

Weekly news End of term special



It's the Nativity!!



Message from Miss Young and Mrs. Perry

Well, what a week we have had – and just how incredibly proud are we of our children

First, on Tuesday, Miss McKeown and I took some children, from Year 5 and 6, to sing at Amberley Court Nursing Home. The girls kept us entertained all the way there, with renditions of 'Jingle Bells' and then they sang Christmas Carols with the residents — all without music, due to internet issues — their acapella was amazing, and they were a credit to our school — singing tunefully, speaking politely and being super role models — well done girls!

After that, on Thursday, EYFS and KS1 literally blew us away with their Nativity performance. Every child in the right place, at the right time, speaking loudly and clearly and enjoying every minute. Well done to all who took part, and especially well done to all the teachers and TAs who worked so hard to practice with the children and organise props, songs, lines and costumes. Thank you parents for all your support with this too. Finally, on Friday, the whole school enjoyed a super pantomime performance of Prince Charming's Birthday Ball, based on the story of Cinderella. There was a lot of audience participation, with dancing, cheering and lots of laughing out loud. Again, all the children behaved so well and enjoyed every minute. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this event for the children to enjoy.

Now, we are finally into the last week of this term and the last school week of 2024.

Things coming up this week

Weds 18th Dec – 2.15pm – St. Mary's – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

<u>Thurs 19th Dec</u> – Christmas Party afternoon – see school spider for more details of this – named box of treats – NO NUTS!! Christmas jumper if you would like (There is no need to bring party clothes as we have very limited space for everyone to get changed safely!)

Fri 20th Dec – school finishes at the normal time of 3.30pm for all children

^{**}NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**

^{**}NO LITTLE ACORNS PROVISION ON FRIDAY 20th - MORNING OR AFTERNOON**

Year 1 News

During our writing lessons, we have been describing the Gingerbread Man, using interesting adjectives.

During Geography, we took a walk around the school grounds to assess various playground features, identifying which ones we love and those we don't use as much. This will set the stage for designing our dream playground next week!



In RE, we have started to think about why Christmas is important to Christians.



In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction by using the method of crossing out, even exploring this concept outside with leaves.

Lastly, we want to celebrate Jasper for his thoughtful thinking in Computing!

Our Writers of the Week are Sophia and Felix, for their imaginative sentences about the Gingerbread Man!



Year 1 News

In Maths, we have been using number lines to help us with our subtraction skills.

In Writing, we enjoyed retelling and writing the story of 'The Gingerbread Man', using our phonic knowledge to enhance our writing.



Our PE lessons have been filled with creativity, as we learned about using 'canon' to create dance routines.

Additionally, the children worked exceptionally hard to rehearse and perform in the KS1 Nativity Play and they did a fantastic job! Thank you for your continued support.

Lastly, we want to celebrate Alice L for her super effort and determination across all her learning!

Our Writers of the Week are Qasim and Ivy, for their imaginative retellings of The Gingerbread Man!



Y2 News

English

This week, we enjoyed reading poems about the four seasons. First, we listened to a piece of music and used words and pictures to describe our thoughts and feelings on what this piece of music might be about. We then read and discussed the structure of the poem.













We loved performing our poems to the audience, using actions and vocals.

Maths-Vertex and vertices of 2D shapes

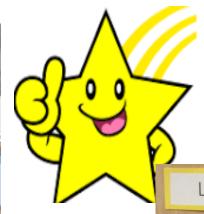
In Maths, we have learnt the terms "vertex" and "vertices". Now we know that a vertex is formed where two sides meet, and "vertices" is used when referring to more than one vertex. We can count and record vertices of most of the 2D shapes.













In pairs, we used blocks to build a simple model and wrote an algorithm for someone else to recreate their model, if they followed the instructions.

What makes a good algorithm?

- 1. It needs to tell you what to do step-by-step
- 2. It needs to be easy to follow
- 3. Instructions need to be clear and concise
- 4. Instructions need to be detailed and in the correct order

Writer of the Week: Violet

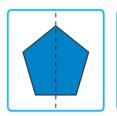
Star of the week is Theo

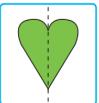
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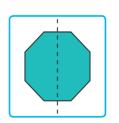
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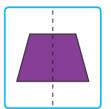
This week, we read a poem about the four seasons. Last week, we listened to a piece of music and used words and pictures to describe the music. This week, we also created a list of words and wrote sentences to describe the four seasons and the changes we have observed around us.















Lines of symmetry on shapes

The children were introduced to the concept of vertical lines of symmetry. We looked at symmetrical pictures and learnt what "symmetrical" means.

We then used different shapes, to cut out and fold, to identify the shapes that have a vertical line of symmetry. After this, we looked at shapes with a mirror line to help identify whether a shape has a vertical line of symmetry.















Stars of the week are Oscar, and all of Year 2, for their awesome performance in the Nativity!

Year 3 News

This week, in Art, we learnt how to 'scale' to enlarge drawings in a different medium.

We identified 2D shapes in an image and scaled up a drawing by sketching the simple shapes first and then we used charcoal to create form, tone and shape.

