



### Message from Headteacher

Across school this week we have had a focus on poetry, to coincide with Poetry Day (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October). Enhancing our links with our local community we have combined this work with Lichfield Cathedral's Poetry competition - The Word. The theme is 'Journey through Space, Light and Time', to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first landing on the moon in July 1969. Children in all year groups have written poems inspired by awe and wonder. Winning poems will be displayed in the Cathedral from the end of November. Children across the school will also perform a poem in Friday's Star Assembly.

Also this week the remaining classes from KS2 visited the new library. I was lucky enough to be able to go with Sycamore class on Wednesday and I had a wonderful time. Huge thanks to Liz Leyshon, who explained how the children's section was laid out and talked us through the borrowing and returning of books (which you will be pleased to know, has no cost implications for children's memberships). While I was there I discussed with Liz more opportunities to visit the library and would like to consider a regular trip each half term to enable the children to change their books. The organisation of this would require help from parents maybe on a rota, but as a school, the promotion of reading for enjoyment is very important to us. I would really appreciate your ideas on how we could use this facility more or other local amenities.

### What's on next week



#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October:

- Year 6 Bikeability
- KS2 Football 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Mad Science Club 3.20-4.20pm

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Year 6 Bikeability
- 12.15-1.15pm Gardening Club
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

- Street Dance Club 8.15-8.45am
- Violin & Keyboard Lessons

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October:

- Wear **Yellow** and donate to YoungMinds
- Drum Lessons
- Year 4 Swimming Lessons
- KS2 Street Dance 3.20-4.20pm

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October:

- KS2 Netball & Basketball 3.20-4.20pm

### Years 1 & 2

To celebrate National Poetry day this week we have been learning a poem called 'Alien' which we then performed in assembly to the rest of the school. We innovated the poem, changing some of the words, to create our own poems which we then had a go at typing up on the computers!

In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring different addition and subtraction strategies including using a part whole model and counting on or back using a number line. Year 2 have been looking at related addition and subtraction facts.

In theme we have been exploring our taste buds! We did a blind taste test and decided whether the food was sweet, sour, salty or bland. The. We then had to try and guess what it was that we were eating!

In PE our throwing and catching skills are improving! We are beginning to apply this to using different equipment such as a large ball, tennis balls, quoits and bean bags.

### Years 3 & 4

We really enjoyed our visit to Lichfield Library this week and were delighted to have the library shown to us by their excellent staff. It was amazing to see the children select their books after spending time looking at so many of the choices. Also we were doubly proud to have 2 members of the public contact us to say how well behaved children in Year 3/4 were! Thanks for your support with the paperwork.

On National Poetry day- yesterday - we submitted our own poems to Lichfield Cathedral in order to enter their poetry competition on the theme of Awe and Wonder. We are really proud of our entries - fingers crossed for a winner! Next week we will begin constructing our 'human bodies' out of 'junk' - please send in more old pipe, plastic bottles, boxes etc that we could use.

Many thanks.

### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week visited Lichfield Library and the majority have been able to loan a book, the visit was very informative and also extremely enjoyable.

