



*Inspire. Challenge. Learn*

# THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

I feel like this week has been filled with the unexpected - from the snow that fell heavily on Sunday to some very cold days indeed. Thank you for supporting our decision for the children to attend in warm non-uniform. It has certainly helped when they've been playing in the snow!

Thank you to all of you who came to the Christmas Fayre. We've raised £86 for School Fund and Rotakids. Our Rotakids have chosen to donate half of their money to a local charity and the other half is to be put towards buying playground equipment.

Walking through school this week, it is clear how far children have progressed in just a term. Looking at books from each class, it is clear how much they've learnt since September. Thank you to all of you who support this at home by reading with your child, helping with homework, practising spelling and encouraging your child to go on TTRockstars.

We say goodbye to our Associate Teachers, Miss Botwood, Miss Esa and Miss Walters as their time with our classes comes to an end.

I'm sure you're all aware of the sad news from Solihull this week. We've reminded our children of water safety rules and why it is important not to go out onto frozen water like the ice we've seen over our local canals. If you'd like to look at water safety advice with your child, you can find some here from West Midlands Fire Service: [https://www.wmfs.net/safety/winter-water-safety/?fbclid=IwAR1lkIMrI8rAzJJca4rAT2fb7Nc0H7\\_C8QArkdapCvGku7W-cTcnBzt0WFg](https://www.wmfs.net/safety/winter-water-safety/?fbclid=IwAR1lkIMrI8rAzJJca4rAT2fb7Nc0H7_C8QArkdapCvGku7W-cTcnBzt0WFg)

Enjoy the next two weeks with your children. We're looking forward to welcoming you all back to school in 2023!

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Kelly Vaughan

## Attendance for This Week

Whole School Attendance

86.5%

Whole School Attendance from September

92.6%

We want 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.



Walsall's Mobile Library visits every Wednesday morning. If your child is due to visit, they will need to return their book or extend the loan. The first week back is the turn of Y3/4

*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  
Isla Newton  
For super sharing

Reception  
Dhillon Moore  
For being ready to learn

Year 1  
Isla Brookes  
For always being so kind and thoughtful

Year 2  
Dmari Salmon  
For fantastic phonics progress

Year 3  
Reevah Evenson  
For excellent work in history

Year 4  
Rimon Banga  
For consistently following the Golden Rules

Year 5  
Jon Trainter and Lexi Winter  
For their amazing contributions at West Bromwich Albion

Year 6  
The Whole Class  
For their safe and sensible approach to snowfall at school

Our Rainbow Writers for this week  
are as follows;

Nursery  
Bonnie Webb  
For super signing in Makaton

Reception  
Ronnie Harrison  
For writing a super letter to Santa

Year 1  
Jenson Reynolds  
For always trying so hard to write super sentences

Year 2  
Gurmilap Sidhu  
For writing a lovely letter

Year 3  
Olly Tranter  
For always presenting his work so neatly

Year 4  
Max Fletcher  
For great preposition work

Year 5  
Bailey-Rae Spragg  
For a well-written explanation text

## Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

Reception  
Arlo Jones  
For super manners

Year 1  
Erin Howard  
For being kind, polite and helpful at all times

Year 2  
The whole class  
For being well behaved and kind

Year 3  
Madison Rudd  
For always being polite and following rules

Year 4  
All of Year 4  
For being sensible in the snow

Year 5  
The whole class  
For being very sensible in the snow

Year 6  
The whole class  
For being well behaved and sensible in the snow all week

## Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

Alfie Linney

For fantastic effort,  
resilience and rising to the  
challenge when visiting  
West Bromwich Albion this  
week!

# PE Stars Of The Week



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

Nursery  
Sky-Rose

Reception  
Toby Barnett  
For hard work and great listening

Year 1  
Cairo Veasey  
For hard work and determination

Year 2  
Nancy Todd  
For hard work and determination

Year 3  
Alfie Linney  
For a super attitude at West Bromwich Albion

Year 4  
Sarah Richards  
For super listening skills

Year 5  
James Meeson  
For great teamwork

Year 6  
Ishmeet Kaur  
For having a great attitude to PE



## PHP's TT Rockstars

Our Maths Stars of The Week are as follows;

Year 2  
Finn Pugh  
For great practising at home

Year 3  
Alice Evans  
For putting in the greatest effort on TTR

Year 4  
Bobby Joyce  
For improving his times tables score

Year 5  
Tyler Edwards  
For making progress

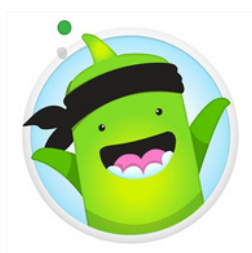
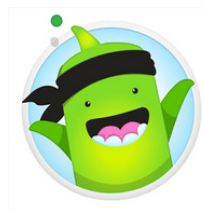
Year 6  
Noah Elkington  
For consistently high standards on TTR

## Diary Dates

3rd Jan - Children return to school  
16th Feb - break up for half term  
17th Feb - INSET day - children not at school  
27th Feb - Children return to school

## 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.



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.

