



Inspire. Challenge. Learn

Dear Families,

THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Attendance for This Week

Whole School Attendance

93.1%

Whole School Attendance from September

92.3%

Highest Attendance this Week

97.5%
Blue Class

We aiming to get our attendance total to be over 96% by the end of the year.

Help us by ensuring your child comes to school as long as they are well enough to attend.

Last week was Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Our Kindness Champions led an assembly on Monday to launch the week then interacted with children across the school throughout the week. Each class participated in different activities and generated some great work and positivity.

Not only have we been undertaking Mental Health awareness activities, but the children have focused on Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day was last Tuesday and the E-Cadets were busy investigating the tasks children took part in and ensuring they understand how to stay safe online.

Thank you to all of the children in Key Stage 2 who submitted their Young Writers' Poetry Competition entries this week. All entries have been collected by the eco-officers and have been submitted to the judges. Fingers crossed we have some successful poets. We should hear something in a couple of months.

This is our last week of this very busy half term. Next week is half term break and I hope you all enjoy some quality family time together. When we return on 27th February we've got another busy week ahead of us. Wednesday 1st March is the next planned strike day. If you require more information, please refer to my letter on our [website](#) or contact me directly. Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. It is non-uniform with the option to dress up if children choose.

As usual, we will be holding our Big Book Swap so on the day please send in a pre-loved book that perhaps your child has grown out of so they can choose another.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Kelly Vaughan




Our amazing Kindness Champions! Each week, the children will choose someone for a special Kindness Award. They're taking the role very seriously and have enjoyed the training they've received so far.

Salus populi suprema lex - "The welfare of the people is the highest law"

Stars of The Week Rainbow Writer

Our Stars of The Week are as follows;



Nursery
Pixie Barratt
For being a kind friend and always helping to tidy up

Reception
Oscar Breakwell
For using vocabulary learnt in maths lesson

Year 1
Seerat Kaur
For always going out of her way to help others

Year 2
Honey Nicholls
For making great progress in reading

Year 3
Luca Lawrence
For his hard work in English

Year 4
Himmat Batt
For showing independence and responsibility

Year 5
Cienna Jarratt
For being a thoughtful and positive role model to others

Year 6
Noah Elkington
For supporting others in chess club

Our Rainbow Writers for this week are as follows;

Nursery
Dottee Southall
For trying to copy letters

Reception
Charlie Tranter
For writing about how a snowman melted

Year 1
Phoebe Breakwell
For her lovely retelling of Little Red Riding Hood

Year 2
Dmari Salmon
For writing a super independent piece

Year 3
Seth Footman
For working hard to write a conversation

Year 4
Bobby Joyce
For writing a good argument for a debate

Year 5
Daniel Lowe
For his work on Ancient Greece and how the people lived

Year 6
Michael Harley-Newton
For an interesting non-chronological report

Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

Reception
Toby Barratt
For always using manners

Year 1
Eias Marufi
For listening and using excellent manners

Year 2
Mikail Lal
For being very polite and well behaved

Year 3
Alfie Linney
For always following the golden rules

Year 4
Adam Roberts
For having a positive attitude on the playground

Year 5
Zack Turner
For always being very thoughtful

Year 6
William Hunter-Smith
For always being polite and sensible



Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

Michael Harley-Newton
For being a role model to all children

P.E. Stars Of The Week



Our P.E Stars of The Week are as follows;

Nursery

Liv Pugh

For being an active achiever in P.E.

Reception

Brody Box

For being ready to learn in P.E.

Year 1

Sukhjaap Singh

For always giving his best when learning new skills in P.E.

Year 2

Kyron Woollery

For great efforts in P.E.

Year 3

Archie Marshall

For always working at his best level in P.E.