In Computing, we carried on using Scratch. We learnt how to program a story. We carried on using the different blocks for movements and speech, allowing our animation to move and talk.













This week in Year 3, we are celebrating Felix for always making the right choices!

Writers of the week:

This week, our writers of the week are:

Josh & Ollie

For writing a fantastic setting description!

Year 4 News









For our Geography lesson this week, on Monday, we visited Cannon Hill Park. We were conducting a survey of our local green space. We had to ask people in the park how they use the spaces, as well as what they like and what could be improved in the areas. Next week, we will be analysing

the data to draw some conclusions.



In Maths, we have been practicing our timestables up to 12x. On Thursday, we consolidated our learning by playing some timestables board games in class.



In
Computing,
we were
leaning
about facts,
opinions
and beliefs,

and how to spot if something is one or the other on the internet.

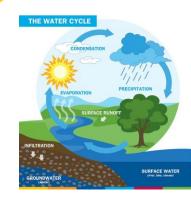


In our Science lessons, we have learned all about the water cycle and how it works.





This week, our star is Katie! For being a super role model and good example of behaviour on our school trip this week!



Writers of the week:

This week our writers of the week are:

Noah R & Rohan

 for working on their handwriting this week!

Year 4 News

This half term, we have had some super lessons and learned about lots of new and exciting

things. Here are some of this half term's highlights:















We started the half term with our Remembrance assembly, in the first week back. We learned a lot about Remembrance and also made some fantastic art work.



In Science, we have conducted lots of fun experiments to help us learn about states of matter from fizzy drinks to melting chocolate.











In Geography, we have studied the Rainforests and we went on a trip to see how our local green spaces are being used.



What we've had to say:

 'I have loved learning about states of matter in Science. It has been really fun' – Rosie

and paint using tints and shades.

We have done lots of super artwork this half term, as we have explored colour

- 'I enjoyed our trip to Cannon Hill to talk to people about the parks and how they use them.' – Amelia
- 'Art has been great this half term and I have enjoyed all the painting we have done.' – Micah
- 'I liked our Remembrance service and learning about it. The art work was fun too!' – Katie
- 'I have enjoyed reading Varjak Paw this half term, even though I have read it before.' – Benjamin
- 'My favourite subject has been Geography, learning abut the Rainforests.' - Asiyah



This week, our star is Micah for giving 100% effort, in all you do, all the time!

Year 5 News

This term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the Tudor times in History, and studying the majestic Alps in Geography. Their engagement in these subjects has been commendable. In PE, every child has worked diligently to improve their gymnastics skills, showcasing their commitment and enthusiasm.

In Science, the children have gained valuable insights into forces and the solar system, sparking their curiosity and fostering a greater understanding of the universe.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their recent initiatives in coding, as well as exploring online search engines to enhance their learning. Additionally, they have showcased their creativity through retro futuristic art and mixed media portraits, enriching their artistic skills.

Shining Star!

Our Shining Star is Jamel for his improved focus towards his learning.

Year 6 News

What Year 6 have enjoyed learning about this term.

"I liked writing an advert for a new shoe, in English" - Kurt

"This term I loved doing Python in computing. I helped my peers out a lot." Eesa.

"I liked the abstract art lesson because it let you express your feelings in one piece."

"I enjoyed computing on Python. It was fun, because you could experiment and let your imagination go free; there was no right or wrong. You didn't really know what it would end up like." Nandini

"I loved writing fables in English because they are really good stories and they teach you lessons. I also loved writing character descriptions." Rosha "I've enjoyed learning about the Mayans because it was quite interesting learning how they lived. I don't normally like History, but I enjoyed learning about the Mayan civilisation." Martha

"I liked poetry, as I enjoyed the different types and I just got the flow." Benji

"In Year 6, this term, I really enjoyed long division and multiplying fractions in maths." Sarina





Last week our Shining star was Scarlett for excellent leadership skills.

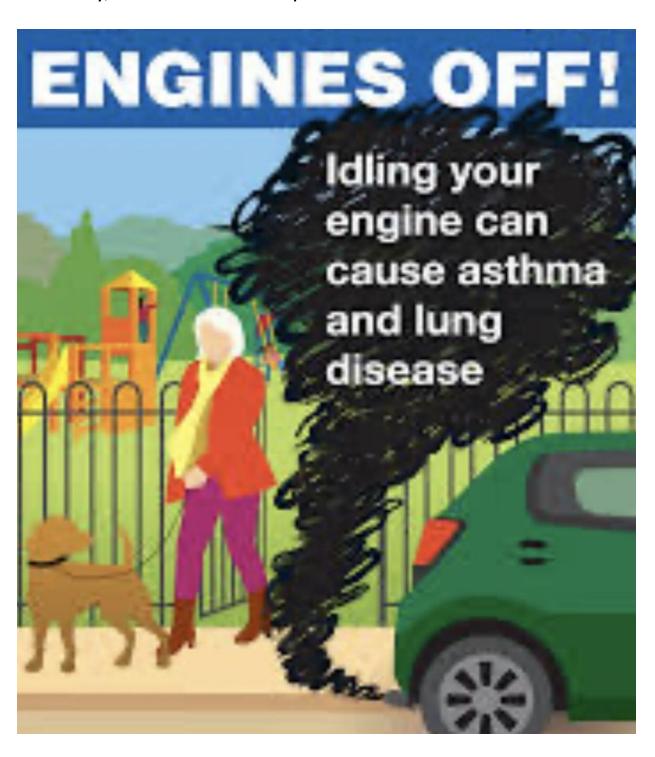
This week our shining star is Elizabeth for her fantastic attitude to learning.

