



Inspire, Challenge, Learn

THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

I hope you have each enjoyed your half term break. I know I have missed a number of issues of the Family News so rather than miss out completely, please find below a half termly catch up. Normal service will resume this week.

Looking back at last half term, we have experienced and achieved so much! Some of the highlights are below.

Most of our Year 6 children attended a residential at Conover. They took part in all kinds of activities from abseiling to zipwiring. They came back, tired, achy and full of smiles.

Our Learning Ambassadors and Eco Officers held a photography exhibition with photos taken using only disposable cameras. This was a project devised and led by one of our parents, Steph Geary, for her degree (the PHP family is filled with learners) and she showed the children how to use a disposable camera, how to frame shots and discussed ways to highlight the theme of Environmental Sustainability.

Years 5 and 6 had a session with Maz Evans, who wrote the book *Who Let The Gods Out*. Both classes had brilliant questions for her which she answered with great honesty and enthusiasm!

I can't possibly forget to mention Bee Day in Early Years! The children look fantastic dressed in yellow and black, the staff get very involved and Miss Bi enjoys being Queen Bee for a day. Perhaps that should be Queen Bi?

Of course we learnt about the coronation of British monarchs and celebrated the historical crowning of King Charles with a street party as a whole school on the playground. A big thank you must go to all of the staff who helped to ensure the day ran smoothly.

Several of you have been in touch about attendance concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have a specific question. Our new Education Welfare Officer has started at PHP. Her name is Hilary Reece and she is keen to support families. We have a new attendance policy based on the government's requirements that will be statutory from September. Each of you will have the opportunity to read it and share your opinions.

Here's to a wonderful half term ahead!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Kelly Vaughan

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

Attendance for Half Term

Whole School Attendance at the End of the Week

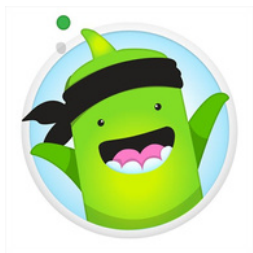
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Whole School Attendance from September

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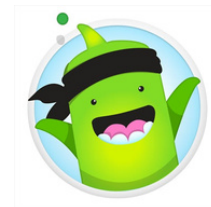
To ensure your child makes good progress and has the best possible school experience, we are aiming for our attendance to be as close to 96% as possible. Help us by not taking holidays in term time and ensuring your child comes to school as long as they are well enough to attend.

5th Jun - School opens to children
5th - 9th Jun - Phonics Screening Check
30th Jun - KS2 Sports Day (1:30)
3rd Jul - Y4 Eginuity Museum trip
4th Jul - EYFS Sports Day (9:45)
4th-5th Jul -Parents' Evening
7th Jul - KS1 Sports Day (10:00)
19th Jul - Reception Graduation
21st Jul - Y6 Leavers' Assembly
21st Jul - End of term (school closes 3:15)



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

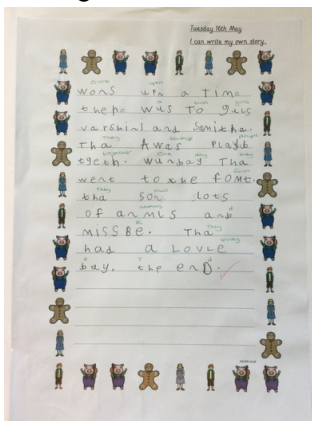
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Samples of This Term's Work

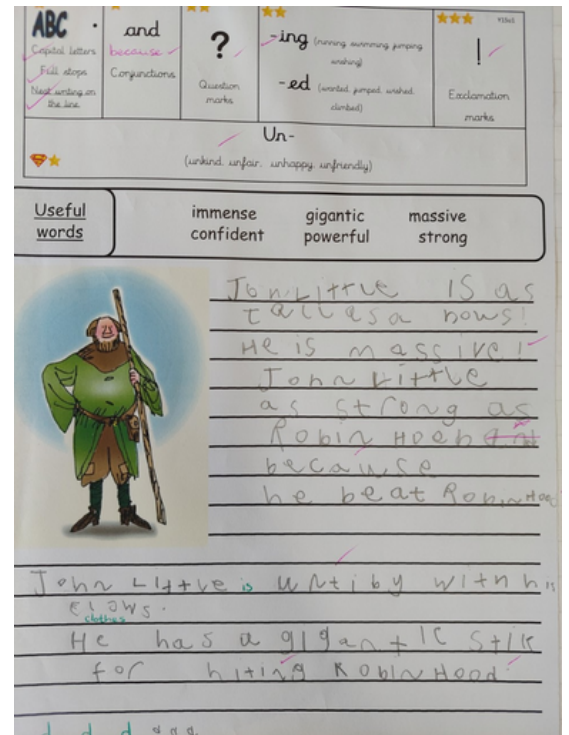
The children have been inspired, challenged and have definitely been learning!



