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WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to school, we hope you have all been able to make the most of the your time off and have had a lovely holiday.

SCHOOL AWARDS



This week special mentions were awarded to:

Reception: Adrian, Sophia

Year 1: Lexie, Ruben

Year 2: Jennifer, Harrison

Year 3: Szintia, Trafford

Year 4: Oliver, Amy

Year 5: Minnie, Liam

Year 6: Arron, Kai



This week 'Always' awards were given to:

Reception: Ellis

Year 1: Eva

Year 2: Jamie-Lea

Year 3: Marcel

Year 4: Connor

Year 5: Noah

Year 6: Charlie



This weeks' Behaviour Raffle prizes were won by:

Reception: Leila

Year 1: Lexie

Year 2: Jess

Year 3: Scarlett

Year 4: Tilly

Year 5: Elvis

Year 6: Maddison



ATTENDANCE

During the year attendance is monitored daily and each week classes receive awards for their attendance in the previous week.

For the school year 2016/17 we achieved an overall school attendance of 95.04% against a target of 96%.

Punctuality will also be monitored daily, if a child receives 10 or more late marks over a term, we will ask the Education Welfare Officer to visit parents and discuss any issues.

Just think... being only 10 minutes late each day will result in almost an hour being lost each week. Over the year this equates to over 31 hours of lost learning time!!



FOUNDATION NEWS.... KIND KANDINSKY

NURSERY

This week in Nursery, we have been remembering our rules. We have also been making new friends and learning how we treat each other. We have been using new resources in our class to help our learning. We have also been discussing what we have been doing during the holidays.

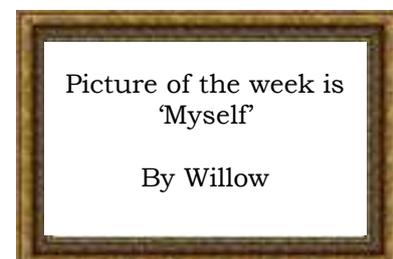
Next week we will be looking at books written by this terms author, Eric Carle. We will also be practising our counting skills and will begin to recognise numbers.

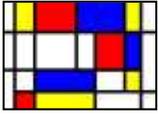
RECEPTION

A very warm welcome to all our Reception pupils and parents. All our children have had a wonderful start in their new class and everyone is enjoying making lots of new friends. We have spent the first few days finding out about one another and exploring all the exciting things in the classroom.

In story sessions we have started reading books by our class author Eric Carle and in Maths we have been singing lots of counting songs. Next week we will be discussing Eric Carle stories in greater depth. In our Maths we will be recognising numbers and counting out amounts accurately. Well done Reception children on a brilliant start to full time school. We have really enjoyed getting to know you this week.

Parents, please remember, our PE sessions will start next week, each TUESDAY and FRIDAY.





YEAR 1 NEWS....

MARVELLOUS MONDRIAN

Marvellous Mondrians have had a fantastic start to the school year. They have been busy writing all about their school holiday. We have been learning new sounds in our phonic sessions and using these skills to write our own sentences. We have been busy setting up our classroom promise so that our classroom is a fun, safe and fair place to learn. In Maths we have been ordering numbers, with some help from 'Teddy bear'. In our Science lessons we have been learning more about our body and learning the 'Body Song' which tells us just how busy our bodies are!

We are looking forward to reading more books by our class author Jill Murphy, especially 'Whatever Next'. In Science next week we will be continuing to learn about our bodies and in particular our senses.

PE lessons will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days.



YEAR 2 NEWS....

JACKSON POLLOCK

We have had a short but extremely busy start to the new year this week with lots of amazing learning going on. In literacy we are looking at stories with familiar settings based on a book called 'The Lion in the Meadow'. We are learning about nouns and adjectives this week by looking at different settings and animals you might find in them. In maths we have been sequencing numbers and spotting patterns by counting forwards and backwards in different steps. We ended the week by learning all about odd and even numbers.

On Wednesday we met our new music teacher Mr Townsend (Mr T) and he introduced us to the drums! We even got to have a go at making as much noise as we wanted! We will be having music lessons every Wednesday morning and I know this is something that we are going to enjoy.

