



Message from the Headteacher

Advice to parents and carers if you suspect children / family members may have Coronavirus

If you think you or a family member have symptoms use the NHS 111 service. To protect yourself and protect others DO NOT go to or attend a GP, pharmacy, hospital or school if this is the case. Protect yourself and protect others.

Preventing spread of infection - Good hygiene

WE AS A SCHOOL ARE DOING EVERYTHING ADVISED TO INFORM AND EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN ON GOOD HYGEINE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION.

Parents and carers talking to children about the current national situation

Talk to your children simply and calmly about this task and how we can meet it by **all**:

- Washing our hands through the day
- Keeping our hands away from and out of our face, eyes, mouth and nose
- Not touching surfaces, objects, handles, rails unless we need to.

Please talk to your children at home about the importance of good hygiene. Please show them how and encourage them to wash their hands fully. Encourage use of tissues when coughing and sneezing. Talk to them about keeping their hands away from their face, mouth and nose. Talk to them about the importance of us all doing this well and how we have a responsibility to ourselves and to each other. Thank you.

At this time also please take the time to look out for others, the elderly, disabled, sick and vulnerable.

Please also do what you can to stay up – to – date with current official guidance and advice about Coronavirus. Guidance and advice is being constantly updated and may very well change over the coming days, weeks and months.

Please use official websites, such as:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

or <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-governmentresponse> to ensure you are up – to – date.

Years 1 & 2

In maths, Year 1 have been finding the difference between two numbers, using cube towers as representations. They have worked systematically to find different possibilities to help them solve word problems. Year 2 have been finding halves and fractions of shapes and quantities, linking their learning with previous knowledge of division.

Our writing has been based on the Billy Bob Buttons book 'The Muffin Monster'. The children have planned a similar story of their own, changing the characters, the monster and how the monster is eventually captured. We look forward to reading the children's stories - they have some brilliant ideas!

In theme, we have learned some Science; using the acronym MRS GREN to help us work out if things are 'Alive', 'Dead (but once alive)' or 'Never Alive'.

Years 3 & 4

This week we have been studying the language used in a 'tale of fear'.

We have mapped a wide range of complex grammar used in this sort of descriptive writing including:

- expanded noun phrases
- fronted adverbials
- adverbial phrases
- ambitious adjectives and verbs
- the use of punctuation

We will plan and write our own frightening story next week. It has been an interesting week in our Jigsaw lessons as we have learnt about drugs. The children were very interested in the difference between healthy drugs used for medical purposes and other harmful drugs. Thanks for the input into home learning - the children who read regularly at home are the same children that make good progress in school!

Years 5 & 6

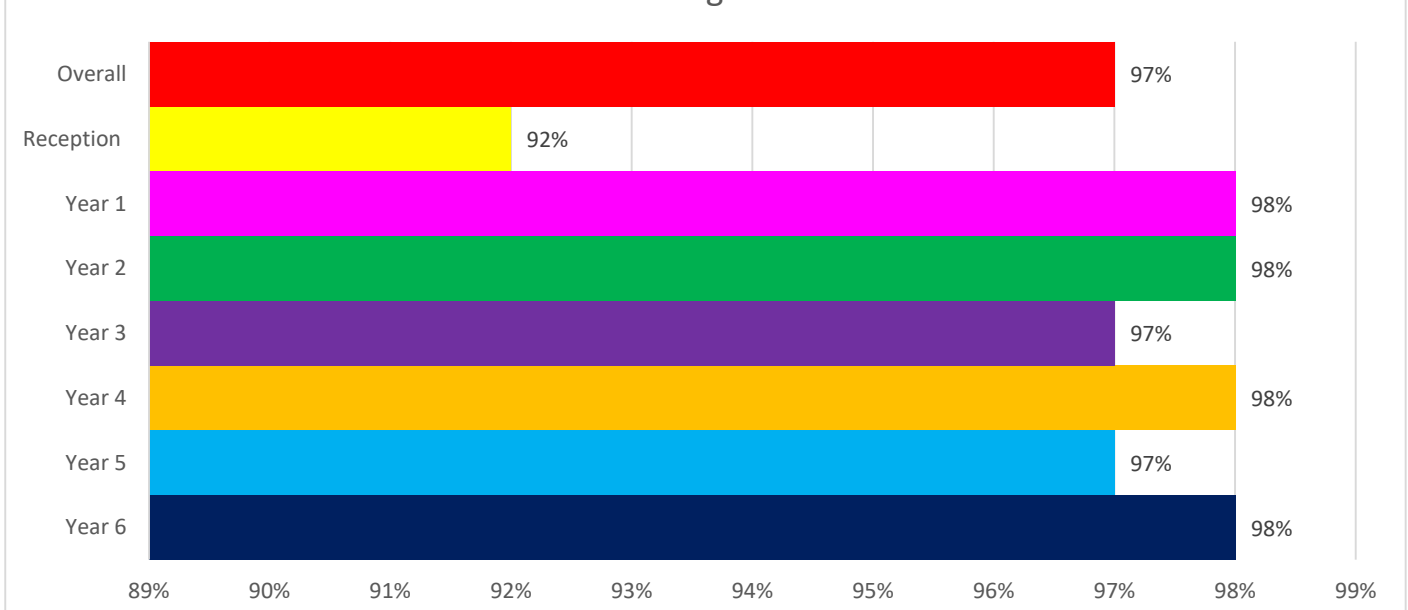
Years 5 & 6 have this week continued with their Stargazers theme by finding out facts about the Sun and using them to help write a free poem. They have also completed a variety of activities related to theme specific vocabulary.

