



Newsletter Friday 18th June 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 7th June 2021

	307		234
	256		227

Message from Mrs Grainger

I am very aware that the vast majority of you are hugely supportive of the school and of the measures that we have taken during the pandemic to help keep all of our pupils, staff and families as safe as possible. I greatly appreciate those of you who continue to support the school in everything that we do.

I'm sure you will be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement and the extension to the current COVID-19 restrictions before moving to Step 4. Given that the delay is likely to be a further 4 weeks from 21st June this will take us up to 19th July. The 19th July is in the final week of the term and I will not be changing any of the measures that we have in place currently, for the final week.

The Prime Minister has added that: "The Government will monitor the position every day and if, after two weeks, the risk has diminished then Step 4 might proceed sooner." If this is to be the case, I will review the school's arrangements at this point. However, I think that it is highly likely that the measures we have in place will be with us for the rest of the term. The exception to this might be the Year 6 leavers performance, I will write to the parents and carers of these children directly next week.

Please continue to wear face coverings and maintain distance when on the school premises. It is important that we take responsibility and follow the Government guidelines even if our personal opinion differs from this. It is important that every parent and carer is respectful of each other and the teachers and other staff that work in the school. It is key that we all set the right example for our children.

I am hopeful that from September, we can return to greater normality but we will again be guided by the Government and will do what is required of us.

Holiday Activities

The Government has launched a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme enabling local authorities in England to deliver inclusive activities including a hot meal over the school holidays. It's free for children and young people aged 5 – 16 years who receive benefit related free school meals.

Staffordshire County Council are writing to all parents/carers of eligible children (via their school) with a unique code to register their interest and receive a timetable of activities. Registration will be live from 5th July and closes once all the eligible places have been filled. To avoid disappointment, parents/carers should register and book as soon as possible at: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Sports Week 5th - 9th July 2021

We have decided this year to organise a sports week for the children, not a day. The children will wear sports kit and house colours for the whole week and partake in events within their bubble. They will also have a taster of some Olympic activities such as Kata, Curling and Boccia. Activities will generate points for their house, and an overall winner will be shared during a celebration assembly on Friday. Unfortunately, parents/carers are unable to attend the events as they are spread throughout the week, but at least we can be sure that these plans will not be disrupted by varying Covid guidance.

curriculum

What has your child been learning about in class this week?

Years 1 & 2

This week we have been learning about the famous palaeontologist Mary Anning during theme lessons. We read lots about her and then created some report posters about her. We have been so impressed with the super homework sent in for Dinosaur Planet. We've had lots of models and facts! Well done!

In maths, Cherry class have continued learning about capacity and volume. We have read scales and solved word problems about capacity. Apple and Elm have been learning about money and recognising different coins. In writing, we have finished retelling 'The Good Dinosaur' and have described the two main characters, Spot and Arlo.

Next week, we will be making a puppet using socks so please send your child in with 1 adult sized sock for them to use. Many thanks.

Years 3 & 4

There has been some amazing homework sent in for our Ancient Greek theme - Gods and Mortals. The quality of some of the shields and weapons has been brilliant to see. The children are so enthused to learn more, so thanks for the support here. After learning about the Ancient Greek story of Icarus who flew too close to the sun we have enjoyed making wings from wax and feathers this week and then testing the wax to see what happens to it at different temperatures. We checked to see what the result would be if the wax wings were placed in water, freezing temperatures, a hot oven and room temperature. The results allowed us to draw a conclusion about whether the story of Icarus could have been true if he was actually able to fly really, really high.

Years 5 & 6

This week we have written a diary as Michael, a character in our class text. We have continued to read Skellig and are really intrigued as to what is going to happen next. In maths we have completed more problem-solving tasks relating to the four rules.

In theme we have looked at significant figures in the world of technology and debated the reliability of what we can find on the internet.

Year 6 have had an amazing week spending two full days on 'Mission, Survive and Thrive' activities such as: shelter building; making fire; and many varied teamwork/problem solving activities.

Outreach Community Project

Year 5 pupils have been involved in the 2021 Outreach Community Project that will be showcased at the Fuse Festival weekend on the 13th/14th/15th of August and then the Nurture Nest space located within Three Spires, Lichfield (was M&S unit). Mr Birchall from the Little Green Frog Cafe in the city has liaised with school to arrange this lovely project and earlier this week Year 5 children from Oak Class made a selection of paper flowers with Mrs Dennis to contribute to the installation.



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SPORT FOR A WEEK
MONDAY 2ND AUGUST TO FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST 2021

An action packed week providing an opportunity to stay active and have fun. Each day will provide a mixture of sports with a range of activities, games and challenges for ages between 6-16 years. Sports will include Football, Cricket, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Hockey and much more. Breakfast and Lunch will also be included.

Fill in the form overleaf to reserve your child's place
Venue address: Lichfield Sports Club, Collins Hill, Eastern Avenue, Lichfield, WS13 7SQ