

MOSELEY

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly news

Find out what we have been discovering this week -

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



Message from Miss Young and Mrs. Perry

Oh my goodness – Where did January go and how is it February already? We have been so busy learning and discovering new things, the time has flown by!

We were pleased to see some of the Year 6 parents, who were able to come in and work with their children in the maths workshop last Wednesday – everyone said they had enjoyed it.

We have another busy week, with Number Day and a focus for the week on Mental Health, linked to World Mental Health Day.

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a talk with an author called Lucy Strange – she set up a virtual chat with a few chosen schools, so we were very excited to see what she had to say.

The Year 6 children really enjoyed it and hopefully it will inspire them with their creative writing. Lucy Strange is well known in the 'Children's Book' world for historical novels, such as 'The Mermaid in the Millpond', 'The Storm and the Minotaur' and 'The River Sprite', which has an Industrial Revolution setting.

Year 1 had an exciting Wednesday, as they went on a trip to the 'Black Country Living Museum', which linked in with their History topic for this half term – we can't wait to see the photos – the children said they had such a good day.

This week, we are also celebrating 'National Number/ Puzzle Day' – each class will have a session where they will have access to a range of number and puzzle games that they can play in small groups.

A huge 'Thank you' to Gemma and the PTA who have been very generous and brought us around 12 puzzles and games for the children to play.

Year R are also busy this week, with an exciting visit from 'The Animal Man' – more photos to come and we can't wait to hear all about it. 😊

On Friday, we are sooo excited to welcome 'Steel' from the TV Programme 'Gladiators'. Again, something organised by Gemma and the PTA; Steel is coming in to do some activities around feeling positive and encouraging us to think about the benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle linked to our mental health.

Friday will be full of mindfulness and activities to boost positive mental attitudes and well being.

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN WEAR PE KITS ON FRIDAY 7TH FEB – this is so the children can be comfy and join in with activities in class, outside and with Steel.

Dates for next week –

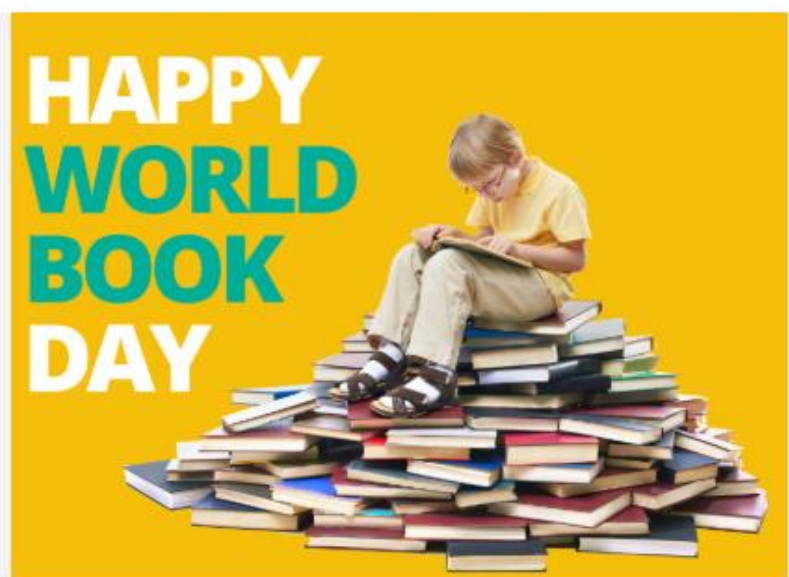
11-02-25 – Dog’s Trust visitor – YR-2 – pm

12-02-25 – YR visit to St. Mary’s Church

11-02-25 – Safer Internet Day – activities for each class throughout the day

11-02-25 – Parent E-Safety Workshop – 2.30pm – parents to go to the hall

14-02-25 – End of Half Term Disco – linked to ‘Wear it Red Day’ to raise money for ‘Midlands Air Ambulance’ – details to follow



As a school, Moseley CE will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 7th March – as we did last year.

This works really well, as we can take the day to celebrate all things linked to books and reading.

We are very excited, as our PTA Chair – Gemma – has worked really hard to secure an author to come to our school for the day on Weds 5th March. The lady is a local author called Cat Weatherill - more details about her books are on the following page, and, if you would like to pre order any of her books, she will happily sign them for you.

