

NEWSLETTER



The signs of spring are all around – if you look very carefully.

Although the mornings are still fresh and the frost makes the fallen leaves look like they are wearing a white velvet coat, the rays of sunshine brings the hope of warmer times ahead as the days begin to get longer.

Breaking through the early morning mist, the joy of children's voices fills the playground to start another busy day. Our Eco leaders have set a challenge to reduce the use of energy and sharing the message through a poster design competition. We look forward to displaying the posters around school and measuring the impact in the months ahead.

Congratulations go to the gymnastics team who competed extremely well this week, demonstrating our school values whilst presenting their routines and supporting each other. Thank you to Mrs Bourne.



GRACE

Rosalie 1B
Rosabella 5T

**Deanery
Values**

Ethan 3G **LOVE**

FAITH

Sarah 2JR
Amelia 5MC
Matilda 6W

HOPE

JOY

Daniel RW
Bella 2JR
Charlie 2R
Kingsley 6W

Poppy 3C
Anushka 3F
Naomi 6A **PEACE**

Pupil Voice

Joshua RW – “I love assemblies, I like to pray.”

Cillian 1B – “The Naughty Bus snuck into our classroom and made a big mess! He got paint on the tables and tipped out all the construction toys! We used a map to draw on where we think the Naughty Bus went.” (Geography)

Seren 2R - "I enjoyed playing the parachute game where we thought about our connections with each other"

Amira 3C – “I love doing art at this school, it is so fun!”

Jack 3G - "This is the best day ever; I love this Science lesson." (When we made magnetic games in Science)

Barnaby 5MC - "We have been doing fractions and decimals and I like when we're comparing fractions and decimals to make them equivalent. I also like using fractions to find the whole."

Tilly 5MC - "In English we have been focusing on poems. We have used our imagination to create an image of the Malfeasance creature from the poem and used adjectives to describe it."

Grace 5T – “I enjoyed reading the poem The Malfeasance by Alan Bold and trying to match it up like a jigsaw with the text shapes.”

Vienna, Willow, Jacob and Isabel 6A – “During story-telling week, we enjoyed going down to Nursery and Reception to listen to them read.”

6A - As house captains, we have talked to Y5 to about their thoughts of school. We will also be talking to each year group to get a well-rounded pupil voice.

Sebastian 6W – “I liked adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals, I've not done it before and it feels good that I can do it now.”

Aiyana 6W – “I've enjoyed planning and working towards writing my own blog this week.”

Parent Governors

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Michael Gannon and Mrs Emma Taylor as parent governors.

New Staff

Apologies, we are a little late but we did not want to miss her out! We would like to welcome Miss Follis to our Deanery family. Miss Follis is teaching in Year 3.



Parents Evening Reminder

A reminder that it is parents evening next week and hopefully you now have your time slots booked.

Wednesday 15th February 4 – 7 pm

Thursday 16th February 5 – 8pm

We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!

Your children will also be asking you to look at a piece of work they are particularly proud of and it would be great if you could take some time to look at it and write them a note back about their work.

May we respectfully remind you that each slot is 10 minutes and that we are running to a tight schedule to fit everyone in.



Geo the Deanery boat has finally 'sailed' its way onto the KS1 playground as we continue to add to our outdoor area.

'Geo' will make a great space for sitting and chatting, a great reading area as a super role play area.

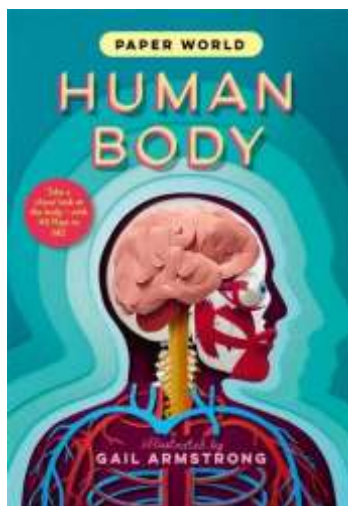
Please can we ask you to ensure your children do not use it as a 'climbing frame' at the beginning or end of the day so that Geo can have a happy retirement on our playground.

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.

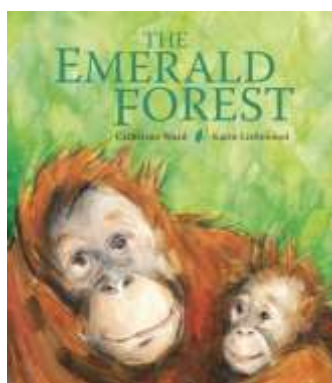
February 2023 recommendations



Non-fiction book of the month

Paper World: Human Body by Gail Armstrong

Using amazing paper engineering, children can open flaps and peer inside the brain, ears, heart and lungs, reproductive system and much more. With high-quality text and more than 40 flaps and die cuts to explore, 'Human Body' is an outstanding publication. Literally lift the lid on the human body with this unique large format full-colour hardback masterpiece that will make an excellent gift for 8-12-year-olds,



Picture book of the month

The Emerald Forest by Catherine Ward, illustrated by Karin Littlewood

Follow the life of an Orangutan and her family in tropical Sumatra as they experience raising young, living in harmony with nature and the impact of humans. A great text to read and share with EYFS and KS1, this beautiful and moving picture book uses powerful and thought-provoking images to explore themes of environmental protection, habitat destruction and species extinction.