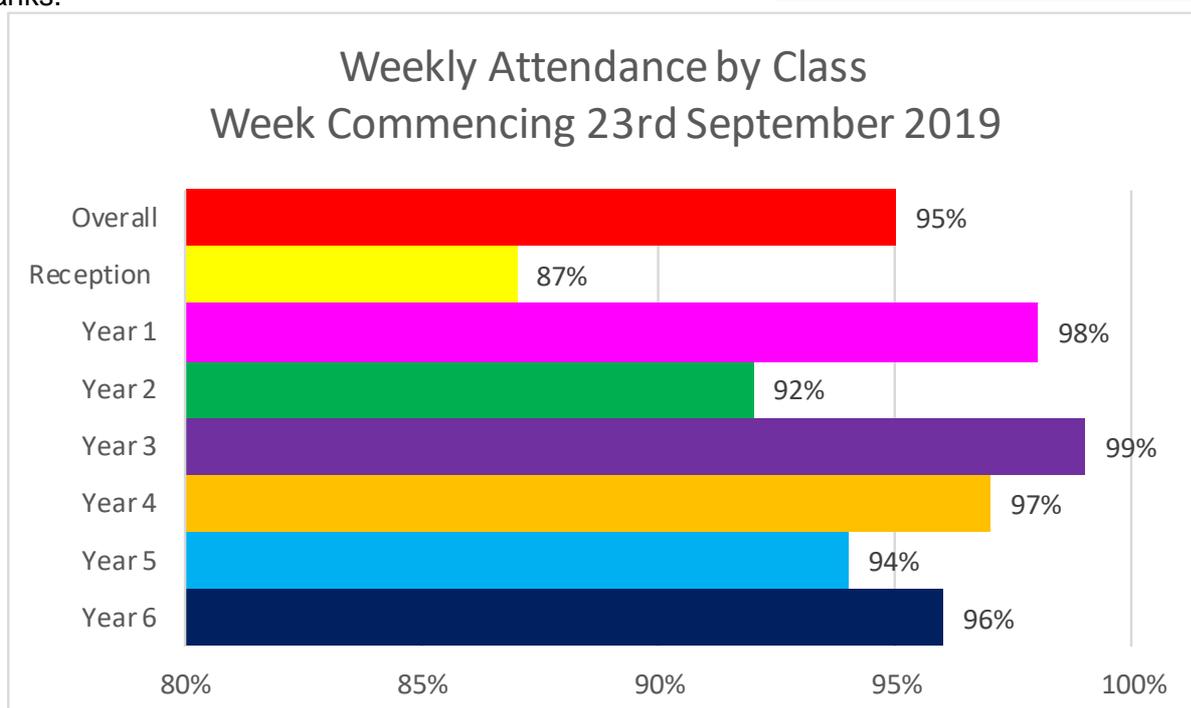
We have continued with our theme 'Pharaohs' learning more about their beliefs about the afterlife and how they prepared for it.

We have spent a lot of time this week writing poetry and preparing a performance for the rest of the school.

Next week, Year 6 are looking forward to Bikeability - let's hope the weather is ok!

### Sports Leaders

This week was our second training session with Sports Leaders. It was great to see so many children from the previous week turn up to the session - commitment and reliability are good leadership qualities! We all agreed that communication is a very important skill as a leader so this week we took part in different activities where communication is vital! For some of the activities we were not allowed to talk so had to adopt different strategies and then evaluate the impact this had had on our performance.



House point totals  
Week Commencing: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

	524		814
	696		440



## Message from Governing Body

Dear children and school families,

All Governors join me in welcoming everyone back to the new school year. With the fabulous Ofsted result fresh in our minds, the whole school community are rightly feeling proud of what they have achieved as a team.

Moving forward, we will be ensuring that we maintain high standards of learning, focus on the known areas for development which Ofsted acknowledged and continue to support the school by encouraging as many exciting opportunities for the children that we can.

With lots of fabulous new resources like Maths Mastery, Accelerated Reader and Read Write Inc at Chadsmead, we will be verifying that they are being well used and having a positive impact on pupils.

I am also delighted to welcome Neil Kirkwood as our new parent Governor with responsibility for Health & Safety. I know you will wish him well in his role and thank him for volunteering. Please do look out for Neil's photograph and biography on the Governors section of our website – coming soon!

And we hope that you will be able to accept the invitations which the school will be making for you to share your child's learning journey and to further strengthen the feeling of everyone working together.