On that point, we are going to have a different set up for the day.

THIS YEAR, WE WILL NOT BE DRESSING UP AS FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTERS!

INSTEAD, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DESIGN AND/OR DECORATE A SPOON BOOK CHARACTER– yes a spoon!

This could be a large, cooking, wooden or metal spoon, it could be a medium sized plastic spoon – it is an optional activity, but we know we are going to get some fantastic ideas from you all. See photos below for ideas from other schools -



If you don't have a spare spoon – or you don't want to dress up a spoon, you could do a detailed design on a piece of paper – we will have copies of the blank spoon in each class for children to take if they want.

The design can be labelled with the materials you would use and what each part is and why

Bring the book linked to your spoon character / design so that you can talk to your friends in class about why you chose the character you did.

We can't wait to see your 'Super Spoon' ideas! 😊



Author Visit 2025



We are delighted that acclaimed storyteller and author, Cat Weatherill, will be visiting Moseley C of E on Wednesday 5th March, the day before World Book Day 2025!

Cat has written a host of fantastic books for all ages and has kindly agreed to sign copies on the day of her visit.

- You can pre-order your books direct from Cat by emailing catw@btconnect.com
- Please let her know your child's class & age
- The book(s) you would like to buy
- Cat will then be in touch with a payment link

'Cat is one of our great storytellers'

Michael Morpurgo, author of 'War Horse.'

For more information go to catweatherillauthor.com



These are some of the books that Cat has written -

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BARKBELLY

A wooden boy goes in search of his real family in a best-selling magical fantasy adventure (Age 8+ / £7)



WILD MAGIC

Fantasy adventure about the children who follow the Pied Piper. (Age 9+ / £7)



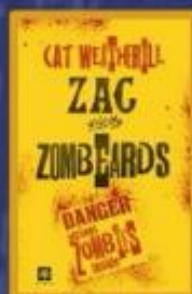
WHERE MAGIC HIDES

Seven stories set in Wales about finding magic close to home - whether it's trolls, ponies, rainbows or fearsome water leapers! (Age 8+ / £7)



DREAM ADVENTURES

Non-fiction book about explorers, adventurers and travel, from Ancient Egypt to the Amazon rainforest (Age 8+ / £7)



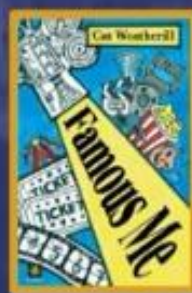
ZAC AND THE ZOMBEARDS

Fast read about a boy who discovers that fighting zombies in real life is much scarier than doing it in a game (Age 8+ / £5)



BIG BLUE SHARK

Bear and Raccoon learn their colours in this lively picture book. (Age 2+ / £4)



FAMOUS ME

Famous Me Funny fantasy about a Year 7 girl who becomes a celebrity for a very strange reason! (Age 10+ / (£7)



BREATHE

Beautiful picture book about a dragon whose birthday is made perfect by friends and yoga. (Age 3+ / £7)



JACK'S DIAMOND

Eight magical short stories about pirates, princesses, dragons etc (Age 5+ / £5)

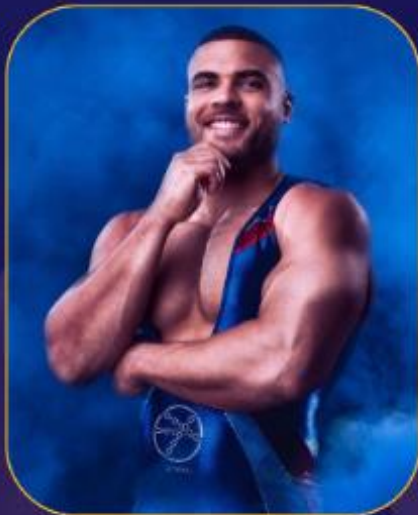


PRESENTS...

... 'STEEL' FROM



FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY



Moseley C of E PTA is delighted to announce that Zac George AKA 'Steel' from hit BBC show Gladiators will be visiting the school on Friday 7th February!

Zack won the title of the UK's Fittest Man in 2020, and also ranked number 26 out of a whopping 126,461 on the global CrossFit leader board! His unbreakable strength has earned him the name 'Steel'.

