



Newsletter Friday 14th May 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 3rd May 2021

	193		145
	136		151

Message from Mrs Grainger

The Big Ask - Get your child’s voice heard and make a difference

The Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched a once-in-a-generation review of children’s lives. It’s called ‘The Childhood Commission’ and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is ‘The Big Ask’ – the largest ever consultation held with children. In this survey the Children’s Commissioner is asking children what they think is important for their future and what is holding them back. The Children’s Commissioner will use the results to show the Government what children think and what they need to live happier lives.

Taking part in the survey is optional and children do not need to answer the questions if they don’t want to. Children in Years 2 – 6 can complete the survey via <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/> For younger children in years R and 1 (aged 4-5) there is a survey which they can complete with their parent. It’s an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it’s a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

Find out more and take part here: [The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/)
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KS2 SATS Tests

This week would have been SATs week for our Year 6 pupils, but this year has again been very different. It has been nice for the children not to have been focused on tests in the same way that they would be normally and our Year 6 are looking forward to a full and exciting activity programme up to the end of term.

Parents/Carers Mask Wearing

Thank you to all those parents and carers who continue to wear a mask when coming on to the school grounds. This is to protect yourselves and to protect others. Thank you.

Nominating our School for £5,000 Prize

The National Book Tokens group are running their annual £5,000 of book tokens in a free prize draw for nominated schools. Every nomination increases our chance of winning and this money would extend our resources hugely. Even more, you can win yourself £100 of book tokens too!



You can nominate our school by visiting - <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools> - and filling in the short request for details at the bottom of the webpage.

Term Dates

Please note the INSET day in June 2022 is now confirmed as Friday 24th June 2022

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

This week in writing we have been learning about instructions. We have identified the features of instructions, reconstructed and then written them. We've also followed instructions to make a pipe cleaner bird feeder! In maths, Cherry class have continued to describe rotations saying whether a shape has been rotated clockwise or anticlockwise. Apple class have been comparing 2-digit numbers up to 100 and sequencing numbers using greater than and less than. Elm class have been linking number bonds to 10 to number bonds to 100.

In theme, we have been learning about deciduous and evergreen trees and Apple class have begun to investigate mixing colours.

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have kick started a block of computing lessons this week. Over the next 3 weeks each class will spend the majority of one week learning all about computers, digital systems, stop gap animation and lots more. They will learn to use templates for things like Publisher and create their own magazine cover. This week was the turn of Sycamore class and the children really seemed to enjoy the unit where they used their imagination creating their own story as a short frame by frame animation.

Each section of the story was planned using a storyboard. Children worked in pairs or alone to select a background and some different characters. They were very enthusiastic especially when adding sound/text/sound effects and voice over to the story. The finished product really did allow them to feel proud of their creation and this was obvious to see just from their faces! Next week it is Chestnut's turn with Maple having the last week of the half term.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week again continued reading and discussing their class text 'Darwin's Dragons'. In writing, we have been working on expanded noun phrases and using these to help us describe settings, characters and atmosphere. In maths we have all started to look at measuring, drawing and calculating angles. We have been focusing on science during theme and have really enjoyed devising, carrying out and investigating how to charm worms out of the ground! Did you know the world record for charming worms out of the ground in a time period of 30 minutes is 567 worms!!!

Water Bottles

Now that the weather is getting warmer, it is important that every child has a water bottle in school. Please label your child's water bottle clearly with their name and class. Thank you.

Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum

Have you heard? The Lichfield Storytellers will be returning for a virtual event on 31st May! Ballad tales will explore the stories of characters from Johnson's time. So why not put on your finest petticoat and join in from the comfort of your own home?

<https://www.wegotickets.com/event/512819>



Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

You can now register your child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4pm on 30th June 2021. The test will take place on 11th September 2021.

To register please visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Census Day Menu Thursday 20th May 2021