Year 4

Hargun Kaur

For always being ready to learn and supporting her teammates

Year 5

Ria Johal

For always working to the best of her ability

Year 6

Daisy Butler

For her commitment and determination



PHP's TT Rockstars

Our Maths Stars of The Week are as follows;

Year 2

Alfie Bryan

For great practising of his times tables

Year 3

Poppy Barratt

For putting in the most effort on TTRockstars

Year 4

Erin Atkins-Morris

For making great improvement with times tables

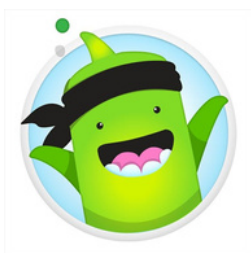
Year 5

Alfie Richards

For his quick multiplication and division recall

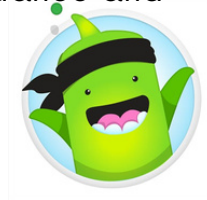
Diary Dates

17th Feb - INSET day - children not at school
27th Feb - Children return to school
1st Mar - Planned strike day
2nd Mar - World Book Day (non-uniform)
17th Mar - Comic Relief
24th Mar - Annual Reports Home to Families
27th Mar - School Cloud opens to book
parents' evening appointments
29th Mar - Parents' Evening for families
wishing to discuss their child's report
31st Mar - End of term



We are an official Class Dojo school!

Look out for the latest news on Class Dojo. Contact Mrs Vaughan with any out of school achievements you want to share with the PHP family. Please include any photos and let us know whether you want us to anonymise the pictures or to publish them as they are. We love sharing and celebrating your children's achievements with everyone.



Absences

Please report your child's absence to school using Professor Attendance on Class Dojo or contacting the office. You can use Class Dojo or the school absence line. This is part of our attendance and safeguarding procedure.

Early Help

Things can get a bit much for most people at times. Have a look at some of the support on offer through Walsall Council for children, young people and families who may be struggling for one reason or another. If you feel we can help you, please contact Mrs. Davis for more information, given confidentially.

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/early_help

PHP Menu

Remember to check our termly menu to choose a daily meal. There are lots of healthy options each day. Scan this QR code to download a copy.



Any child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal. In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, if your child is entitled to a free school meal they can also have one at no cost. Paid meals cost £2.15.



Contact Details

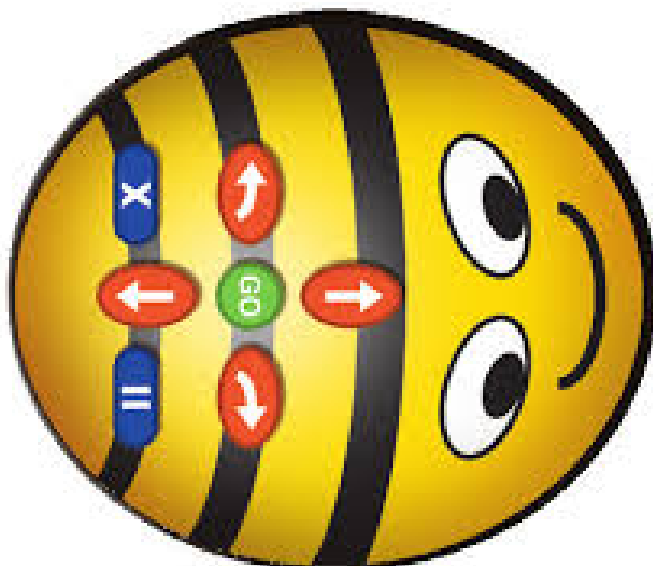
Please contact the office with new contact details if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. This is a legal requirement.

Samples of This Week's Work

The children have been inspired, challenged and have definitely been learning!



Over the past few weeks, the children in Nursery have enjoyed exploring technology. They have been using different pieces of equipment to play imaginatively with their friends.



The children in Reception have been inputting codes into Beebots to make them go in different directions. The children enjoyed giving their Beebots a range of instructions and using the vocabulary linked to each direction.



Year 1 children have had Ms Jayes in to teach them how to programme robots! They learnt how to programme Beebots to move in different directions. The children used the Beebot app which is free to download from App Store or Google Play.



In Year 2, the children have continued to practise using glockenspiels to accompany the song I Wanna Be in a Band.



Year 3 created these paper chains as part of their work for Mental Health Awareness Week. The words and images on the chains represent how we all communicate. The children shared some lovely information about themselves and listened well to each other.

Book Review

My book cover:

Book Title: There's a Pharaoh in our Bath!