Zack was motivated to help people with their fitness after undertaking his own personal fitness journey as a teenager. As Steel, he hopes that he can inspire a new, young generation of fans to get into fitness as well. Like Steel he's strong, tough and nothing will break him, including those contenders!



Zack will visit Moseley C of E to talk to the children about the benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle as a part of his Zactiv school workshop programme!

"As a kid I was overweight and very self-conscious. Now I'm living the dream of being a Gladiator and I'm here to motivate and inspire the nation and show the world anything is possible!"



This event is free for the children to enjoy thanks to funds raised by the PTA. To ensure more of these experiences can be made available to the children, the PTA need your support through volunteering, attending events or making donations. Thank you.

YR News

Teamwork and Co-operation

Our PE unit this half term is all about teamwork and co-operation and we have been working hard on team and group games. Today Reception were amazing as they worked in pairs to copy a five step routine. Totally amazing!



Family Friday

On Friday we enjoyed welcoming our families for Family Friday. We explored lots of number activities together and had lots of fun sharing our learning together.



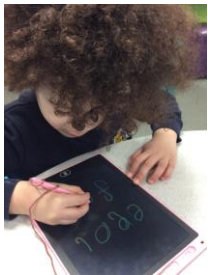
Surprising Sharks!

This week we started reading 'Surprising Sharks!', a non-fiction book all about sharks. We made our own craft sharks and worked hard to cut out the teeth.



One more or less

After exploring the composition of 6, 7 and 8, we played games to find one more or less. We built lines of crates and added or removed a crate, and then build collections of bears and found one more or less.



Writing!

This week we have been revising the phonemes j, v, w and x, and we really enjoyed practising our writing using the tablets that were purchased for us by the PTA. Thank you PTA ☺.



We are celebrating you!

This week we are celebrating Micah for being a FANTASTIC member of Hope Class and giving his best in all things.



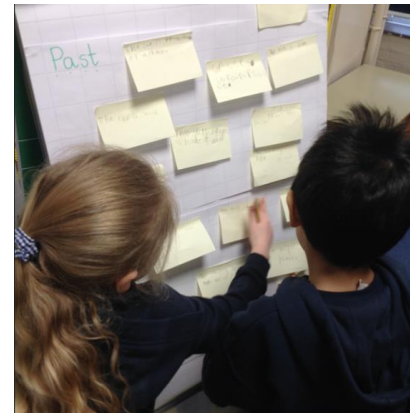
Year 1 News



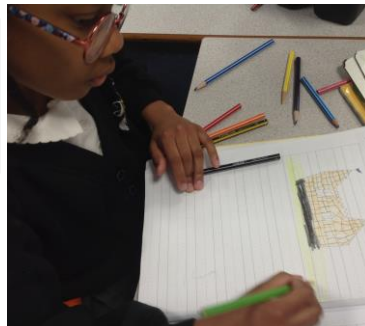
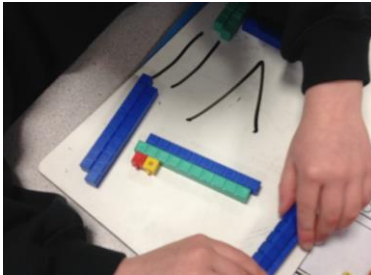
In Science, we explored the features of birds and mammals, and even identified different types of garden birds. We drew diagrams of birds and mammals and labelled their key features.

In Computing, the children sequenced the steps for making a junk rocket. We discussed the potential problems that could arise if the steps were put in a different order.

Writing lessons were particularly imaginative as the children drew and labelled pictures of the magical world Jack visited in the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They thought of imaginative vocabulary to describe the castle!



Finally, in Maths, we focussed upon number bonds, specifically within and to 20.



This week, we want to celebrate Felix for his motivation and creativity during independent tasks!

Our Writers of the Week are Faria and Alice K for the fantastic magical worlds they designed.

Y2 News

History:

In history we have been exploring primary sources to learn about some significant historical figures such as Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman and how they made an impact on people's lives.

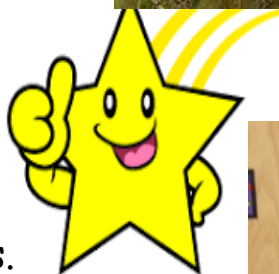


Maths:

This week we continued working with money: Solved simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money, including giving change.