## 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](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!



Nursery have been super fabulous this week even with all of the excitement of the unexpected snow. Here they are showing off their Makaton skills as they sign Merry Christmas!



This week, Reception class has had so much fun learning to play different games. One of their favourites is Snap! They loved learning to play this.





Year 1 have been using their amazing collage skills to create their beautiful Christmas cards. If you are lucky enough to receive one of these, I'm sure you'll appreciate the love and skill that has gone into it.



You may have heard we had a special visitor at school this week. You may have even met him at the Christmas Fayre. Year 2 were super excited when Father Christmas made a special stop at their party to say hello!



Year 3 have learnt about Pointilism in art. They then tried using the technique to create Christmas cards. I hope you agree that they look very striking.

**Knights**

**I can use a range of prepositions.**

Draw a route on the map linking all the places where Pip and the Black Knight found the pearls. Then write sentences describing their route using the prepositions from the scroll.

across	over	between	in front of	along	through
inside	beside	under	towards	around	behind

P1 First go under the giant Oak tree.

P2 Next go through the trees, ~~at~~ then go to the middle sea.

P3 Go through the hills, beside the hills.

P4 Go in front of the Elf Forest.

P5 Then go between the sheep and the houses.

P6 Next go around the tower and swim through the water and dig.

P7 Climb over the walls of walled city, and go behind the tower.

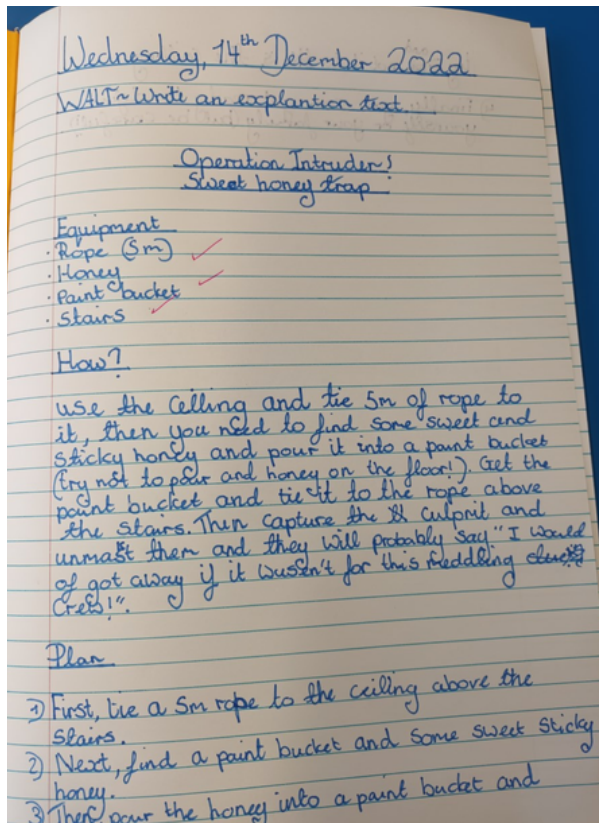
P8 Go across the bridge on the right side.

P9 Then go across the bridge again and inside the ruined castle.

P10 Now go between the castle and the wall and go on the bridge.

Baron Washbrook.

In Year 4, the children have been identifying and using a range of prepositions. Here is Max's work demonstrating how to use them.



In Year 5 the children have written some imaginative pieces based around Aldi's Kevin the Carrot being left home alone and hearing an intruder [spoiler alert - the intruder is Father Christmas] the children wrote explanations of their plans to capture the intruder! This is Alice's beautifully presented work.



Year 6 were beside themselves with excitement on Monday when they saw the fresh snowfall. They quickly set about making snow sculptures and revelling in the novelty of it all.



# Out of School Superstars!



Look at our amazing violinist! Taly performed in a wonderful concert at Walsall Arena on Tuesday. I had the pleasure of seeing a variety of talented musicians perform and I was very proud to see once of our very own pupils shine. Well done, Taly!

We have very community minded children. Bobby has worked extremely hard to raise money for charities this Christmas and has raised nearly £2000!

He sold raffle tickets for NSPCC and raised £267.43.

He collected a huge number of toys, food and treats for Birmingham Dogs Home and then played in a charity football match that helped raise £1500 for Alfie's Smile.

An enormous achievement I'm sure you'll agree. Not only are his family and friends proud of him but all of us at PHP are too. Well done, Bobby, the world is a better place for lots of people and animals this Christmas because of your hard work.

