you are struggling with debt and need advice and support you can also visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/helpinbrum which can help direct you to the right information.

There are also other services who offer free and confidential advice:

- The Project - Benefit, debt and housing advice
0121 453 0606 | www.theprojectbirmingham.org
- Citizens Advice Birmingham - Advice on benefits, debt, housing and more
0344 477 1010 | www.bcabs.org.uk
- Disability Resource Centre - Advice and advocacy services for disabled people
03030 402 040 | www.disability.co.uk

Energy Efficiency:

As energy costs rise we are committed to reducing energy bills and helping everyone to keep warm as we head into the winter months.

There are several schemes already available for residents, with full information and guidance available at www.birmingham.gov.uk/energyhelp

There has been a significant rise in energy scams linked to the cost of living crisis.

There is some helpful support on the Birmingham City Council website to avoid these scams.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/energyscam