Science:

This week we started an interesting topic Living Things and Their Habitats. We identified that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and discussed how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.



English:

We looked at the features of a non-chronological report and read a few examples. Writing our own report was great fun! We loved our challenge of using all the features of a non-chronological report in our writing. We ensured that our report was set out clearly with a title, introduction, paragraphs and subheadings.



Writer of the Week: Violet

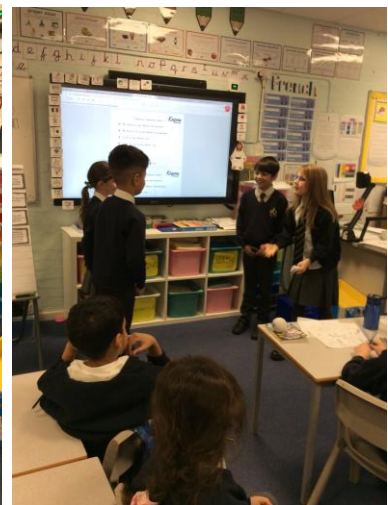
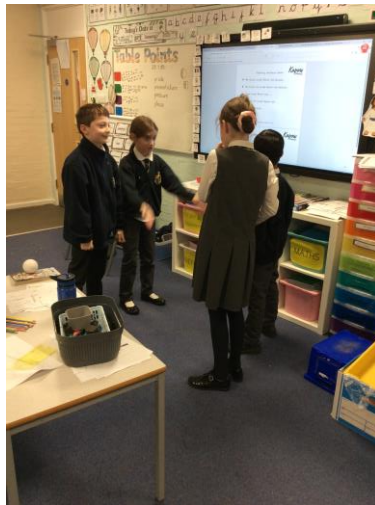
Star of the week is: Finn

Year 3 News

This week, in DT we recapped what we know about pneumatic toys. We planned and designed our own ones, ready to create next week.

In RE, we discussed important events Jewish people celebrate. This week we discussed the importance of Passover and why it is such a significant in Judaism.

In History, we focused on the Roman invasion. We learnt that the tribe in Maiden Hill Fort were divided because some wanted to fight for their freedom whereas some were interested in the benefits the Romans could offer. So we did a role play of the tribe at Maiden Castle, debating whether or not they should accept Roman rules.



THOMAS

This week, we are celebrating Thomas for brilliant behaviour!

Writers of the week:



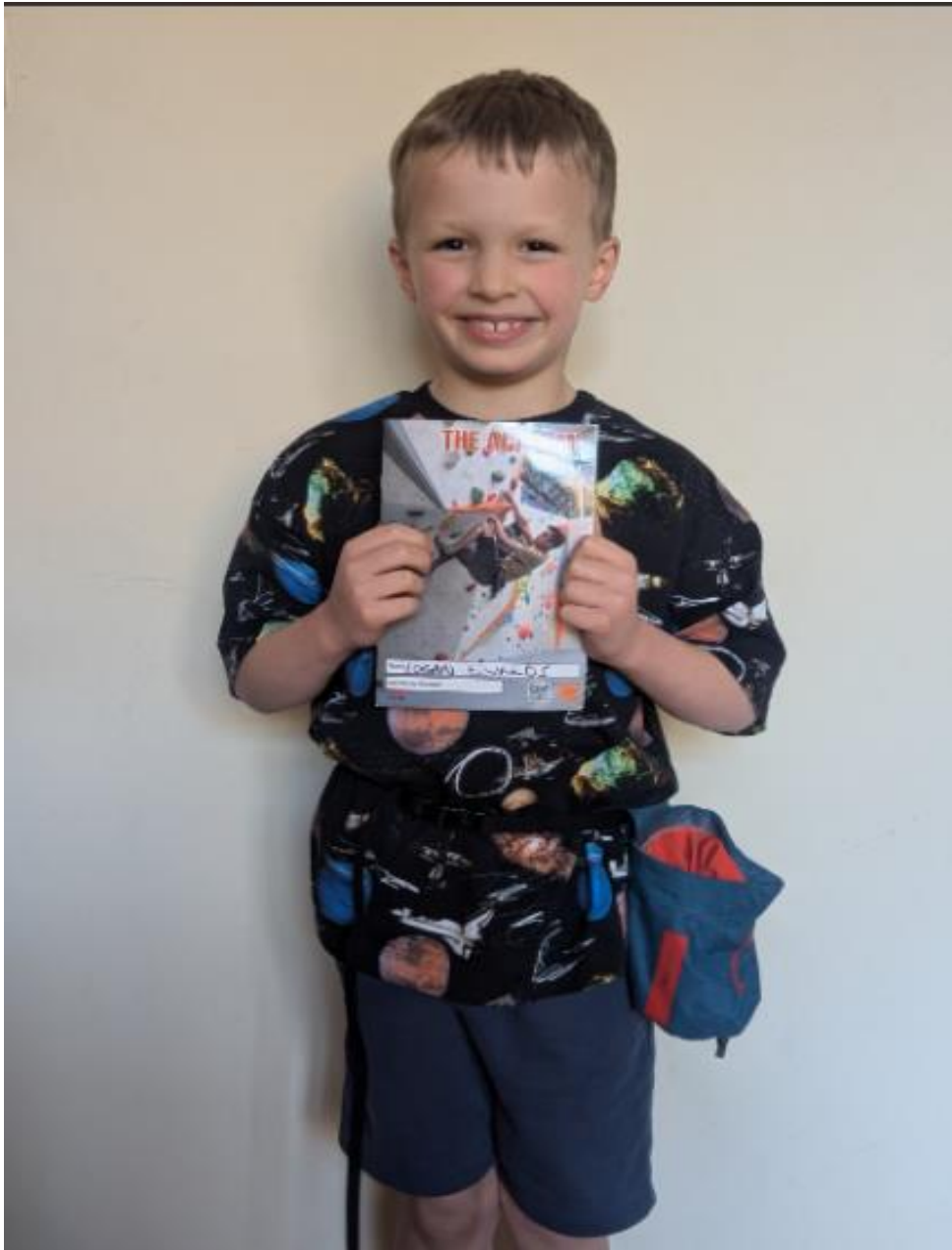
This week our writers of the week are:

Tilly & Kaisan

For working super hard on their handwriting.



And now, news from a budding mountain climber ...



Logan (YR3) passed his Stage 1 climbing assessment on Saturday, which included tying knots and fitting his harness correctly, climbing, belaying someone else and catching a fall (he had to demonstrate this with an 18 year old who was much bigger than him!). His mum and dad are naturally super proud of him! As are we – well done Logan – keep practicing and working hard 😊

Year 4 News



In D&T this week, we have been making a prototype for our Microbit timers. First we had to design our timer's case based on what we wanted it to look like. After we had sketched our ideas, we made a prototype from paper to see what the product might look like when completed.

This week in English we have been learning a new text called 'Joe's Hooded Hawk'. It is a warning story about the dangers of electricity. We have learned how to be safe around electricity and what advice to give others.

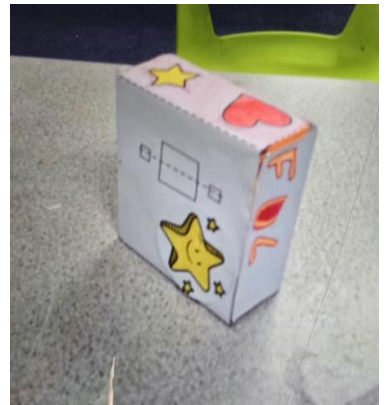
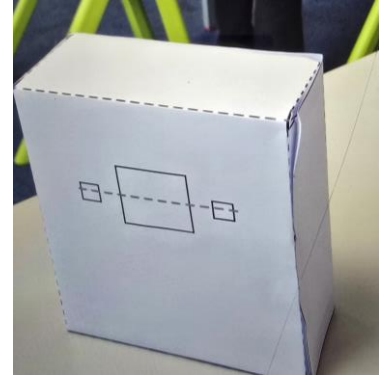
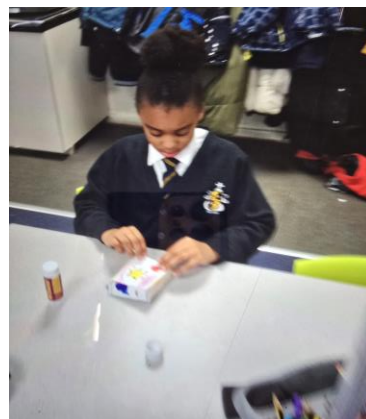
In PE this week, we learned how to control the ball using one side of the stick in Hockey. We practiced using the heel and toe to ensure that we kept the ball under control as best we could.