Author: Jeremy Strong

Illustrator: Nica Shurist

Genre (tick as many as apply to your book):
☒ fiction ☐ scary ☐ animal story
☒ non-fiction ☒ fairy tale ☐ biography
☐ fantasy ☒ adventure ☐ historical
☒ humour ☐ sports ☒ mystery
☐ other

Plot
 Event 1: Wake Scorpio W
 Event 2: Mr. Lightfoot says him
 Event 3: Take him to the mansion

Setting
the house and the lightfoot mansion

Character
 Name: Scorpio
 Personality: wild
 Physical Appearance: thin creaky
wild
 How I feel about this character and why:
I like about indirect

Cause and Effect
 of any of the events in the book:

trying to and the cue

My Star Rating
 ★★★★★
 Why I rated the book 5 stars:
I like it very much
interesting

This book made me feel:
☒ ☐

Year 4 have been writing book reviews. This is Cole's work reviewing *There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath* by Jeremy Strong.



Year 5 have been composing their own music with their own rhythms. Here are some of the children practising their pieces to perform to the whole class.



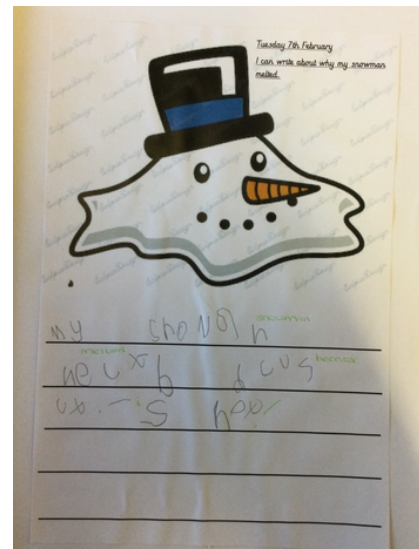
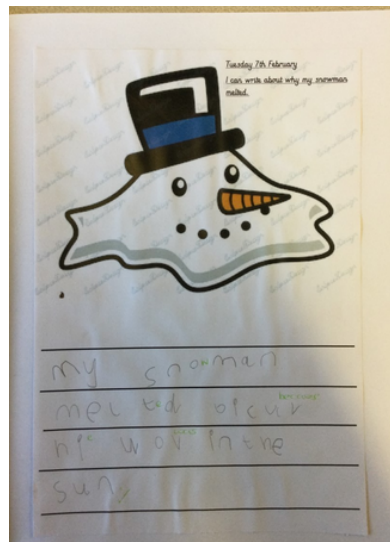
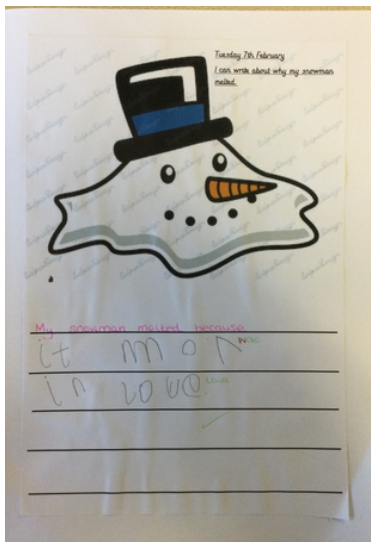
Year 6 have been practising balancing and movement in gymnastics.