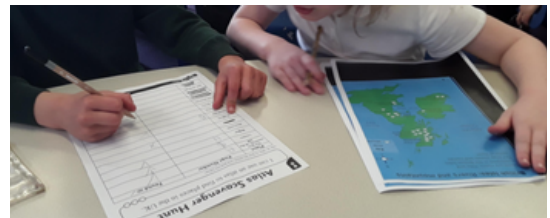
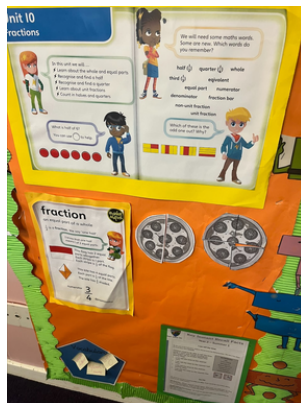
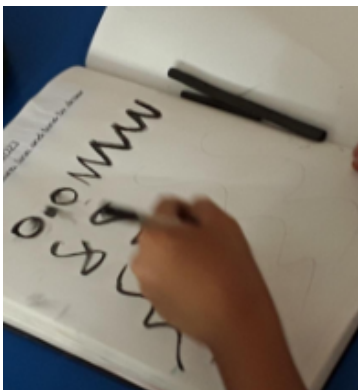
Our Nursery children have read lots of traditional tales and used them in their learning: decorating biscuits when reading *The Gingerbread Man*, visiting Ash End Farm to see animals, considering good and bad choices after reading *Pinocchio*, read *The Three Little Pigs* and counted to three.



Our Reception class also have been very busy! They have each worked on writing a beginning, a middle and an end in a story. With Nursery they visited Ash End Farm and had fun feeding goats, ducks and lambs. They enacted the traditional tale of The Three Billy Goats Gruff using their outdoor area.



Year 1 children have been using atlases to identify and find the countries of the UK, they used their collage skills of well-known UK symbols to create an image of King Charles III as part of their work for the coronation, they read Robin Hood and wrote descriptions of Little John. What a busy half term!



Year 2 have used sketching pencils and charcoal to show texture, line and tone, used atlases to find and identify a range of places within the U.K., found part, whole, equal and unequal fractions before building to a half and a quarter, they've also planted sunflower seeds to observe and record their growth



In Year 3 the children loved their visit to Thinktank! They learnt different types of rocks, in R.E. they learnt about pilgrimages and the Hindu festival of Kumba Mela, they've studied water transportation systems in plants and examined xylem in celery stems, they learnt about pollination and carefully examined flowers. Great learning!

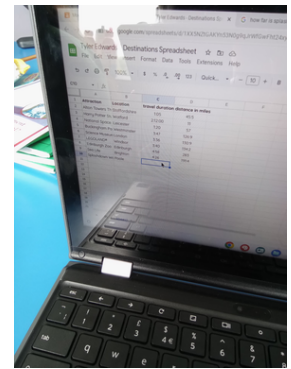
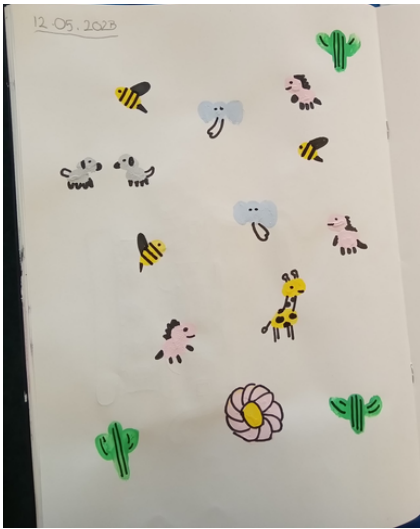


Thursday 14th May 2020
 Text: *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*
 Chapter 1
 Sudden, Suki picked up the rat she had not seen for a while.
 Suddenly, I felt water up from a small stream, I took a small glass and I took it to the back garden, trying to make it not look up a single one. I picked up the rat and shot it with.
 The egg I found in the forest was glowing, a bright green and yellow, on the floor. I got it back to the nest I built with it and my sister. I was going to go back to school but my dad kept on glowing brighter and brighter and brighter.
 I looked back and then there was a big, big, POP! I saw a creature about half the size of a house, as quick as a flash, I crashed down the ladder and started for the creature but I couldn't find it. I saw them chasing to give up.
 When I thought it was all over, there was something in the forest. I was looking inside the bushes and it was.

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Year 4 children built realistic-looking volcanoes in DT - here they are at different stages of development, they read and retold parts of their class novel, *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, among many other things they worked hard on TT Rockstar and made phenomenal progress - look at the heat map above for an example from one pupil. Well done, Year 4!



Year 5 have been learning about finger printing in art, using their fingerprints and then doodling over them to create brand new images, in computing, they researched information then used it to modify cells in spreadsheets, they drew pictures of King Charles III through the decades and they had a workshop with the writer of last term's class novel, Who Let The Gods Out, Maz Evans. A great half term's work!



Year 6 have not only prepared for and sat their end of key stage assessments but they had a workshop with Maz Evans, author of Who Let The Gods Out, they went on a residential visit and enjoyed a range of activities including a campfire, zipwiring, orienteering and archery tag and took part in the street party to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

Out of School Superstars!



Arabella has achieved two very different awards this half term. Here she is with purple belt in karate, which is amazing. Here she is also with a green Blue Peter badge for her eco-work! As one of our Eco Officers, I can see how seriously she takes looking after our planet. Well done!

Congratulations to Alice for passing her grading in Tae Kwon-do. She very rightly looks proud of herself. Well done!



Cody frequently comes inweighed down with the medals and trophies he's won at the weekend! Here he is with his most recent Player of the Match award. Well done!

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Our Noah is fantastic singing at a street party without any backing track or accompanying words - something many adults would find tricky to do!

Congratulations to Darcy who achieved her 5m butterfly and breaststroke in one night! Fabulous!



Isla is clearly a natural swimmer! She's achieved her first two swimming badges and certificates in just a few weeks! Congratulations on your Stanley 1 and 2 awards, Isla!