We are really happy with the attitude to learning of the majority of our pupils, however some homework wasn't completed this week and so we would like to ask parents and carers to continue to check that your child's homework is complete please, thank you for your support.





Years 3 & 4 went to the Wat Mahathat on Monday, the children met a Buddhist monk from Thailand and learnt a Buddhist chant, they also learnt how to meditate and were given a friendship bracelet.



Weekly Attendance by Class
Week Commencing 2nd March 2020



House point totals
Week Commencing: 24th February 2020

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|  | 189 |  | 173 |
|  | 219 |  | 145 |



Gardening Club

A big thank you to the ladies who run our Gardening Club for planting these beautiful spring bulbs that are now brightening up our school grounds.



Lichfield Bower

The Prince and Princess selection will be held on Sunday 5th April. The themes for this year are Mardi Gras and Euro 2020, all children aged 5-15 are invited to enter. For more information, please contact Perdita Lawton by phone or text on 07704949722. Please be aware that spaces are limited so to avoid disappointment it is on a first come, first served basis.



Year 5 Trip to Wade Street Church

Unfortunately, the trip to Wade Street Church on 24th March has now been cancelled.

Water bottles

Water bottles are available to purchase from the school office, £1.50 small bottles, £2 large bottles.



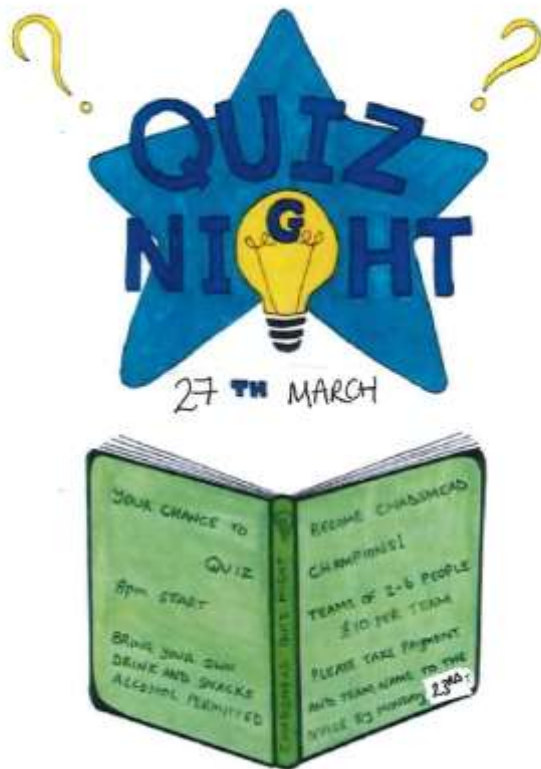
Quiz Night

The next Quiz Night will be on Friday 27th March at 8pm in the junior hall - £10 per team, up to 6 players on each team – we look forward to another fun evening!

Easter Raffle

House Captains will be selling raffle tickets around school next week ready for the Easter Raffle, tickets are 50p each.





What's on next week

Upcoming
Events

Monday 16th March:

- Elm Class Parent Lunch 11.45am
- KS2 Team Games 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 6 Late Birds

Tuesday 17th March:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- 9.15-10.15am Reception Class Maths Mastery Workshop
- 12.15pm KS2 Gardening Club
- Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- KS1 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 5 Late Birds

Wednesday 18th March:

- Street Dance Club 8.15-8.45am
- Violin & Keyboard Lessons
- Boxercise 3.20-4.20pm

Thursday 19th March:

- Drum & Singing Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 3 Late Birds

Friday 20th March:

- Urban Saints Lunchtime Club
- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 4 Late Birds

Upcoming Parent Lunch Dates:

- 23rd March – Beech Class
- 30th March – Ash Class
- 20th April – Sycamore Class
- 27th April - Birch Class
- 4th May – Elder Class
- 5th May – Oak Class
- 6th May – Rowan Class

Look out for invite letters coming home a couple of weeks before the event.



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