



Inspire, Challenge, Learn

THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to each of you. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday. The children have come back to school bursting with excitement but they've been quick to settle back into their routines.

Despite only being back at school for four days this week, I've seen some great examples of work and I hope you enjoy seeing what the children have been learning.

We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of different special days and activities from Inspire workshops to Comic Relief and World Book Day.

I'd like to remind you that only cars with permits are allowed to park on Bridgnorth Grove or on the school car park during drop off and collection times. We have a number of families who need to park near school for medical reasons. They have been given a permit but are unable to park due to other cars on the road. If you feel you need a permit for your own medical reasons, please arrange to meet with me so we can help. Our Junior PCSO scheme will be up and running again this term with the children working to ensure safe parking on the streets near school.

Next week, our school menu begins on Week 3. The menu can be found on our website and there's a QR code below which will take you there to download the menu to keep at home. We will announce some special menu days shortly.

I hope you enjoy the weekend ahead of you. I'm looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Kelly Vaughan

Attendance for This Week

Whole School Attendance

94.1%

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. Next week back is the turn of Y5/6

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
Finley Harrison
For using his fantastic knowledge of number

Reception
Amber Woodhouse
For always working hard

Year 1
Ava Foster
For amazing work in maths

Year 2
John Stokes
For a great attitude to learning and participation in lessons

Year 3
Cody Marandola
For excellent 8 times table work in maths

Year 4
Sarah Richards
For always following the Golden Rules

Year 5
James Meeson
For his wonderfully positive attitude and caring nature

Year 6
Sukhman Singh
For being the embodiment of our Inspire, Challenge, Learn school values

Nursery
Brooklyn Swift
For drawing an amazing snowman

Reception
Varshini Alankumar
For writing a sentence independently

Year 1
Josie Bevan
For her fantastic description of her favourite toy

Year 2
Sophie Lindon
For great discussion work and a lovely picture

Year 3
To be announced next week

Year 4
Kevin Stoian
For an excellent first attempt at a setting description

Year 5
Ryan Meeson
For improved presentation of work

Year 6
Georgia Sephton
For working hard to improve her writing skills

Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

Reception
Madison Craft
For always being well behaved and following instructions

Year 1
The Whole Class
For a fantastic first week back

Year 2
To be announced next week

Year 3
Luca Lawrence
For being very polite and well-behaved

Year 4
Scarlett Pickstone
For being an excellent role model

Year 5
Leah Jukes
For always using good manners

Year 6
Jayson Sandhu
For being sensible and polite

Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

Billy Hunter-Smith

For a big improvement in
his writing skills

PE Stars Of The Week



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

Nursery

Thiago Haynes

For listening well, following instructions and being excited to join in

Reception

Harrison Edmunds

For keeping the beat with the music

Year 1

Ava-Leigh Dean

For answering lots of questions in PE

Year 2

Nancee Southall

For her wonderful answers in PE

Year 3

Georgia Austin

For her kindness and inclusion of others in PE

Year 4

Max Fletcher

For being on task and ready to learn

Year 5

Reggie Downen

For his determination and readiness to support others

Year 6

Matthew Salmon-McCombs

For a super attitude and aptitude in PE



PHP's TT Rockstars

Our Maths Stars of The Week are as follows;