School Council

Fantastic work by our School Council, look at the difference they have made to our outdoor area already!! [#democracy](#)
[#welisten](#) [#pupilvoice](#)
[#schoolcouncil](#)



Book Fair

**Date for your diary - Thurs 9th –Wed 15th March
3.30 - 4pm KS1 Hall**

We are excited to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

There are over 200 titles to choose from, and with prices starting from £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

You will also have chance to use your World Book Day voucher. Don't forget that every book purchased can help to get free books for our school library. Payment can be made by cash or card.

We look forward to seeing you at the book fair!

Twitter



Please follow us on Twitter to keep abreast of Deanery news and to see some of the great work and activities that we get up to.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Update

The five ways of Wellbeing have been designed to help us to live a mentally healthy life



Our whole school wellbeing focus this half term is Connect!

There is strong evidence that indicates that feeling close to, and valued by, other people is a fundamental human need and one that contributes to functioning well in the world.

Good relationships are important for your mental wellbeing. They can:

- help you to build a sense of belonging and self-worth
- give you an opportunity to share positive experiences
- provide emotional support and allow you to support others



This week we have been connecting with each other in paired reading





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



Aston Villa Foundation: Half-Term Soccer Schools

For children aged between 5-12 year olds, our Soccer Schools encourage children to stay active, learn new football skills and have fun in a **safe and secure environment**.

Aston

Academy Building, Villa Park,
Witton Ln, Birmingham B6 6HE

Tamworth

Tamworth Enterprise College, Birds
Bush Rd, Tamworth B77 2NE

Harborne

Lordswood Girls School,
Knightlow Rd, Harborne, Birmingham
B17 8QB

Sutton Coldfield

Sutton Coldfield Town FC, Central
Ground, Coles Ln, Birmingham, B72
1NL

Email:

amber.wassell@avfc.co.uk

Dates: Monday 20th -
Friday 24th February 2023

www.avfc.co.uk/foundation

Registered Charity No: 1152848

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm



ASTON VILLA
FOUNDATION



Sutton United FC

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sutton United Football club are looking for budding youngsters for next seasons U7's (2023/24). Interested children will need to be in year 1 NOW and year 2 from September 2023 to be eligible.

Training will take place on a Saturday morning starting on March 4th 2023 – 08:45 till 09:45 am for 8 to 12 weeks, the price will be £25 per month. During this period representatives from Sutton United will select a group of players to take forward and these players will receive further coaching in preparation for their first season which will start in September 2023.

All children will receive qualified FA coaching and all coaches have been DBS cleared. The training will take place within the established SUFC Soccer School for Children, all children will be able to continue their training for as long as they wish once we have taken the groups onto forming a team.

Our aim is to give children within the community the chance to play football and to learn and develop their fundamental skills, which will give the children the building blocks to be able to play and enjoy football.

Sutton United have teams from under 7s through to open age, so the selected children will hopefully be part of Sutton United FC for many years to come.

Training will take place at Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield B75 7BA (pitches situated opposite the Ford Garage). Please contact info@suttonunitedfc.co.uk to book your child's place, please complete the form below and include it within your email.

Regards, Steve Billington

Parent's name	
Childs name	
DOB	
School Year	
Emergency Number	
Home Number	
Please specify if your child has any allergies/Medication	

Signed _____

Date _____



Half Term Art Workshops

for Children Aged 5 to 13
at Sutton Town Hall

Online booking
art4kids.kurowska.art



Developed and led by a real artist



ART WORKSHOPS for Children aged 5 to 13

delivered by a real artist
open to all skill levels
affordable prices

MON 20 FEB - FRI 24 FEB
every day from 10 am to 4 pm



Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
SESSIONS 2023



10 acres of gated historic Gardens and
a further 30 acres of Nature Reserve



All our school and education group visits
can be tailored and adopted to your needs, age groups and topic areas.
Please get in touch to discuss

Our offer for 2023 includes the following workshops - Sessions can be half day or full day.

Growing & Gardening

Join us to discover all about life in the garden, you will learn about what plants need to grow and thrive, where some of our food comes from and how it's grown. Plus you will get to plant your own vegetables to take home with you.

Minibeasts & Pondlife

We have three ponds onsite all teeming with fascinating life. Investigate minibeasts in their different habitats. Learn about their secret lives, what they do, where they live and how to identify them. Then we head over to the pond to look at life under the water, we will pond dip and see what we can find and learn all about food chains.

Secret Lives of Trees

Trees are all around us but how well do we really know them? In this session we learn all about trees and their functions, how to identify some of the trees around us and some strange ideas from the past. The Gardens looks after more than a hundred mature trees and is still planting new ones.

Forest School

Forest School is a child centred process, which encourages nature exploration and controlled risks. This workshop is perfect for smaller groups and includes a mixture of activities ranging from fire lighting, tool use, nature crafts, woodland games, den building and outdoor cooking. Led by our qualified Forest School Leader.

Percy the Park Keeper

For the younger ones we have the popular book character Percy the ParkKeeper in the gardens this year. Follow one of the Percy nature trails, have a story with Percy himself and have fun with some creative storytelling and writing activities.

For more information please email castlebromparklandteam@gmail.com or contact us on 0121 7494100
Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham B36 9BT





CLIFTON ROAD YOUTH CENTRE
CLIFTON ROAD SUTTON COLDFIELD
B73 6EB
TEL: 0121 355 2438

Free event

Girls

Are you 10-12 years?

Do you like making things?

Are you up for a challenge?

If the answer is YES then.....

Join us on

Monday's

4pm-6:30pm

@ our Girls Group

Arts & Crafts

Cooking

Projects

Fun

@ our Girls Group

Make new friends

Sports

Music

Challenges

Workshops

Events

Relationships

Activities

1st meeting Monday 23rd January 2023

