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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Message from Mrs Wright

Well done to all the children for another fantastic week at school! Earlier in the week, Year 6 visited different locations around Coventry to learn more about World War 2. We were all very proud of them as they displayed our school values and followed our rules of ready, respectful and safe well. Our EYFS Open Day was a huge success with many families coming to visit the school. One parent said, *'I wish I could have come to this school when I was little, as all the activities look really exciting, and the staff are so kind'*. Next week, our parent/carer writing workshops begin. During these sessions, you will find out about what your child will be doing in their English lessons, and we will be sharing some top tips of how you can help them with writing at home. Happy Diwali to those of our families that celebrated last weekend. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

### Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	Year 1 parent/carer writing workshop – 2:30pm
Tuesday	9am Reception expectations workshop Year 2 parent/carer writing workshop – 2:30pm
Wednesday	
Thursday	Year 3 parent/carer writing workshop – 9:00am Year 4 parent/carer writing workshop – 2:30pm
Friday	

### This week at Alder Moor Farm

#### Nursery

This week the children have been learning to tell the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have been learning vocabulary linked to size, big or large, medium or middle sized, small or little. The children have loved acting out the story and especially like the character of the grumpy ugly troll.



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In Maths this week, we have been singing the rhyme '5 Little Monkeys'. The children have been learning to recognise numerals to 5, how many objects that numeral represents and how numbers get smaller when we take away.

### **Reception**

This week, we have started our topic 'Traditional Tales'. We have retold the story 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' using Talk for Writing, written a shopping list and visited Mr Allie's shop to buy ingredients for making porridge, which the children all tasted. On Monday we visited our local Memorial Garden to lay a wreath in remembrance of all those who have died to keep us safe. In maths we have been learning about addition and the children have had great fun using number beads, cubes and real-life objects to explore this concept. Please can you ensure that your child brings their reading book to school every day. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at our GLD Expectations workshop at 9am. Please also remember to reply to our Stoke Geen walk email for Monday.



### **Year 1**

We have had a fabulous 'Shade and Shelter' DT week! The children began by hunting for distinct types of shelters they could see from the school playground and discussing the materials they were made from. We then set about designing a shelter for a rabbit after finding out about all the things a rabbit would need. Following our plans, we then worked in pairs to make our shelters. There are some future architects and builders in Year 1! In Maths, we have explored giving instructions to a programmable toy, including learning about left and right quarter turns. If you are out on a walk this weekend, the children could practise left and right to consolidate this knowledge. We hope to see many of you at our writing workshop on Monday at 2.30pm. Have a lovely weekend.

### **Year 2**



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Year 2 have loved DT week this week, completing our topic 'Remarkable Recipes'. The adults have been so impressed with how careful the children have been when using new cooking equipment. The topic focused on food preparation and the children completed a range of activities including grating cheese, chopping fruit, peeling potatoes and tearing lettuce. We then also completed a lesson where we had to read a recipe. The children worked together to make some Eton Mess which they loved. In maths this week, we have started looking at multiplication and division. In our first few lessons, the children created arrays using cubes. We are looking forward to inviting you in for our writing workshop next week (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2.30pm).

### **Year 3**

In Year 3, Skint2Mint Money workshop was organised for the children to learn more about money, finance and savings. The children really enjoyed attending the workshop and having the opportunity to take part in lots of activities. In English, we have been focusing on vocabulary and language features. This week children found maths a bit trickier, but the children were amazing at not giving up and they kept on trying. Adding and subtracting three-digit numbers mentally is itself very challenging. We also took part in TTRockstars and a huge battle across the nation. We are now waiting for the results as all the children have worked hard to get on the leaderboard. Next week we are organising a writing workshop, and all the teachers are looking forward to seeing you all.



### **Year 4**

It has certainly been another busy week in Year 4. In Maths, we began a new unit looking at pictograms and bar charts about tourists in New York. It has been very interesting to identify and compare their favourite American snacks and landmarks to visit. In English, we have enjoyed reading our new book 'Leaf'. We have created a word bank of our favourite vocabulary to describe the polar bear, who will feature in our narrative writing next week. In Whole Class Reading, we have continued to follow the adventures of our favourite rabbit, Podkin One-Ear. The book took a surprising turn when the Gorm invaded the warren but thankfully, the rabbits escaped. Science was extremely fun – we played a game of 'Guess Who' with our partners, helping us to understand classification. We are also very proud of how well we performed in our 'England Rocks' battle on TTRockstars. The weekly battles will continue as the three classes in Year 4 compete for a trophy and an epic air guitar, therefore please encourage your child to complete their TTRockstars homework regularly to be in with a chance to win!