Year 2

Adam Bazoune

For great work at home

Year 3

Reevah Evenson

For earning the most coins

Year 4

Layla McCombs

For trying hard to improve her times tables

Year 5

Saad Syed

For his amazing times table recall

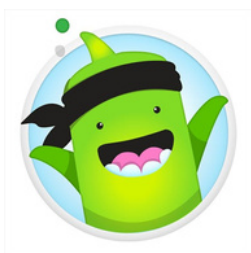
Year 6

Bella Joyce

For excellence in maths learning

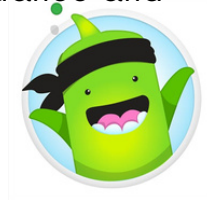
Diary Dates

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

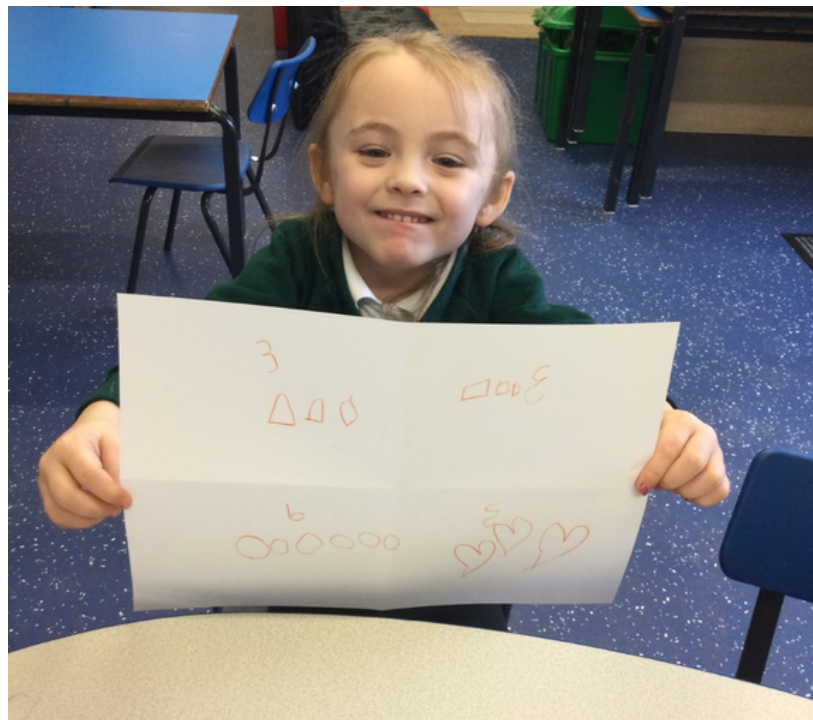
Please contact the office with new contact details if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. This is a legal requirement.

Samples of This Week's Work

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



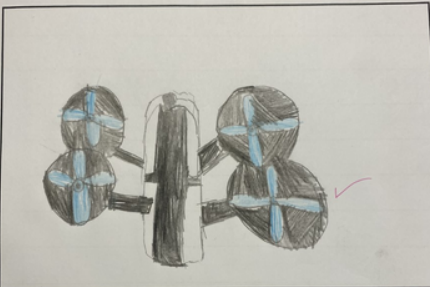
Nursery have been learning about snowmen this week. They've been practising using their fine motor skills by using funky fingers to pick up buttons and place them onto the snowman. The children were encouraged to use their thumb and forefinger to 'pinch' the buttons to move them. This is great exercise to prepare them to write with a pencil.



This week, Reception class have been learning about things being the odd one out. The children created their own games for a friend showing the odd one out. Here is Hope with her own game for her friend.

Wednesday 4th January
WALT describe our favourite toy

Draw a picture of your favourite toy and label it. Can you write a sentence to describe what your toy does and what it is made from?



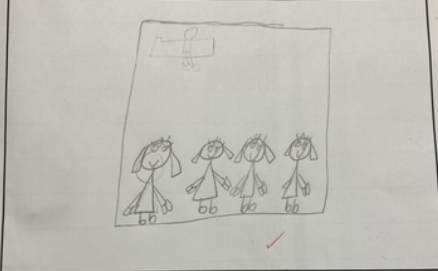
My favourite toy is A drone ✓

What does your toy do?
It can fly. It can flash colours.

What is your toy made from?
metal and plastic

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My favourite toy is princess puzzle

What does your toy do?
We have to build a castle.

What is your toy made from?
cardboard ✓

Year 1 have begun their new history topic about the history of toys. They've started by discussing their favourite toys currently and sharing them with their class - this is a great starting point before they begin to move back into older toys that families, great-grandparents and great, great-grandparents would have played with. Here is work from Sukhjapp and Seerat sharing their current favourite toys - a drone and a princess puzzle.



Artist Study

Name: Georges Seurat

Born: 2nd December 1859

Died: 29th March 1891

Nationality: French

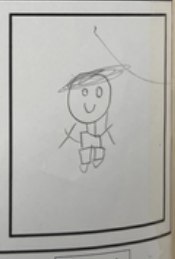
What have you learnt about the artist?

He was famous for Pointillism.

Georges had one brother and 1 sister.