"I enjoyed doing football and gymnastics in PE. I liked doing shading in art, where we learnt how to shade to make it look 3D." Lucy

Our writers of the week are Arisha for publishing her writing efficiently on the computer, and Darcey for super description in her fable.

Following on from our 'Parking Safely' information and flyers, we have noticed cars are still parking over driveways around school – please be courteous to residents on roads around school and don't block driveways.

Also, please read the flyer below – 'idling' cars, with engines running while waiting for the school gates to open can make the air unpleasant and dangerous to breathe – please think about people who are walking on the pavements around school – for our school community, but also for other pedestrians as well.



Maths award winners

The most days played this week!



Numbots of the week!

Year R - Dua

Year 1 - Daniel

Year 2 — Odhran





Rockstars of the week!

Year 3 — Sophia

Year 4 — Katie

Year 5 — Eva

Year 6 — Arisha

Maths award winners

The most correct answers this week!



Numbots of the week!

Year R - Eliana

Year 1 - Emily

Year 2 — Theadore







Rockstars of the week!

Year 3 - Henry

Year 4 — Benjamin

Year 5 - Eva

Year 6 — Sarina

Here are some pictures from the trip to Amberley Court Care Home.

The girls sang beautifully and made us really proud by upholding our school values and being polite and friendly to the residents they spoke to.





"The children had an amazing time singing along and having fun!"



We are delighted to inform you that the children performed exceptionally well during their final Christmas performance. Their confidence and talent shone brightly, leaving us all immensely proud. Thank you for your continued support; it has been invaluable in nurturing their development..





GIVE THE HOMELESS A CHRISTMAS



We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations to the Birmingham Christmas Shelter. Your kindness and support have made a significant impact, providing much-needed assistance during this festive season.

As we approach the end of term, we encourage you to continue fostering the spirit of giving among our children. Together, we can instil values of compassion and empathy that will last a lifetime.



Coding and Chess club

This half-term, our students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in both the Coding Club and Chess Club under the guidance of Mr Sahed. These engaging activities have not only fostered their problem-solving skills but also encouraged teamwork and strategic thinking. We look forward to more enriching experiences ahead.





Please see the advert below for details about sewing classes in our area -



My name is Lorna, and I'm the Sewing Workshop Coordinator at Guthrie & Ghani, a sewing haberdashery and sewing school located on Alcester Road in the heart of Moseley, Birmingham. Founded in 2013 by Lauren Guthrie, a finalist on the very first series of *The Great British Sewing Bee*, we offer a wide range of sewing classes for both children and adults, including after-school sessions, holiday workshops, and weekend programs.

You can learn more about us on our website: <u>Guthrie & Ghani</u>. Currently, we have some openings in our children's sewing classes. We'd love for you to share this opportunity with your students' parents!

We offer two levels of classes for children:

- •Stitch Academy: Perfect for beginners, where students learn to create a variety of projects using both hand-sewing techniques and sewing machines.
- •Dressmaking Stitch Academy: Ideal for more confident young sewists, where they can learn how to make their own clothes. Sewing is such a valuable life skill, as I'm sure you'd agree! It sparks creativity, encourages sustainability through upcycling and mending, and promotes mindfulness and relaxation—plus, it's a great way to get kids off their screens!

They kindly offered a raffle prize for our Christmas raffle so please see the following slide for flyers with information -

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THE SEWING STUDIO



Keep your creative young ones busy this Christmas and book on to one of our



Children's Christmas Sewing Workshops!

Sew a Christmas Stocking

Saturday 21st December 10:00am - 1:00pm

Sew an applique Christmas cushion cover

Saturday 21st December 1:30 pm - 4:30pm or Monday 23rd December 10:00am - 1:00pm



scan the QR code to explore the classes and book
Or visit www.guthrie-ghani.co.uk/workshops/childrens-teens

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THE SEWING STUDIO

Inspiring Creativity! Children's Sewing Classes in Moseley

Let their creativity shine at the G&G Stitch Academy! These half-termly after-school classes are perfect for learning new sewing skills, exploring textile materials, and having fun.

Class Times G&G Stitch Academy

Tuesday 7th January: 3:45pm - 4:45pm Thursday 8th January: 3:45pm - 4:45pm Thursday 8th January: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

G&G Stitch Academy Dressmaking Class

Tuesday 7th January: 5:00pm - 6:00pm Thursday 9th January: 6:15pm - 7:15pm Half-termly classes start from £70
(Price is for 6 classes)



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Another raffle prize was kindly donated from Rock Up – please see below for an advert from them -

