



It's been a great half term and how lovely it is to finish this half term with some sunshine, particularly after the many rainy days we have had to endure in recent weeks.

During this week's staff meeting, we received extremely positive feedback from staff regarding the delivery of this term's catch-up curriculum. Catch-up sessions have proved to be valuable and positive and children have engaged really well. I carried out pupil interviews this morning during which, the children also reported that they had thoroughly enjoyed participating in catch-up sessions and recognised that these had enabled them to make really good progress with their learning.

The last day of this half term is today, and again, school leaders continue to have a responsibility to support the Covid track and trace system until **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Please look out for the letter which is being sent to you today providing further information about this.

Next week is half term and the weather forecast suggests that it should be mainly dry and sunny. Whether you are staying at home or planning a few days away, please stay safe and enjoy the break.

I look forward to seeing everybody back in school on Monday 7th June.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support.

**Andy Mitchell - Headteacher**

## Focus on excellence

The children in Reception have been growing their own green beans and making observations about each stage of the green bean plants life cycle.

Once they had sprouted, the children used rulers to measure the differing heights of each plant.



## Governor Focus

This morning I met with the School Council (via Teams!) and it was an absolute delight to hear what they had to say. Without exception they told me that they were delighted to be back in school and that they were enjoying and benefitting from their catch-up sessions in school. Everyone told me that they had made rapid progress this half term! I also talked to the children about behaviour within school and they told me all about the red and yellow card system as well as the GEMS system of awards for great work, good manners and to celebrate success.

**Louisa Farino - Chair of Governors**

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1L (Miss Lyons) with 99.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96% (school target 96.5%)

## What I love about Woodloes .....

Everything in Yr 5 is going well for me—from maths to English, science to geography! My favourite subject is P.E.

Adriel  
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## Focus on Excellence

What an exciting half term we have had in Saplings!

When the children arrived back after easter they found some pet caterpillars. The children have enjoyed the caterpillars journey, learning new vocabulary, making our own caterpillar pictures and discussing patterns on butterfly wings.

This week we said good bye to our butterflies, releasing them back into the wild. We were very lucky that one butterfly stayed in our tuff tray for us to observe.



## Other News .....

### Air Ambulance

A reminder that we have a clothing bank at school for donations of good quality items of clothing, accessories, paired shoes, curtains, towels and linen. Why not have a sort out over half term and see if you have any items that you could donate to help support this worthy cause? (Your child will be bringing a charity collection bag today to put any items in).

We appreciate that the clothing bank is no longer easily accessible due to COVID guidelines. Therefore we invite parents/carers to bag any items that they wish to donate and drop them off at the pedestrian gate next to the carpark (current Year 5/6 entrance) on any **Monday afternoon at pick up time** during term time. We will then deposit any donations into the clothing bank on your behalf after all pupils have left for the day. All items must be bagged and not loose.



### May Half Term

Coventry Museums are advertising their half term activity programme:-

#### [The Romans Return](#)

2nd & 3rd June. Children can test their investigative skills with a challenging Roman Scavenger hunt and take part in an interactive soldier's drill. Book online in advance. Copy and paste the following link into your browser for further information:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/may-half-term-the-romans-return-tickets-153622050689>

#### [This Makes That With These: Star Inventions](#)

29th May & 1st June. Children get the chance to take everyday things apart to understand how they work and use their imagination to rebuild their own invention. Children discover their engineering skills.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/this-makes-that-with-these-star-inventions-tickets-152664923897>

#### [Wildlife Wonder & Nature](#)

29th, 31st May & 1st June. Get messy with Modroc! Children can sculpt their favourite wild creatures.

2nd & 3rd June. Children will explore their favourite nature-scape and discover beautiful scenes of wildlife using dry pastel to draw onto card.

4th & 5th June. Children can combine visual art and nature and create colourful coasters using a selection of natural willow branch slices.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/make-and-play-engineers-playing-with-stars-tickets-152665758393>

### Families Warwickshire

Copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the latest digital issue of 'Families Warwickshire' magazine, where you will find lots of useful information.

[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families\\_warwickshire\\_may-june\\_2021?fr=sZjNjMTM2MzY3NTg](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_warwickshire_may-june_2021?fr=sZjNjMTM2MzY3NTg)

### Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

Do you need a 'helping hand' to stay warm.

Funds can be provided to repair or replace broken heating, servicing of boilers, debt relief for energy bills and oil and LPG fuel top-ups. Call free on 0800 988 2881, or email [info@actonenergy.org.uk](mailto:info@actonenergy.org.uk) for further information for support with understanding fuel bills, tariff rates and payment options.