

PERFORMING ARTS NEWSFLASH!

Following the success of gaining our Gold ArtsMark award last term, school has been a hub of exciting arts-related activities this term. On Friday 26th January, Steve McCabe MP visited school to formally present our ArtsMark award and was treated to some highlights of our work in assembly, including a very fine performance of the song "Naughty" from Year 6's upcoming production of Matilda. Our Arts Councillors gave him a tour of the school and he commented on how important it is for everybody to find a way of being able to express themselves through art, music or drama. On the same afternoon, Mr Jones, Mrs Timms and Joyce and Padasht from our Arts Council were treated to a celebration event at the MAC, where we received another certificate for our work in the arts and a lovely afternoon tea. Our journey continues and Mr Jones and the arts council already have plans in place to try and improve our arts education further and we will be aiming for the Platinum ArtsMark next. Watch this space....!

In other news, every single child in the school visited the Barber Institute of Fine Arts this term to celebrate Storytelling Week. They listened to stories about some of the collection and participated in a hands-on making activity; the final creations will be available for you to see on exhibition day on Friday 2nd March.

Performing Arts-wise, Terrapins and Turtles had a lovely afternoon watching the pantomime Cinderella at the Birmingham Hippodrome as part of their Arts Award journey. They will be sharing all they have learned towards the end of term so look out for the invitations! Reception will be visiting the Hippodrome soon to see a performance of "White" and all of Key Stage One children watched a performance of "Penguins" at the REP to enrich our ongoing work around equality and diversity and to coincide with the beginning of LGBT history month. In other exciting news, Year 5 will be writing and devising their own show with professional artists, which they will perform on a professional stage in April. What an exciting time all round! Here are some pictures of our Gold ArtsMark Celebration Events. Please check website for class updates. www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk



Year 5 Topic Assembly and Reception Chinese New Year Assembly

Well done to all of children in Year 5 for their fantastic assembly about Pharaohs and to all of the children in Reception for performing their assembly on the celebration of Chinese New Year. It was great to see confident, happy children singing, dancing and acting. Thank you to all the parent/carers who came to watch.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

You are invited to attend your child/ren's Parent Consultation Meeting in the week beginning Monday 26th February. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and look through their Learning Journal, Cross-Curricular, Literacy and Numeracy books. If you haven't already done so, please book your appointment at www.allcroft.bham.sch.uk, **as soon as possible**. If you are unable to access the internet, the school office will be able to help you.

Please see below for dates.

Terrapins & Turtles - the afternoon of Wednesday 28th February

Reception - Tuesday 27th February

Year 1 - Wednesday 28th February

Year 2 - Thursday 1st March

Year 3 - Tuesday 27th February

Year 4 - Wednesday 28th February

Year 5 - Thursday 1st March

Year 6 - Thursday 1st March

Reception 'Stay and Play' & Year 1 'Come and Learn' Sessions

Parents/Carers are invited to join their children in class on the following dates:

Reception Stay and Play Sessions

Tuesday 13th February at 2.00pm

Wednesday 7th March at 2.00pm

Wednesday 21st March at 2.00pm

Please also remember that parent/carers of Reception children are invited to a weekly 'Come and Read' session with their child every **Friday from 8.50am to 9.00am**


Friends of Allens Croft - School Calendar SALE & School Disco Information

We still have calendars available. If you would like one, then please bring a small donation to the front entrance in exchange for a calendar. Our Allens Croft Primary School Disco Reception/ Key Stage 1 will take place on the afternoon of **Wednesday 14th February**. Reception/ Key Stage 1 Disco will take place at 2.30pm to 3.30pm and Key Stage 2 Disco will take place from 3.45pm to 4.30pm. The cost of the disco is **£1.50 per child** and this will include a drink, a packet of crisps and a glow stick. If you would like your child to attend but have not provided payment and consent, then please do so by Monday 12th February at the latest.

If you would like to get involved with the Friends of Allens Croft group, then please attend the meeting that takes place every Friday at 2pm. Refreshments are provided and toys will be available for pre-school children.

Dates for the Diary- Next Few Weeks

Wednesday 14- February	Reception & Key Stage 1 Disco - 2.30pm to 3.30pm Key Stage 2 Disco - 3.45pm to 4.45pm
Wednesday 14- February	RA and 4OP Educational Visit to Barber Institute
Thursday 15- February	RB Educational Visit to Barber Institute
Friday 16- February	Y5 Educational Visit to the Hippodrome- 'Chinese New Year'
Friday 16- February at 2.45pm	Ukulele Concert to parents/carers
Friday 16- February	Children break up from school
Monday 26- February	Children return to school
Thursday 1- March	World Book & Maths Day
Friday 2- March	Art Exhibition to parents/carers
Monday 5- March	Year 4 Educational Visit to Think Tank
Wednesday 7- to Wednesday 14- March	Scholastic Book Fair in Front Entrance from 3.25pm
Friday 9- March at 11.30am	Year 3 Lunch with Parents/Carers
Wb Monday 12- March	Science Week
Wednesday 14- March	National Sing Up Day

★ Allens Croft Stars ★			E-SAFETY FACT	INFORMATION BOARD			
Friday 2- February		Friday 9- February		EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS			
Terrapins	Reiss	Safa	Be Smart! Be Safe Online! E-safety fact- Treat people online like you would offline. 	Club	Day	Time	Collect from
Turtles	Stephen	Karanbir		Time Table Rock Stars	Monday	3:30 - 4:30	Main Entrance
RA	Ellsie-Lee	Adam		Construction	Monday	3:30 - 4:30	Reception Classroom
RB	Andre	Francesca		Multi Sports	Monday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
IF	Daniel	Jacob		Beat Bang Boom	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30	Turtles Classroom
IW	Elyssa	Isabella		Coding	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30	Main Entrance
2G	Davinia	Jasmine		Multi Sports	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
2C	Tessai	Caleb		Football	Wednesday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
3B	Roxy	Riley		Cleftmainia (Choir)	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30	Main Entrance
3C	Faiza	Swarnim		Multi Skills	Thursday	3:30 - 4:30	Hall
4W	Rebekah	Amaya		Please remind your child to bring in their Forest School and PE kit each week.			
4OP	Ismail	Alex					
5B	Leah	Maria					
5I	Tiffany	Karis					
6H	Mustafah	Neiha					

Attendance - The Best Classes!

Week ending Friday 2- February	Week ending Friday 9- February
Y4W - 98.6%	Y4W -100%

Remember - the class with the best attendance at the end of the year wins a free trip!

Term Dates- Please visit website for calendar updates

School Year 2017 - 2018

Spring Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2018- Friday 16th February 2018

Half Term: Monday 19 February 2018 to Friday 23 February 2018 - School Closed

Term Starts: Monday 26th February 2018-Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 16th April 2018- Friday 25th May 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018 - School Closed

Term Starts: Monday 4th June 2018 -Friday 20th July 2018

Teacher Training Days:

Monday 23rd July 2018 and Tuesday 24th July 2018 - - School Closed To Children

* 1 Teacher Training Day still needs to be allocated

At Allens Croft we: **Aspire** for all to succeed; **Inspire** each other to succeed; **Achieve** success

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