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### **Year 5**

It has been a busy week in Year 5! In Maths, we were consolidating our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by powers of 10, using place value charts to master this concept. We have also looked at mental multiplication strategies, including deriving facts from the times tables and using doubling and halving to work out multiplication and division by 4 and 8. The children found some concepts tricky but nevertheless impressed us with their perseverance. In English, we have been exploring reactions of the astronauts to the first lunar landing. We have collected powerful emotive vocabulary and wrote contrast poems about the Earth and the Moon. In whole class reading, we continued learning about Michael's encounter with the strange creature, but still do not know what exactly that creature is. The children explored properties of different materials in Science and learnt how silk was made during our History lesson. For three days, all three classes were battling it out in the national England Rocks competition – all adults were impressed by their relentless determination to do their best. Please, remember that even though the national battle is over, it is still important to practise on TTRS to improve their recall of times tables. Well done, everyone!

Our Forest School sessions have resumed this week - please, ensure the children are wearing warm outdoor clothes for these.

### **Year 6**

Year 6 took our first trip of the academic year on Tuesday. Our Humanities topic for the year is 'Britain at War' and to gain a greater understanding of the impact on Coventry during this time, we visited three sites: The Old Cathedral, The Transport Museum and The Herbert Art Gallery. The children had a great day, taking part in workshops and looking round the Old Cathedral and learning about the history of Coventry.

We also took part in TTRockstars and a huge battle across the nation, in which we fought hard to get on the leaderboard. At the time of writing this letter, the results had not yet been declared, so fingers crossed! However, TTRockstars is not just for a special week, but a fantastic resource that the children can access anytime. We hope this has reminded children of how fun the game is, and the pupils will continue to use it to improve their times tables.

In other news, we studied coordinates and the four quadrants in Maths, and the children displayed an excellent understanding of that subject. Science was our new topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance', and we looked at the characteristics of the five kingdoms. In English, we dove deeper into our book and looked at how it uses flashbacks to describe vivid memories.



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### Riley Class

Riley has had an exciting week, immersing ourselves into our new story, 'The Night Gardener'. The children have been admiring the masterpieces the night gardener has created. We love the vocabulary used within the book and our key words this week were 'mesmerizing' and 'illuminating'. In Maths, we have been learning about arrays. We have also been counting in 2s. In Phonics we have been learning the sound 'k'.

### **Reading at Alder Moor**

#### **Accelerated Reader:**

Well done to all of our readers, who have been working hard reading at home and passing tests using Accelerated Reader.

**Our total word count, up to today: 35,944,069.**

**This is an amazing figure – well done! Thank you for your support with reading at home.**

#### Word Millionaires

Fantastic news this week. We have one more Word Millionaire – **Nina** from **6JC**. Well done!

#### **OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK**

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
<b>YEAR 2</b>		
Ekvir	2ES	66,994
Khalid	2ES	13,840
Shreya	2ES	9,754
<b>YEAR 3</b>		
Adorable	3TG	61,132
Kimberly	3MR	18,804



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Sanabel	3TG	18,720
<b>YEAR 4</b>		
Diamond	4ZE	64,112
Eknoor	4ZE	42,253
Gabriela	4YS	40,084
<b>YEAR 5</b>		
Isla	5HH	257,154
Charlie	5HH	145,937
Kavisha	5OI	77,325
<b>YEAR 6</b>		
Boubacar	6JC	716,957
Henry	6JC	205,202
Nina	6JC	175,653

\*These figures are for 09/11/23 - 16/11/23

**OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR**

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
<b>Boubacar</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>2,166,511</b>
<b>Henry</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>1,570,269</b>
<b>Olivia</b>	<b>6RH</b>	<b>1,445,334</b>
<b>James</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>1,378,694</b>
<b>Nina</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>1,024,164</b>

We are also proud of how many words have been read this week by each of our classes.

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	98,544
2HW	20,893
2LC	14,962
3MR	50,789
3TG	111,228
3ZS	40,247
4EG	86,018
4YS	105,329
4ZE	358,327
5HH	758,293
5OI	269,360
5NS	162,519



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6KJ	744,077
<b>6JC</b>	<b>1,741,239</b>
6RH	342,478

\*These figures are for 09/11/23 - 16/11/23

## Times Tables and Number Facts

Each week, we shall be celebrating the work that children have done on 'Times Tables Rock Stars' (TTRS) and Numbots.