In Maths we have been learning how to convert meters to kilometres using basic conversions.



Noah R is our star this week. He has shown an improved attitude towards his work and has produced some great work this week.



Writers of the week:



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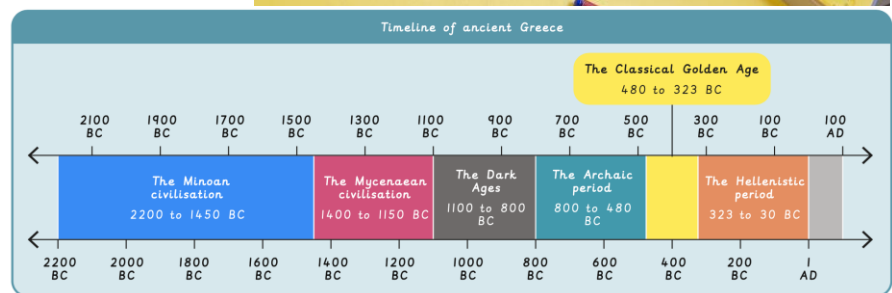
Amelia & Micah

- for writing brilliant myths this week!

Year 5 News

This week, Year 5 have started to explore a new narrative story in our writing lessons. We have started looking at the use of vocabulary and how we can include adverbials of time to build cohesion.

The children have also been exploring the properties of materials in science by testing for magnetism, hardness and transparency. Year 5 have also been developing their dance and hockey skills in PE, while also exploring the different periods of Ancient Greece.



Even more amazing musical talents showcased in Year 5. This week, Tyai amazed everyone with her piano playing skills,

Shining Star!

Our Shining Star this week is Monty for supporting his classmates by showing fairness.

Writers of the week!

This week, we are celebrating Hattie and Eva for their understanding of synonyms and antonyms.



Another 'Shout Out' this week ...

Read on to find out all about an amazing achievement from one of our Year 5 boys ...

Thomas's mum got in touch to tell us Thomas's exciting news – he has featured in our newsletter already – before Christmas; you might remember Thomas was raising money by wearing shorts for the whole of winter.

Thomas has now finished fundraising for Birmingham Children's Hospital and **raised a fantastic £740!** The charity featured him as a charity champion and he was in today's Birmingham Mail (Mon 3rd Feb newspaper)



Well done – a huge achievement and a super amount of money raised for such a special and well deserving place – definitely a Moseley CE Champion 😊

Year 6 News

This week Year 6 visited the Birmingham Buddhist Centre in Moseley as part of our learning about Buddhism in RE. When we arrived, Karen and Alex asked the children what they already knew about Buddhism. Lauren A summarised the story of Buddha and Scarlett talked about The Four Noble Truths. We then went into the main Shrine room where the children listened to stories and were able to explore the artefacts in the room. They learnt lots of things including the significance of some of the symbols and what enlightenment means. After squash and biscuits, we then went into another room where the children had a try at meditation. Year 6 represented Moseley C of E brilliantly. They behaved respectfully and asked some great questions.



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Maths award winners

The highest level in story mode!



Numbots of the week!

Year R – Henry

Year 1 – Emily

Year 2 – Arthur



The quickest
Studio speed in
your year group!



Rockstars of the week!

Year 3 – Oliver

Year 4 – Julian

Year 5 – Eva

Year 6 – Rosha

Well done on earning so many coins this week everyone! Well done! – Mr Boulton



We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting an **e-safety workshop for parents on Tuesday, 11th February 2025, at 2:30pm** here at school. This year's Safer Internet Day, **themed 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**, aims to raise awareness about the increasing prevalence of online scams and the vital measures that can be taken to safeguard our children.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's largest celebration of online safety, addressing pertinent issues faced by young people in the digital realm. The workshop will provide valuable insights into how parents can educate and empower their children to navigate online challenges responsibly.

We invite all parents to attend this important event and join us in reinforcing a safer online environment for our students.

We look forward to your participation.

Tennis Information for this coming weekend

See below for more information -



We are excited to share that the **Big Tennis Roadshow** is coming to **Billesley Indoor Tennis and Fitness Centre** on the **8th and 9th of February 2025**.