Samples of Last Week's Work

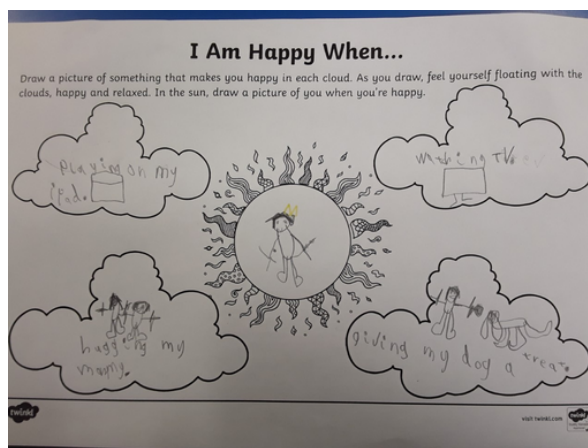
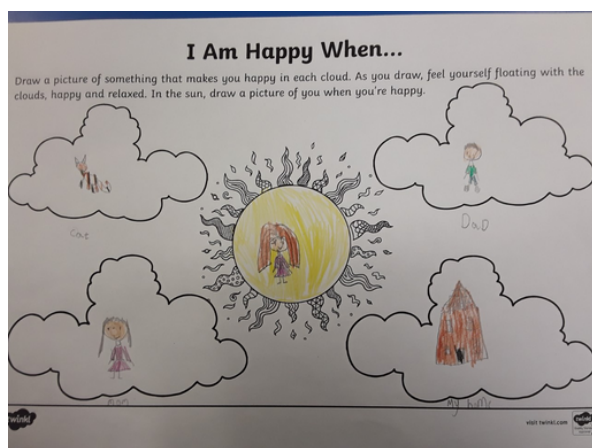
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Nursery children have really enjoyed their music lessons. This week they've each had a glockenspiel. The children investigated the big keys and the little keys and listened to the different sounds they made.



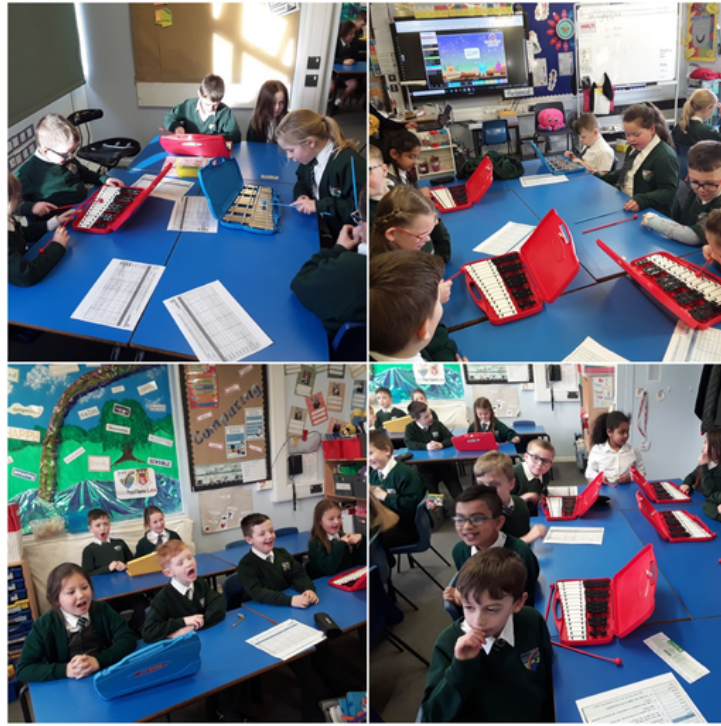
Reception have been reading Snowball by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. They have been thinking about how snow melts. They have each been writing about how their snowman might have melted. The children came up with some great ideas; here are a few!



Year 1 children have completed some work on what makes them happy for Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. They all had some lovely ideas about what makes them happy. Here are Jaxon's and Josie's ideas.



In Year 2, the children have been learning about the history of toys. They loved Mr. Carter coming in to talk to them about toys from the 80s and they began to compare them to today's toys. The children had an opportunity to see some cartoons and adverts from the 80s linked to the toys.



Year 3 enjoyed their music lesson. They sang and played along with their glockenspiels. This took a lot of concentration and teamwork.



Year 4 have worked together to identify the features of the United States of America during their human geography topic. They've identified the different national parks and labelled them.



Year 5 have been making their own games in Scratch. They're very familiar with Scratch Jr but now they're applying their skills and creativity to a more complex program.



Year 6 are continuing their sculpture work linked to their history topic. Here are the children's amphorae before they dry and get painted.

Out of School Superstars!



Look at Ava's trophy! After coming first in a competition, she qualified for the dance championships. Not only did she compete to the best of her ability, she came first again! We are so proud of Ava and her determination to do well in something she enjoys so much. She showed her trophy in assembly and the children were very impressed.