

Spring 1

February 2024



This half term has been a short one but we have packed lots into it, culminating in today's non-uniform day to raise money for the Starlight Charity UK who are the national charity for children's play in healthcare, supporting children to experience the power of play to boost their wellbeing and resilience during illness. Ms Rogers will be running the London marathon in April in support of this charity.

It has been great to see so many parents coming into school for assemblies, meetings, workshops and visiting the library, please check out the dates at the end of my newsletter because next half term is going to be even busier.

Today we are celebrating success with our Shining Star Award winners, children selected by their teachers for their achievements this half term, well done to the following children who have all done really well this half term:

Early Years and Key Stage 1-Sara, Hidayah, Anaya, Mahreen, Beniamin, Safa, Alayna, Akram, Zayan, Saba, Musa, Hujaimah, Aiyla, Eesha. Anabia, Zakariyya, Patricia, Levi, Abdullah, Hana, Ubaid and Kamal.

Key Stage 2: Alexandru, Rawan, Sareena, Muhammad, Hafsa, Aariz, Henna, Safiya, Yousra, Mariya, Muhammad Mustafa, Momina, Tahir, Ayat, Irina, Idrees, Izabela, Ismaael, Betty, Amaal, Darius, Aminah, Mahir and Aayan.

Have a good half term break everyone, see you all on Monday 19th February.

Mr K Holmes

Kingfisher Collaboration

A group of our children will be visiting St Benedict's Primary School for the day on the 29th February to complete art activities with a group of their children and then later in the summer term, children from Blakesley Hall Primary School will be coming here to work with some of our children. I am looking forward to sharing the outcomes of these days with you in newsletters later in the year.

Parents Evenings

A reminder that when we return after half term we will be welcoming you all for our Parents Evening. Year 6 Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 20th February, appointments will be available from 2.00pm where both you and your child will attend the appointment with the Year 6 teacher. Parents Evening for Nursery to Year 5 will take place on Wednesday 21st February. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate your children's successes and to discuss how you can help them at home.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award

We are continuing our journey to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.

As part of this plan, we gained our Silver Award in 2019. We aim to reaccredit this summer and then work our way to Gold.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential. Our pupils continue to learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

We hope that you will be able to support our journey by speaking to your child about how rights are upheld in our school.

Ms J.Clayton

Silly Science Competition

In school this half term most children have had the amazing opportunity to take part in a Silly Science assembly. This was a fantastic experience for children to get silly with science and learn some new science facts whilst doing practical experiments. Following on from this we want children to get silly with science at home as part of this half terms science competition! We want children to complete a practical science experiment with their grownups and learn something new while doing it. We are encouraging children to get creative and silly with science. To enter the competition children, need to send a photo via email or bring a photo or some writing into school showing what they did and how they got silly with science! All entries to be sent in by the 23rd February to enquiry@bordsgrn.bham.sch.uk or given to Miss Dunn. There will be prizes for 3 lucky winners!

Miss J.Dunn

School Uniform

We are always looking for donations of uniform, if you have any school uniform at home that is now too small for your children or unwanted and is still in good condition, we are very happy to receive this uniform which we will then keep in our Community Hub. This will then be donated to families who need our support. Thank you.

Our challenges for this year!

I hope that you are continuing to work on our challenges for 2024...

Challenge 1: **Wear school uniform and shoes each day and correct PE kit for PE lessons**

Challenge 2: **To follow the school's rules and Behaviour Policy, everyone to achieve at least their Gold Shining Stars Award**

Challenge 3: **Read at home every day.**

Challenge 4: **To continue to come to school, on time, every day, with a smile and a positive attitude.**

Challenge 5: **To keep the school and the surrounding area tidier.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Leadership team, Mrs Rogers (AHT for EYFS and Year 1, Miss Dovey (SENDCO and AHT for Years 2 and 3), Mr Miller (AHT for Years 4,5 and 6), Miss Clayton (AHT for the Wider Curriculum), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.

Reminder Nursery Applications September 2024

If you have a child born between 01-09-2020 and 31-08-2021, they would be due to start Nursery in September 2024. If you wish to apply for a place, would you please come to the school office to complete an application form. We would need to see your child's birth certificate and proof of address (council tax bill or child benefit letter).

Dates for your diary

Monday 19th February	Return to school
Tuesday 20th February	Year 6 Parents Consultation
Wednesday 21st February	Nursery-Year 5 Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd February	Fire Service visit Year 4 2.30pm-Whitemoor Lakes Parent Information meeting
Monday 26th February	5B class visit to Buddhist Vihara
Tuesday 27th February	5M class visit to Buddhist Vihara AM-Y6 Parent Workshop
Wednesday 28^h February	5A class visit to Buddhist Vihara
Thursday 29th February	Year 3 to the Think Tank AM-Y6 Parent Workshop Kingfisher Collaboration Learning Day
Friday 1st March	2.45pm-Yellow Class story session
Monday 4th March	Reading Marathon week begins
Tuesday 5th March	Year 4 class visit to Green Lane Mosque
Wednesday 6th March	Year 4 class visit to Green Lane Mosque HSBC workshops
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Year 4 class visit to Green Lane Mosque HSBC workshops Animals in Hand in Nursery and Reception
Friday 8th March	9.00am-1H class assembly 2.40pm-4H class assembly 2.45pm-Red Class story session
Friday 15th March	9.00am-5A class assembly 2.45pm-Blue Class story session
Monday 18th March	2.30pm-Choir concert
Thursday 21st March	1.30pm-Year 3 Parents Workshop
Friday 22nd March	Shining Star Assemblies School breaks up for the Easter holidays.