This fun-filled event is the perfect opportunity for families to experience the joy of tennis together! Best of all, it's completely free!

Activities Include:

- Over 10 fun tennis stations
- Speed-of-serve machine
- Inflatable target wall
- Special offer on the day

Session Times:

- Saturday 8th February: 10–11am, 11.30am–12.30pm or 2–3pm
- Sunday 9th February: 10–11am or 11.30am–12.30pm

All equipment will be provided and the sessions are suitable for all abilities - so just show up and join in with the activities!

The sessions are all **FREE** and will be ran by fully-qualified LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) coaches.

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****No Need to Book – Just Turn Up -**

Saturday Sessions –

10–11am

11.30am–12.30pm

2–3pm

Sunday Sessions –

10am–11am

11.30am–12.30pm

Please see the attached information about a half term activity session lead by the 'Hall Green and Selly Oak Families Early Help Team' -

Half-Term Family Fun!



Wednesday 19th February 2025

1pm - 3pm

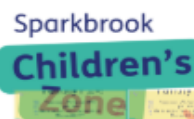
The Springfield Centre, Springfield Rd,
Moseley, B13 9NY

Please join Early Help, your local Children's Centre and other organisations at our Family Fun Day, where all parents can learn what support is available local to you!

Free activities available for children!



Hall Green Families



- How can your local Family Hub support you? What resources are available?
- Are there groups you could join to link with likeminded parents?
- How can WE help YOU?

Please see information below sent by BCC Children's Services, about a webinar for Parents on Monday 10th Feb –

Good morning,

Beezee by Maximus are running a webinar for parents and carers about portion size and healthy eating. Please see below for information about the webinar to share with parents/carers.

Beezee Families – Portion Size Webinar

Do you want to make healthier choices for you and your family?
Do you have a child or look after a child aged 5-12?

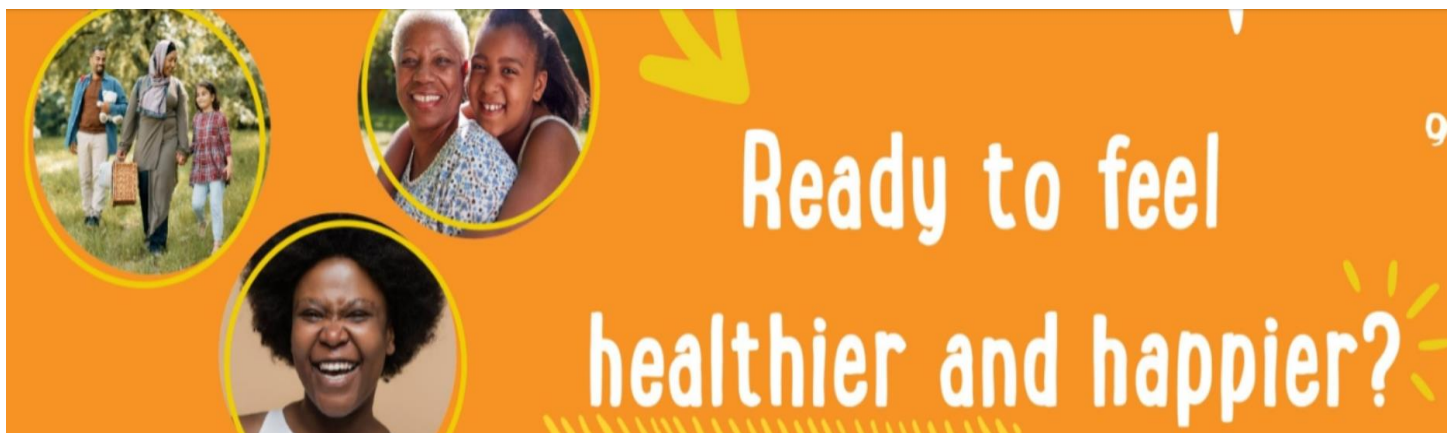
Join us on **Monday 10th February at 6pm** and learn more about making healthy food choices for your child.

In the session, we'll cover:

- What is the Eatwell Guide?
- Energy balance and why it is important
- How portion sizes can help your child grow up strong and energised.