In PE this week we have been learning about different ways to throw a ball: over arm and under arm. We are building up to learning how to play volley ball, something very new to class 2 and we can't wait.

Next week we will be learning to read and write numbers in words and numerals in maths and in literacy we will be looking at story writing using a familiar setting.



YEAR 3 NEWS....

SUPER SEURATS

Well done to everyone in year 3 for making a great start to the new school year. Everyone looks really smart in their uniforms and some people look as though they have grown a couple of centimetres. Our topic this term will be Ancient Egypt and we have already located on a map where Egypt is. We talked about what we already know about the Egyptians and what we would like to learn. In Literacy we wrote all about our summer holidays. Our teacher enjoyed reading all about it. In Maths we revised place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Next week we will be finding out about stories from other cultures in Literacy.



YEAR 4 NEWS....

PERFECT PICASSO

A big well done to everyone! All the children have had a fantastic start and tried really hard to make a good first impression. We have started to read 'The Iron man' by Ted Hughes. So far we have enjoyed the story and looked closely at how Ted Hughes creates interesting descriptions. We have started to look at place value in Maths and played games with our times tables. We have also started to look at our new topic 'Ancient Egyptians; we learnt about the different jobs they had and which we the most and least important. We have also started to learn about gods and goddesses.



YEAR 5 NEWS....

BRILLIANT BANKSY

A wonderful start to year 5, well done for coming back and getting straight back in to the routine. We have worked hard in Maths this week on portioning numbers in different ways. In Literacy we have taken nouns that we knew and split them into categories of nouns including proper (names), concrete (things we can see, hear etc.), abstract (thoughts and feelings) and collective nouns which is the name for a group of things. Next week we will take this knowledge into the writing of a biography of our class author JK Rowling. In Maths we will be converting between words and digits as well as sequencing numbers.

PE is on a Monday morning and a Friday afternoon so please remember to have your kit in school on these days as well as suitable footwear each day for the daily mile.



YEAR 6 NEWS

LIBERAL LOWRY

It has been a brilliant first few days in Year 6. The children have settled in really well and our new topic has really engaged the children which is brilliant. The children will bring home weekly spellings from Monday and will have a small homework task to complete over the weekend. PE will be on a Friday so please ensure they have their kit in school. Next week we will write our own non-chronological 'volcano' report and in Maths we will focus on written methods for addition.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any concerns or questions.

SITE SECURITY

It was very sad to hear over the holidays about groups of youths determined to come on to school premises to trespass, cause damage and even to try and intimidate staff and contractors. As a result of this we have had to carry out additional security patrols and make emergency repairs at significant cost to school.

It is also extremely sad and disappointing to know that at least some of these youths are from our local community and also attended Ladywood in recent years. I would however also like to thank members of the local community who, having seen youths on our premises, made the effort to try and contact staff and/or our security firm to let us know.

School plans for this year already include improvements to our existing CCTV systems, these will be progressed as a matter of urgency so that in future the building perimeter and grounds are better protected and that, if necessary, evidence of activities such of these is available to be passed to the police.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Each September when we return to school we send home details of the contact, health etc. information we hold on record for each child in school. Please check the information you have received for your child, update anything which has changed and sign/return the form to the school office as soon as possible so that we can ensure our records are up to date.

An annual consent form is also included with this information and this should again be checked, signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

ROOF WORKS

The roof replacement works are almost finished but the changeable weather over the holidays has delayed progress a little and you will notice that there is still some scaffolding up around school as the last few areas are finished off.

GEORGE

George was pleased to return to school this week and was extremely excited to see all the children. George has been seeing his trainer Dan over the summer and Dan says he has been a 'star pupil'. George also went on his first holiday; look out for information and pictures of George's summer on the school website early next week. With the start of the school year George will be gradually spending more and more time in classes with the children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FUTURE EVENTS

18.09.17 School photos

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs start next week and messages have been sent home to let you know which clubs your child has been given a place in. Lists are also available in your child's classroom.

Some of our clubs were heavily over-subscribed and so unfortunately not everyone who asked for a place has been successful. If your child has been allocated a place please ensure that they attend regularly. If sessions are missed this may result in your child's place being offered to someone else.