



DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 17 March	9.15 & 12.45	RL	Farm Visit
Wednesday 18 March	9.15 & 12.45	RM	Farm Visit
Thursday 19 March	9.15 & 12.45	RF	Farm Visit
Monday 23rd March	9.00 - 11.00	Year One	Fire Station Visit
Tuesday 24th March	10.00 - 6.00	Drama Club	The Rep
Thursday 26th March	9.00 - 3.00	Whole school	Create Day
Thursday 26th March	4.00 - 6.30	Whole School	RTF Family Movie Night
Friday 27th March	9.00 - 10.00	Year Four	Year Group Assembly
Monday 30th March	All week	Whole School	Easter Egg Competition
Monday 30th March	12.30 - 3.20	EYFS & KS1	Talent Show Class Rounds
Tuesday 31st March	12.30 - 3.20	KS2	Talent Show Class Rounds
Wednesday 1st April	9.00 - 10.00	Nursery	Parent Workshop
Thursday 2nd April	9.00 - 10.30	Whole School	Star of the Term
Thursday 2nd April	12.00 - 3.00	100% attendance	Attendance Reward
Friday 3rd April	9.00 - 3.20	Whole School	Talent Show

PLAYCARE, BREAKFAST CLUB & SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you make payment in **ADVANCE**. Please clear any balances outstanding using Parentpay.

Thank you

SCHOOL LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

MON-THURS

3.20 - 3.40PM

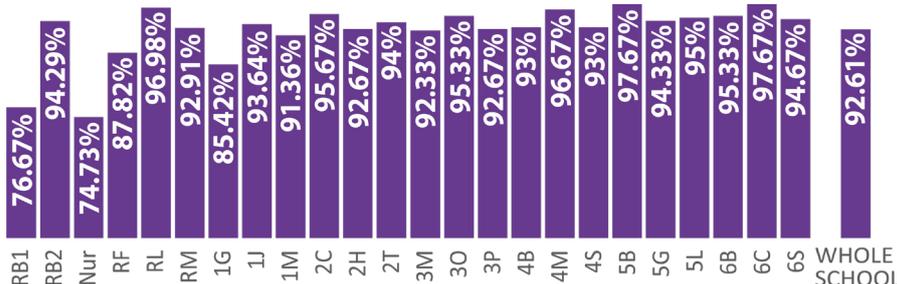
FRIDAY 3.20 - 3.50PM

ATTENDANCE

Two families have recently been given £120 fixed penalty notices for taking leave in term time.

CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL AT 8.45AM LESSONS START AT 8.50AM. LATE MARKS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 8.50AM GATES CLOSE AT 9.00AM, AFTER THIS CHILDREN MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN OFFICE

Attendance W.C. 2 MARCH 2020



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INSPIRE our children to succeed



CREATE excitement for learning



ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE



As part of science, Year 2 have been learning about hygiene. We focussed on washing hands. To begin the lesson, we learnt about how germs spread by using flour. Germs get everywhere! Then, our teachers taught us how to wash our hands correctly. We now know that we have to wash our hands for 20 seconds using soapy, hot water. To help us remember, we sang happy birthday whilst doing it.

TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
2020	
FRIDAY 3 APRIL	MONDAY 20 APRIL
FRIDAY 22 MAY	TUESDAY 2 JUNE
FRIDAY 17 JULY	WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
PLEASE NOTE:	
THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL ELECTIONS
FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	BANK HOLIDAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY



STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason	Mathematician of the week
RF	Scarlett N	Scarlett has persistently been working her hardest all week, giving everything she attempts 100%. She has shown true perseverance which is evidenced in her fabulous writing. Keep up the amazing work!	Amelie E
RL	Ariana T B	Ariana has taken an active part in our maths lessons this week. We have been learning how to halve a number and she is confident solving number problems involving halving. Keep up the halving Ariana!	Romana W
RM	Amtul Q D	Daania has been a superstar this week. She has been trying exceptionally hard in both her Phonics and Literacy lessons and has produced some outstanding work. I am very proud of you - well done!	Aayan P
1J	Suhayl B	Suhayl completed a fabulous piece of Maths work independently, that WOW-ed Mr. Meades! He was able to halve numbers using a fantastic pictorial method, drawing to represent his answers! Good work!	Harvey B
1M	Asir Y	Asir is always a superstar, but this week he has wowed his teacher by writing lots of interesting questions in his recount, even remembering to use a question mark. Keep up this amazing standard of writing Asir - well done.	Arhaan K
1G	Ayesha B F	Ayesha made some fantastic contributions to our Sports Relief P4C lesson. She is always willing to share her ideas with the rest of the class and listen to other people's ideas too. Well done Ayesha!	Archie T
2T	Aminah K	Aminah tried really hard to take part in all sporting and play activities this week. She is great at supporting her peers and encouraging them to join in too which makes her an excellent team player! Well done Aminah!	Hiab A
2H	Ismael A	Ismael what a pleasure this young man is to have in 2H. He is polite, kind and always tries really hard. Ismael always comes into school with a huge smile on his face! He has really impressed Miss Hall this week in reading with his excellent decoding and retrieval skills. Keep up the hard work Ismael. We are all extremely proud of you!	Ismaeel I
2C	Isaac P	Isaac has worked hard this week and has shown a more enthusiastic approach to his learning which has been lovely to see. He has been trying very hard in his maths lessons where he has been reasoning about number bonds. Well done Isaac!	Beau T
3P	Salmeen Q	Salmeen has had a wonderful few weeks - even more wonderful than normal! He has contributed meaningfully to all discussions held in the classroom, especially during P4C. Thank you for being such an inspirational part of 3P!	Habib A
3O	Mohammed Z H	Zayam has worked really hard to improve his attitude to learning. I am seeing much more commitment in lessons. Keep it up, Zayam!	Lily W-H
3M	Mohamed A S	Mohamed is a fantastic person to have in class during history discussions. He always has insightful comments and questions that show he has been really thinking about our topic. He helps us all learn!	Samreen R
4S	Rafia A N	Rafia has been a shining star this week. She has worked exceptionally hard in her history lessons and always helps her peers! It is so lovely having such a hard working and kind child in 4S!	Charlie M
4B	Rheann D	Rheann has absolutely excelled this week in her maths! She made Miss Sadley so happy when she could solve 2 step problems using a bar model! Also, she has been working super hard to learn her times tables and is making great progress. Keep up the good work Rheann!	Aliza Q
4M	Rafael F B	Rafael works very hard at all times and is growing in confidence. He is working particularly hard to learn his times tables. He is a delightful member of 4M.	Mouheeb M
5G	Ellie-Mae W	Ellie-Mae could probably be my Star every week! She is without fail one of the most positive children I know and never shies away from a challenge. Keep up the good vibes!	Ameera M
5L	Shakeel H	Shakeel you are a true superstar who has completely turned your attitude to learning around. You now always work hard and show enthusiasm for all activities that we complete. Keep it up Shakeel.	Violet P-H
5B	Ibrahim A	Ibrahim has tried extremely hard to contribute in class discussions this week, especially in reading. I am his confidence grows each day and it is such a delight to see! Please keep this up and keep contributing to your learning.	Ollie A
6C	Amna A A	What a star Amna truly is! She tries her hardest in absolutely everything she does. We simply can't ask for anymore! Well done Amna - keep being you!	Jasdeep S
6B	Kaitlyn H	Kaitlyn has worked extremely hard in English this half term and is focussing on writing in the correct tone and register for a newspaper. She has been varying her sentence types, writing in the passive voice and extending her vocabulary and I have really enjoyed reading the article she has produced. Well done Kaitlyn!	Betuel R U
6S	Catherine W	Catherine is a lovely, polite person who always cares about others. She tries hard in all her lessons and always reflects on how she can improve her work. I absolutely know she can smash year 6! Keep being ace!	Sarah A
RB	Noah C	Noah is our star of the week for using lots of good strategies to keep himself calm in class despite lots of changes. Well done Noah!	Stanley U

SPORT RELIEF

Billesley spent last week supporting Sport Relief. Everybody had lots of fun doing different physical activities such as special PE/P4C lessons, the Eiffel tower challenge, 'Sports star of the week' assembly and finally our 6.5 hour Playathon.

