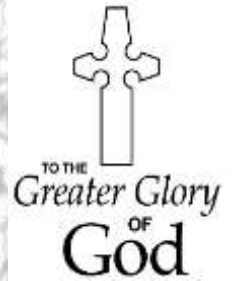


NEWSLETTER



As we come to the end of another busy half term and look forward to the good weather promised for the Whitsun Week, we reflect on the wonderful opportunities that our children have enjoyed and those that have been supported by our wider school community. We see a return to the Junior PCSO initiative and look forward working collaboratively over the next term. PTFA Quiz night proved to be another fabulous event, many thanks to members of the PTFA and school community for your support.

Stay safe over the holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th June.

GRACE

Jess 6A

Chloe 5T

Aiyana 6W **LOVE**

FAITH

Harrison 1B

Betty 2JR

**Deanery
Values**

HOPE

JOY

Woody RHM

Francis 2R

Sarah 2JR

Noah 5MC

Hasina 6W

Masha 3C

Isaac 6W

PEACE

Pupil Voice

Harman RHM - "Our book is penguin on holiday and in RE we talked about how Muslims wash before they pray. You do this when you are 12."

Henry 1B – "In English we are writing about Pinocchio. The best word I used in my writing today was 'confused.' "I am confused because nobody loves me," lied Pinocchio."

Albie 2JR – "We have enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong as a child. He loved being up high and found it hard to climb trees but he kept trying and trying."

Lucy 3C – "I have enjoyed going swimming and learning new skills like front crawl!"

Henry and Harrison 5MC – "In English, we have been looking at facts about plastic pollution and how it is taking over our world and destroying our oceans. We created information posters about what we had learned. Did you know, there are about 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in the ocean?"

Jacob 5T – "Rounders in PE because it's just really fun, good exercise and I like playing team games."

Callie 6A – "In maths, we have been looking at what it takes to open a Bakery and I enjoyed learning about profit."

Lily 6A – "I enjoyed making our 'courtyard' shoeboxes in Art and explaining what inspired us."

Mia 6W – "I've enjoyed audition for our Y6 school production."

Max 6W – "I've enjoyed making cupcake box nets in Maths as part of our bakery project."

Children's Book Project

A huge thank you to everyone that donated books towards the Children's Book Project. This morning we filled a large van full of books; there were over 1,000 books donated to the deanery Book Drive and these books will be gifted to disadvantaged children across Birmingham after the half term so that they can read them during the summer holidays.



Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor, if you are interested or know anyone that might be please visit the school website for more details.

Father's Day Competition



Dear Parents and Carers,

Father's day is fast approaching and we are calling all mothers to engage with us in a little competition.

Reading for Pleasure continues to be a focus in school and the impact of the children seeing other adults as readers has been tremendous.

Therefore, we are hosting a Father's Day competition to call on dads (or Grandad, brother, uncle etc...) to share their favourite children's book.

You could send us a photo of you with your favourite children's book or just an email telling us which is your favourite book and why. All recommendations can be sent to enquiry@deanery.bham.sch.uk with the subject heading 'Father's Day Reading' and on the email please put your child's name and class.

We will then pick a winning recommendation who will receive a Father's Day prize.

We would love to hear your recommendations and this will also allow children to see adults as readers. How can we expect children to do something that they do not see us doing?

Can we ask that all entries are emailed to school by Tuesday 14th June?

As always, we thank you for your continued support and cannot wait to see your recommended reads.

Many Thanks

The English Team

Missing Library Books

Could we ask you to have a check in bags, under beds and wherever you might hide if you were a school library book! We currently have over 400 books overdue and would love to get them returned so that other children can read them and enjoy them. Thank you!



Birmingham Grammar Schools - Registration for entrance test

Registration for entrance test to The Grammar Schools in Birmingham is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2024.

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below and the closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2023.

The test will take place on 16th September 2023.

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

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.

Forwards Always by Matthew Hodson

Incisive, clever and thought-provoking, this collection of poems is not only perfect to read aloud in KS1 and lower KS2 classes but ideal to spark questions and discussion. A goldmine for circle time, 'Forward Always' is highly recommended for imaginative 4-8-year-olds who like to let their minds wander. The highly accessible font and vibrant illustrations will appeal to children who otherwise find longer texts a challenge. We loved 'Glue', 'Poemtry' and 'Wait for it'.

4-8 year-olds | [Author's Instagram](#) | [Author's website](#)



Growing Up Powerful: A Guide to Keeping Confident When Your Body Is Changing, Your Mind Is Racing, and the World Is ... Complicated by Nona Willis Aronowitz and Caribay Marquina

Explaining exactly what it's like to grow up in 2023 in a positive and unflinching style with accessible chunks of text and bold graphics, this impressive text for 8-14-year-olds covers mental health, body image, family dynamics, friendship issues, being positive, and achieving life goals. Comprehensive, personal and sensitively written, Growing Up Powerful is not just an invaluable book, but a friend, confidante and superpower resource for girls. Highly recommended for individual reading, book group discussion and KS2 & KS3 classroom libraries.



Online Safety

Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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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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