Whether you are looking for practical tips or a deeper understanding of nutrition, this session will give you the tools you need to confidently support your child's health.

To register for this webinar, follow this link: [Beezee Families – Portion Size Webinar](#).



Please see details of a half term sewing club -



guthrie&ghani
THE SEWING STUDIO



Children's Sewing Classes in
Guthrie & Ghani's Sewing Studio
169 Alcester Road, Birmingham B13 8JR

Keep your creative young ones busy
this February Half Term!

Applique notebook covers
Friday 21st February 10:00am - 1:00pm

Embroidered Hoop Art
Monday 17th February 10:00am - 1:00pm



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

Please see below for details of the next issue of the Hall Green and Selly Oak Family newsletter –

Welcome to the Hall Green and Selly Oak Early Help Teams newsletter!

Welcome to the February 2025 edition of the Hall Green and Selly Oak Early Help Teams Newsletter – our regular update on how we're progressing.

In this edition you will find updates on our:

- Right Help, Right Time guidance, now updated and available for professionals working with children, young people and families
- Bereavement support webinars, including free sessions from Child Bereavement UK to help parents and carers support grieving children
- International Women's Day activities, with Anawim running outreach sessions from 3 - 7 March to raise awareness of issues affecting women
- Early years and parenting resources, including free downloads from the Froebel Trust on creating play and learning environments
- SEND resources and activities including a drop-in event at Sense Touchbase Pears
- Mental health services including out-of-hours support and Taraki's new multilingual mental health resource hub
- Community activities such as a Housing Workshop at Selly Oak Family Hub
- Health and wellbeing support, including the Pharmacy First initiative for free and confidential medical advice
- Edward's Trust fundraising appeal, seeking donations to support bereaved families in the West Midlands.

This should be the link to access the newsletter –

<https://news.greensquaregroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/HG.SO-Newsletter-February-2025-pdf.pdf>

Please see details of a half term activity week at the West Midlands Safari Park –

Can't see the email below properly? [Click Here](#)



Hello there,

We're excited to announce our upcoming **Character Week** event at West Midlands Safari Park, taking place this February half term!

Starting **15th February**, we'll be launching our main season with **nine days** of fun-filled activities, including the chance for guests to meet some beloved children's characters at the Safari Academy.

On selected dates, visitors can enjoy personal appearances from **Bluey, Peppa Pig, Captain Barnacles from Octonauts, and Chase from PAW Patrol**, with meet-and-greet sessions happening at intervals throughout the day.

Beyond these special character encounters, our **conservation team** will be spotlighting the **Mali Elephant Project**, one of our key conservation partners. Guests can learn about the incredible work being done to support African elephants in the wild, as well as fun facts about our own four resident elephants.

Families can also get creative in **Crafty Cubs Corner**, where children can take part in **elephant-themed arts and crafts** - a perfect activity to enjoy during the visit.

Our advert can be seen and saved below and we would love for you to feature it in any upcoming school newsletters. If this would be possible, we'd truly appreciate your support!

Kind regards,

West Midlands Safari Park

CHARACTER WEEK

15TH - 23RD FEB



15TH, 16TH & 17TH FEB



18TH & 19TH FEB



20TH & 21ST FEB



22ND & 23RD FEB

BOOK NOW WMSP.GO.UK

*Character appearances at intervals on selected dates.

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.



Please read the information leaflets below – be mindful of where you park and be observant of driveways and keeping paths clear - try to walk if at all possible -

The Green Cross Code

- First find a safe place to cross then **stop**.
- Stand on the pavement behind the kerb.
- **Look** all around for traffic and **listen**.
- If traffic is coming, let it pass and look all around again.
- When there is no traffic near, walk straight across the road.
- Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross.

Make sure your child can be seen
Fluorescent materials are good for daytime
Reflective materials are good in the dark
Always wear something bright



Driving to school

If you have to drive your child on the school journey, here's how you can help:



Make sure all passengers are secured appropriately

- Keep the school yellow zig zags clear of traffic, please don't stop, drop or park here.

SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

- Please don't park on single or double yellow lines.
- Parking considerately, avoid double parking, pavement parking, parking across dropped kerbs, near junctions and on corners.
- Be considerate to local residents by keeping their driveways clear.
- Avoid idling your engine as it pollutes the air we breathe.



Always get out onto the pavement