This week's winners with the **most correct answers**:

Year 1: Catalina, Kevin, Ouais

Year 2: Chiemerie, Obay, Rayyan

Year 3: Ilie, Hyab, Krish

Year 4: Azeez, Aleksandr, Alex

Year 5: Fredda, Fatoumata, Hasan

Year 6: Jonny, Fatima, Aradhyan

This week's winners for the **highest number of minutes played**:

Year 1: Kevin, Catalina, Alia

Year 2: Chiemerie, Obay, Rayyan

Year 3: Ilie, Hyab, Dola

Year 4: Azeez, Aleksandr, Mikel

Year 5: Lyla-Mae, Sofian, Fatoumata

Year 6: Jonny, Gyan, Keigan



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## Safeguarding and Well Being

As ever, we are here to help and support you and your children. Please contact one of the team if you have a safeguarding concern or query or if we can help you in any other way.

Please can you make sure that your contact details (phone numbers/emails etc) are up to date with the school office.

### Oral Hygiene-

Public health has produced an oral health survey. If you choose to complete it, please see the link- [oral health survey](#) By providing your views it will shape how they work to improve children's oral health and support good dental hygiene routines as they grow.

### Keeping children safe in the dark

As the clocks go back and the nights draw in, it is an overnight adjustment for all of us keeping children safe in the dark. The darker evenings can have a big impact. However, our routines of picking up children from playdates or afterschool clubs, cycling home from work or taking the dog out for a walk all continue. These common daily activities can be very different experiences in the dark.

On the link below are some simple steps to stay safe wherever you are going and whoever you are with, to help avoid the additional risks of accidents the dark can bring.

For more information see the below:

<https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

Mrs Wright (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

## Attendance

**Our Attendance Target: 95%**  
**Our Attendance this week: 93.8%**  
**Our Attendance to date: 93.8%**

Remember, **no more than 5 days off school** for any reason. If you have issues getting to school or need support, please contact Mr Allie or Miss Sutton.

As we are approaching the later autumn and winter season, it might be tricky to know if you should bring your child to school if they're feeling a little under the weather. If you're in doubt, please contact the school office.



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## House Art Competition

A huge well done to all the children who entered our house art competition. Over the half term break, many of you created local artwork in the style of our artist of the half term, Stephen Wiltshire. A display of the work will be put together so we can celebrate some of the fantastic work children created. Our winners were -



**Soham Year 6**

**Raghav Year 3**

Rashford House



**Harry Year 1**

Rashford House



Malala House

Runners Up are - **Ibrahim Year 5**

Malala House

**Kevin Year 1**

Attenborough House

**Freddy Year 4**

Malala House

## Celebrations

Each week class teachers will choose a child in their class that consistently follows our rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. Those chosen will have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Wright on Friday afternoon.

**Hot chocolate Friday winners for this week are -**

**Year 1: Catalina, Abidah, Abrar**

**Year 2: Khalid, Aaron, Salum**

**Year 3: Maanvi, Sanabel, Hanna**

**Year 4: Bella, Minh, Tania**



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**Year 5: Bethel, Sam, Seren**

**Year 6: Haneen, Mozeedah, Tanya**

**Riley Class: Jamie**

Each week a child will also be chosen to be presented with a certificate. This week our focus was 'Courageous'

**Certificate winners for this week are -**

**Year 1: Asher, Huda, Faith**

**Year 2: Kashika, Rucha, Obay**

**Year 3: Romeo, Folarin, Saffy**

**Year 4: Harini, Shadya, Lasritha,**

**Year 5: Sofia, Lucas, Abigail**

**Year 6: Lucy, Kais, Favour**

**Riley Class: Elysa-Mae**

## Events

## Diary Dates

20<sup>th</sup> November, 2:30pm – Year 1 Writing Workshop

21<sup>st</sup> November, 2:30pm – Year 2 Writing Workshop

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 9am – Year 3 Writing Workshop

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2:30pm – Year 4 Writing Workshop

27<sup>th</sup> November, 2:30pm – Year 5 Writing Workshop

28<sup>th</sup> November, 2:30pm – Year 6 Writing Workshop

30<sup>th</sup> November, PM - EYFS at Warwick Arts Centre (The Gruffalo)

1<sup>st</sup> December – Inset day (Children not at school)

4<sup>th</sup> December, PM – Year 1 and 2 Warwick Arts Centre (The Gruffalo)

14<sup>th</sup> December, Year 3, 4,5 and 6 - Albany Theatre (Oliver Twist)

13<sup>th</sup> December, 9:15am - Reception Christmas Performance

15<sup>th</sup> December, 11am - Nursery Christmas Performance

15<sup>th</sup> December, 2:40pm – Nursery Christmas Performance

19<sup>th</sup> December, 9:15am - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance



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19<sup>th</sup> December, 2:15pm - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

21<sup>st</sup> December, 9:15am – End-of-term badge assembly

21<sup>st</sup> December – Final day of term for the winter holidays

22<sup>nd</sup> December – Inset day (Children not at school)

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Children return to school