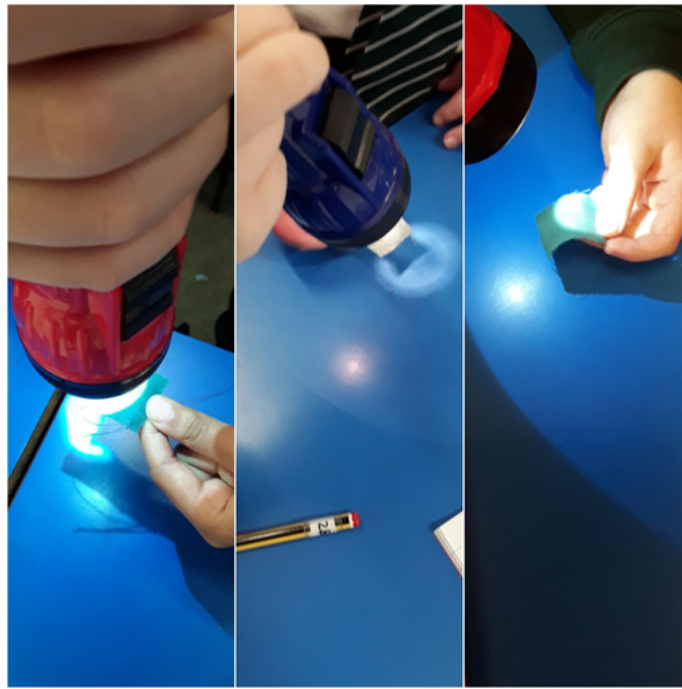
He lived in Paris, France.

A Sunday Afternoon

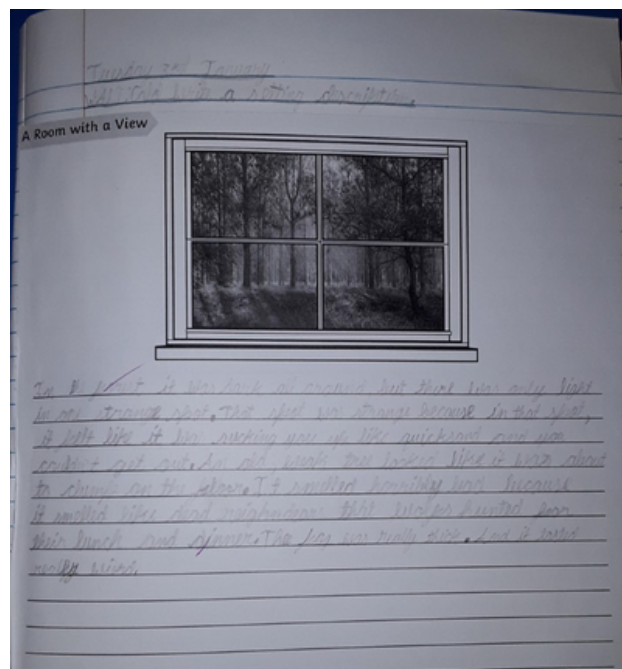


Artist

In Year 2, the children have begun their new Art unit of work (significant artists and their work - here is Avani's work on Georges Seurat. The children have researched his life and artistic style then applied it to their own work. This is a lovely example of Pointillism.



In Science Year 3 have been learning how shadows are formed. They investigated which material would be best for a blackout curtain. We used the vocabulary **opaque**, **translucent** and **transparent**. If your child is in Year 3, see if they can explain the words to you.



In Year 4, the children have been creating settings. Here is Kevin's early draft using description to create his setting.

Thursday, 5th January 2013

WAT to write a diary entry

Dear Diary,

While a day I have had
it was lovely walking down the road have
helping Mr. Ball, then the girls started giggling
and talking with their mouths full of their
Pumpkin Pudding. Later the beautiful sun set had come
out over the crops and fields. I was myself for
one as I looked at the ~~dark~~ beautiful stars sparkling
and gleaming.

Afterward, I had made it to the street the line
in but seeing all of a sudden, are neighbour Patricia
Parsley plan came out not to be rude. But she is
the most annoying and irritating person I have
met in the village. I had to put the friendly
face on. I was there for about thirty minutes.

Eventually, I got home. I opened the door and called
Mum. She didn't answer so I thought she was
asleep so I looked around the house for her. I
could not find her, I roamed around the house
panicking in fear.

In Year 5 the children have written early drafts of diary entries as the main character in their book - Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans. Here is work from Alice, Saad and Bailey writing as Elliott. They will be editing their work today to improve it further.

