



Inspire, Challenge, Learn

THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

The children very much enjoyed the unexpected snowfall this week. Social times were spent rolling the biggest snowballs (to make snowmen, not to throw) that I have ever seen!

We had a visitor to school this week who was very impressed with the high quality English and maths work the children are producing and can discuss.

Well done to our Junior PCSOs who began work this week to ensure safer parking around school. Thank you to all of you who have appreciated their effort and supported them.

West Midlands Police came in to school to visit Year 6 on Wednesday. Don't worry! They hadn't done anything wrong. Instead, the police were here to talk about staying safe. The children were very focused, respectful and engaged throughout the workshop. The police had a lot of words of praise for the class when they left.

We had some exciting news this week. Miss Bi got engaged! It's lovely to have such happy news in our school community. I am sure you will all be as happy for her as we are.

Our attendance is low this week. There are some nasty illnesses going around so please remind your child to wash their hands and throw tissues in the bin - we do the same at school but double messages never hurt!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Kelly Vaughan

Attendance for This Week

Whole School Attendance

83.4%

Whole School Attendance from September

92.2%

Illness has hit us hard this week! 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. Next week is the turn of Y1/2 who missed it this week due to the weather.

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;

Our Rainbow Writers for this week are as follows;

Nursery
Aishmeet Kaur

For building some great little snowmen so the the big one "wasn't lonely"

Reception
Miley Linney

For always being helpful and kind

Year 1
Ronnie Marshall

For always being a little ray of sunshine in class

Year 2
Nancy Todd

For great work in our maths unit, money

Year 3
Aryan Paul

For always being an outstanding role model

Year 4
Isla Pratt

For following the Golden Rules consistently all week

Year 5
Ria Johal

For her determined attitude to learning in every subject, every day

Year 6
George Grew and Kacey Turner
For having excellent attitudes to learning

Nursery
Liv Pugh

For painting "Olaf with snow and a rainbow sky" in cold colours

Reception
Amber Woodhouse

For writing interesting sentences to describe Elmer

Year 1
Caitlin Marston

For working really hard to write sentences independently

Year 2
Gurmilap Sidhu

For a great diary entry

Year 3
Myla Matharu

For working hard to make interesting vocabulary

Year 4
Isla Pratt

For editing and improving her work to a high standard

Year 5
Anayah Lindsay
For writing a letter as an onlooker to an event in "Who Let The Gods Out"

Year 6
Briannah Evenson
For trying hard to improve her writing by listening to and learning from feedback

Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

Reception
Isla Craig

For being mature and independent

Year 1
Erin Howard

For being kind, polite and well-behaved

Year 2
Leah Brittle

For being well-behaved and following instructions

Year 3
Logan Martin

For always following the Golden Rules

Year 4
Layla McCombs

For always having a positive attitude at lunchtime

Year 5
Alfie Richards

For always being polite and well-mannered

Year 6
Jessica Maddocks
For being polite and sensible

Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

Aryan Paul

For his hard work and
always rising to the
challenge

PE Stars Of The Week



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

Nursery

Ezra Fisher

For his superb dance moves in P.E.

Reception

Kason Carter

For his wonderful answers in lessons

Year 1

Ava Foster

For her brilliant answers in P.E.

Year 2

Avani Kumari

For her great teamwork skills

Year 3

Darcie Veasey

For always giving her best efforts in P.E.

Year 4

Himmat Batt

For always making good decisions in P.E.

Year 5

Anayah Lindsay

For keeping calm and focused under pressure in P.E.

Year 6

Amiya Foster

For an excellent attitude in gymnastics and hockey



PHP's TT Rockstars

Our Maths Stars of The Week are as follows;

Year 2

Marley Kerr

For great work at home

Year 3

Archie Marshall

For putting in the most effort on TTRockstars

Year 4

Max Fletcher

For consistent improvement in his times tables through the week

Year 5

Leah Jukes

For rapid recall of multiplication and division facts

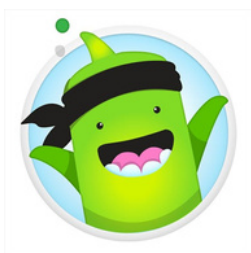
Year 6

Riley Simpson

For a huge effort this week

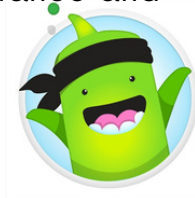
Diary Dates

7th Feb - Safer Internet Day
16th Feb - break up for half term
17th Feb - INSET day - children not at school
27th Feb - Children return to school
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



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

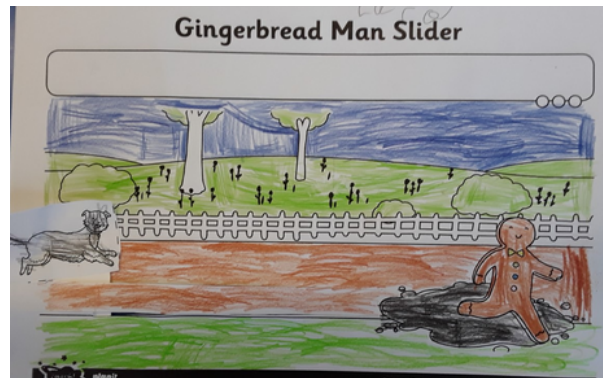
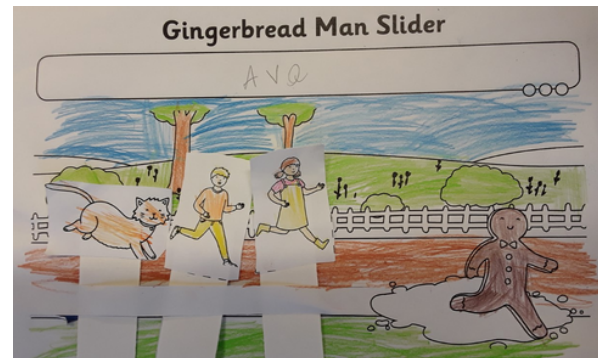
The children have been inspired, challenged and have definitely been learning!



Mrs Thelwell said she tried not to send in a photo of the weather but couldn't resist because it was 'snow good'. Believe me we're working on her joke-telling! Nursery have been learning about cold weather. They've been reading 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. They enjoyed looking at the pictures. The children loved making tracks in the snow like in 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson which is one of their favourite stories!



This week, Reception have been creating their own magical dances. Here is Haiden in the middle of his own dance to music.



In Design Technology, Year 1 have been studying books with moving parts. They made their own moving parts for the story "The Gingerbread Man". Here is some lovely work from Erin, Ava and Luca.



In Year 2, the children have continued to learn about different artists. This week, they've learnt about Wassily Kandinsky. Here is Chhaya's excellent interpretation of his work, inspired while listening to a piece of music by Mozart. Isn't it great?

Computing Unit 3: Make a game

Can they explore 'what is' questions by playing adventure or quest games?
Can they write programs that have sequences and repetitions?

Game	What is the best feature of the game?	Does the game require improvements?	Rating out of 5
Scratch	How you can make things move.	more characters and backgrounds	4/5
Scratch	The dragons and voice	It could have a timer	5/5
The Anno Odyssey	The characters and weapons and the Monsters	no	5/5
The Anno Odyssey			

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Scratch	typing	None	5/5
The Anno Odyssey	doing maths questions	more girl characters	
The Anno Odyssey			

In Year 5 the children have been exploring games in computing. They're preparing to plan their own sequencing games next week.



Year 6 have been learning about Ancient Greece. They've used their knowledge so far to design amphorae. Here is work from Jordan, George C, Jayson, Georgia and Ishmeet.