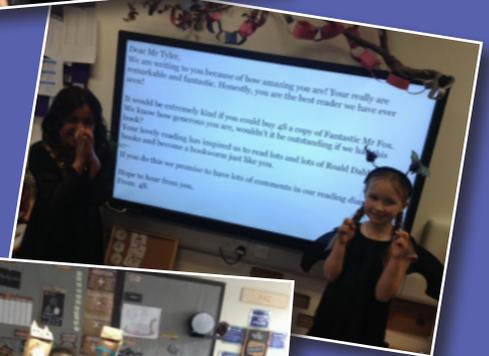
We will continue this week and next to collect donations (£2) from each child and compile our showboxes to send away to different places.



Our whole week was based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 5th March we celebrated World Book Day! It was a whole day dedicated to celebrating reading and sharing some of our favourite stories! Take a look at some of the awesome activities that took place!



In other news... classes are being rewarded a new book each week if everyone has written in their reading diary each week! So please keep recording in reading diaries as these are checked once a week!

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CLUBS

Day	Time	Clubs	Year Group
Monday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Drama	5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Karate	3,4,5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Change 4 Life	2,3,4 & 5
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Billesley Radio	4,5 & 6
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Tennis	2,3 & 4
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Multi Sports	1 & 2
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Football	5 & 6
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.00pm	Ukulele	4,5 & 6
Wednesday	1.30 - 3.00pm	Guitar	1 & 2
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Basketball	2,3 & 4
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Football	3 & 4
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Girls Football	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Badminton	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Singing	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	10.00 - 3.00pm	Guitar	3,4,5 & 6

REMINDER

Any children not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to After School Club. You will be charged £4 for child care. *Thank you.*

5 steps to a healthy tasty packed lunch!

STEP 1: Choose your starchy food + a source of protein

Starchy food

- Bread
- Wrap
- Pitta
- Bagel
- Pasta
- Noodles
- Chapati
- Rice
- Potatoes

Sources of protein

- Kidney beans
- Chicken
- Mackerel
- Eggs
- Beef
- Tofu
- Ham
- Turkey
- Tuna

STEP 2: Add some salad and/or a side portion of vegetables

- Grated carrot or carrot sticks
- Sugar snap peas
- Pepper sticks
- Lettuce
- Cucumber
- Tomato
- Sweetcorn
- Onion
- Broccoli
- Celery

STEP 3: Choose something sweet ... fruit!

- Tinned pineapple in juice
- Tinned peaches in juice
- Apple, Grapes, Raisins, Kiwi
- Banana, Mango, Melon
- Dried apricots

STEP 4: Add a nutritious snack and/or some dairy

- Crackers with hummus
- Small plain or fruit cake
- Bread sticks and dip
- Portion of cheese
- Fromage Frais
- Nuts or seeds
- Rice pudding
- Fruit loaf
- Yoghurt

STEP 5: WATER!





ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2020



SUNDAY

- 1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness
- 8 No plans day. Slow down and let spontaneity take over
- 15 Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today
- 22 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers
- 29 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

MONDAY

- 2 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful
- 9 When someone is speaking, take a full breath before you reply
- 16 Do something creative that absorbs your attention
- 23 Take an unusual route and notice what looks different
- 30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling

TUESDAY

- 3 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today
- 10 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee
- 17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant
- 24 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible
- 31 Go nature spotting today. Even in a city, life is all around

WEDNESDAY

- 4 Start today by appreciating that you're alive and have a body
- 11 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words
- 18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down
- 25 Make a list of amazing things that you take for granted

THURSDAY

- 5 Every hour simply take three calm breaths in and out
- 12 Feel the cool of a breeze or warmth of the sun on your face
- 19 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying
- 26 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change

FRIDAY

- 6 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food
- 13 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day
- 20 Happy International Day of Happiness! dayofhappiness.net
- 27 Stop work earlier and use the time to be still and relax

SATURDAY

- 7 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
- 14 Enjoy doing any chores or tasks more mindfully today
- 21 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life
- 28 Bring to mind all the people you love and care about

"Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing" - Jon Kabat-Zinn



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys

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SEN PARENT/CARER SURVEY

Birmingham City Council is looking to improve the journey of applying for and receiving the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or travel assistance for families with children who have Special Educational Health and Care needs and, as part of this, would like to understand your experiences with the process at present.

Please complete the survey to report back on your experiences to aid Birmingham City Council to in improving this pivotal milestone in a young person's education lifecycle.

LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CLYC9XX>

FAMILY FORUM MEETINGS

SPRING 2020



AREA	VENUE	DATE	TIME
West	Handsworth Fire Station Rookery Road B21 9QU 0121 380 7517	05/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
West	Ladywood Leisure Centre Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham B16 8TR 0330 109 9150	06/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
South	Northfield Fire Station South Road B31 2RB 0121 380 7536	11/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
West	Ladywood Leisure Centre Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham B16 8TR 0330 109 9150	09/03/2020	18.00 – 19.00 pm
East	Ward End Fire Station Washwood Heath Road B8 2HF 0121 380 7515	09/03/2020	10.30 – 11.30 am
North	Sutton Coldfield Fire Station Orphanage Road B24 9HR 0121 380 7539	09/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
North	Hollyfield Centre, Erdington Woodacre Rd B24 0JT 0121 373 1018	02/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm

Are you a parent or carer with a child or young person who has additional needs, a disability or who needs extra help and support?

If so come along to one of our friendly Family Forum Meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide a welcoming space for parents and carers to meet up in similar situations and share experiences over a cup of tea or coffee.

These meetings will also give you a chance to learn more about what's on, tips and advice and other information that families who have children with additional needs may need.

These meetings also give you the chance to let the Parent Link Officers know your thoughts on what you feel is needed to support families in Birmingham.

CONTACT DETAILS: 0121 303 8461 - parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk



Communication and Autism



A Parent Support Group run by the Communication Autism Team in 2019/20

The sessions run on a Friday 9:15 – 11:15 am at
GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre

on the following dates:

13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December
10th January
7th February
6th March
3rd April
15th May
12th June
10th July

For more information please contact:

Katie Price

or

Communication and Autism Team
0121 303 1792

**GBNFC at
Chinnbrook Children's Centre**

213 Tritford Road
Billesley
Birmingham
B13 0ET
Tel: 0121 464 4772



PARENT LINK SERVICE CONTACT LINE



WHAT IS THE PARENT LINK SERVICE?

As a parent or carer of a child with special educational need or disability, it can be difficult to know who the best person is to get help and advice from.

A **Parent Link Officer** is a member of Birmingham Local Authority whose job it is to help parents to identify and make links with the right person, at the right time.

WHAT IS THE CONTACT LINE FOR?

The contact line is a central phone line that parents can call, ask questions, talk about things that are concerning them and then be given advice on what the best next steps could be.

NEXT STEPS COULD INCLUDE:

- A follow up phone call
- Attendance at one of our family forums in your local area
- A follow up email
- A home visit
- Some written information
- Support at a face-to-face meeting

PARENT LINK CONTACT TELEPHONE LINE:

0121 303 8461

Monday: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Tuesday: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Wednesday: 9.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

OTHER WAYS TO CONTACT US:

Email: ParentLinkService@birmingham.gov.uk