Warmest good wishes,

Iona Chisholm

## NSPCC

We now have an area on our website dedicated to supporting children under 12 years old. Childline Kids allows young children to access child-friendly advice covering a wide range of topics such as bullying, self-esteem and staying safe. The site also features games, videos and friendly illustrations, providing a fun, reassuring and safe space for children online. Find out more at [childline.org.uk/kids](http://childline.org.uk/kids)

## Music Tuition

We have spaces available for:

- Y5/6 Guitar Ensemble (Tuesday pm)
- 1 place in Singing Lessons (Tuesday am)
- 2 places in Keyboard lessons (Wednesday am)

All pupils should now know their music lesson time and day. Please discuss with your child each week what they have been working on in lessons and encourage them to practise at home regularly ahead of the next lesson.

## Sponsored Swim

Thank you so much to our teaching assistant, Mrs Mytton who raised £60 for school swimming 100 lengths – a fantastic achievement!



## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to Friday's event, whether it be baking, setting up or attending. A massive thank you to all the parents, friends and family that attended the event: it was lovely to talk to you and great to have your support. Also a large thank you to those parents who also sent in cash donations. Altogether we raised £54 on the afternoon.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Cadman





**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**October 7th, 6pm**  
**Garrick Theatre**

# THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER!

Over 10,000 of you have signed the petition to Save Friary Grange. Thank you!

**BUT IT ISN'T SAFE YET.**

The final decision on the fate of the leisure centre will be made by Lichfield District Council at a meeting at the Garrick Theatre on Monday October 7th.

It's a public meeting so we want to make sure that every seat in the theatre is full. Help us show the council just how strong public opinion is on this issue by packing the Garrick with Save Friary Grange supporters.

**MONDAY OCTOBER 7th, 6pm**

Not signed the petition yet?  
[www.savefriarygrange.com](http://www.savefriarygrange.com)



**#HelloYellow**

## BRIGHTEN UP THE CLASSROOM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH

This World Mental Health Day we're saying **#HelloYellow** in our school to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Wear yellow on **10 October** and donate **£1** to YoungMinds

[YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/HELLOYELLOW](http://YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/HELLOYELLOW)

**YOUNGMINDS**



## Who Are Malachi?

Malachi is a 25 year old not for profit organisation, specialising in supporting children, parents and staff in over 120 schools across the West Midlands, Staffordshire and further afield.

We work with schools, councils and agencies to identify and support families who are facing difficulties.

## Malachi Supporting Lichfield & Cannock Chase

Malachi have worked in Staffordshire providing family support since 2015. With BRFC funding we have now also been commissioned to support schools in the Cannock Chase and Lichfield District, delivering a Primary and Year 7 Emotional Wellbeing Service.

## Contact Details

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Referral forms or additional information should be requested using the email address overleaf. Laura Yates (Staffordshire Operations Manager) may be contacted on 07850 653812.

## What is the Malachi Emotional Wellbeing Intervention? (EWB)

The EWB intervention consists of Malachi working holistically on a one to one basis with a child or young person to address presenting issues.

Each one to one session will normally be one hour long, with an average intervention consisting of six sessions delivered over consecutive weeks.

Sessions will normally take place within the school setting although they can take place within the home or a community setting.

We keep referrers informed regarding progress and outcomes.

### We are sometimes asked...

**Can Malachi help me?** This service is targeted at children and young people with tier 2 needs.

**Are you linked to social services?** No, but they sometimes ask for our help.

**What area do you cover?** The Primary and Year 7 Emotional Wellbeing service covers Cannock Chase & Lichfield District. We also cover Tamworth and Birmingham delivering a number of other projects.

**Who can make a referral?** Only schools can make a referral in to this service and each referral must be accompanied by a completed EHA.

**How do I make a referral or get more information?** Referrals should be made electronically using the following email address: [lichfield@malachi.org.uk](mailto:lichfield@malachi.org.uk)

*I was so worried about my child not attending school and feeling worried, but now she goes to school with a smile on her face!*

(Parent, September 2018)

Malachi pride ourselves on our core values of being **Optimistic, Courageous, Steadfast, Principled, Enterprising and Engaging**

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