



Inspire. Challenge. Learn

THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

It's been yet another busy week at school.

The children had water safety workshops on Monday, so if they've started talking to you about being careful around canals, ponds and lakes, you know why! I can't stress how important it is for the to understand how to be safe around water, particularly in light of other children's water accidents in the West Midlands in recent years.

Home visits have been taking place for new Nursery children joining us. I love it when new families or new children become part of our community. It's wonderful to see young people making new friends and growing in confidence.

Some of our Year 5 children have been to Queen Mary's Grammar School this week as they're interested in exploring future options for secondary school. They will shortly be visiting Queen Mary's High School to explore their provision for girls. If your children are in younger year groups, there will be future opportunities for them to visit grammar schools.

Attendance continues to be a high priority. Please ensure you contact the attendance account on Class Dojo or ring the school attendance line if your child is unwell. As soon as they're well again, please bring them back. This helps children socially as well as academically. We want them to excel in each area.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Kelly Vaughan

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

Attendance for This Week

Whole School Attendance

93.4%

Whole School Attendance from September

94.8%

Highest Attendance this Week

97.6%
Orange Class

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

Mobile Library Bus



The library bus visits school every Wednesday for children from Y1 to Y6 to select from a wider range of books than we have at school. This week it is the turn of **Y1** and **Y2**.

Any families who have children from Y1 - Y6 without a library card can get an application form from the school office

The library cards can be used in any Walsall library.

Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Tuesday 10th Feb – Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th Feb – Y5/6 Football at Sheffield
Friday 16th Feb - Children break up for half term
Monday 23rd Feb - Children return to school
Thursday 5th Mar – Class Photo Day
Friday 6th Mar – World Book Day (non-uniform and book swap)
Tuesday 10th Mar – Y4 Enginuity Trip
Wednesday 11th Mar – Y5/6 Girls Football
Friday 20th Mar – Annual reports sent home
Friday 20th Mar – Comic Relief (non-uniform)
Tuesday 24th Mar – Parents Evening (report discussions – in person) 16:00-18:00
Thursday 26th Mar - Parents Evening (report discussions – in person) 15:40-17:40
Friday 27th Mar - Children break up for the Easter break
Monday 13th Apr - Children return to school



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.



Walsall Family Hubs

Did you know about all of the activities, advice and information available to families who have children up to the age of 19? Have a look at some of the resources available through Walsall Council for children, young people and families using the link below.

If you feel we can share more information with you, please contact Mrs. Davis and she will speak to you confidentially to share the most appropriate resources.

[Walsall Family Hubs](#)

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.

P.E. Stars Of The Week



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

Nursery

Lada

For increased confidence in the hall

Reception

Ekam

For her amazing ball skills and teamwork

Year 1

Summer

For showing an amazing representation of what the sea looks like after a storm using dance movements

Year 2

Manav

For following instructions

Year 3

Kiaan

For his great tightrope walking for our carnival dance

Year 4

Emelia and Sofia

For creating an amazing dance routine combining seed dispersal and germination

Year 5

Nancy T

For her excellent dance routine

Year 6

Ida

For a great attitude to learning in PE

PHP's TT Rockstars and Maths Stars

Nursery

Myla

For fantastic shape knowledge

Reception

Kayden

For confidently using key vocabulary when comparing and representing numbers to 10

Year 1

Sarah

For showing knowledge of numbers that are greater than and less than

Year 2

Logan-Lee

For working hard with money

Year 3

Abhijot

For working really hard on his 4 times tables

Year 4

Sofia

For pushing herself to beat her time on Studio

Year 5

Dominic

For his persistence and determination when looking at short multiplication and division

Year 6

Sana

For a super effort and progress

Kindness Champion Awards

Our team of Kindness Champions have been out and about spotting acts of kindness

Cleo

For settling in to school really nicely and joining in with everyone

Hannah

For playing with all her friends and always being kind

Romero

For cheering a younger child up when they were upset



Stars of The Week Rainbow Writer

Our Stars of The Week are as follows;

Nursery
Cleo

For settling in really well to Nursery

Reception
Lila

For her wonderful contribution when we discussed what makes a good friend

Year 1
Bonnie

For following the classroom rules that make sure that she is safe in the classroom

Year 2
Lyla

For working hard in History to compare explorations

Year 3
Isla

For an impressive week this week, showing she is a hardworking and determined individual.

Year 4
Cairo, Finn and Gulraj

For being wonderfully kind and supportive friends

Year 5
Chhaya

For her positive attitude and always following the Golden Rules

Year 6
Harrison

For a super effort in class

Our Rainbow Writers for this week are as follows;

Nursery
Rehnaaz

For making marks for her name

Reception
Hope

For her much improved letter formation

Year 1
Warren

For showing progress in his writing and accepting the challenge of including and expanded noun phrase in his sentence

Year 2
Harper

For working hard on her handwriting

Year 3
Vihaan

For his super character comparison

Year 4
Joey

For his awesome focus when writing a setting description

Year 5
Mia

For her lovely presentation

Year 6
Harry

For an excellent poem on the subject of Edgar Allen Poe's 'The Raven.'

Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

Reception
Teddy

For being polite and kind to his friends

Year 1
Tegh

For following the golden rules

Year 2
Bella

For always following the golden rules

Year 3
Leif

For playing lovely with his friends

Year 4
Caitlin

For following the golden rules and using good manners

Year 5
Mikail

For always following the golden rules

Year 6
Alice

For being kind and helpful

Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

Honey

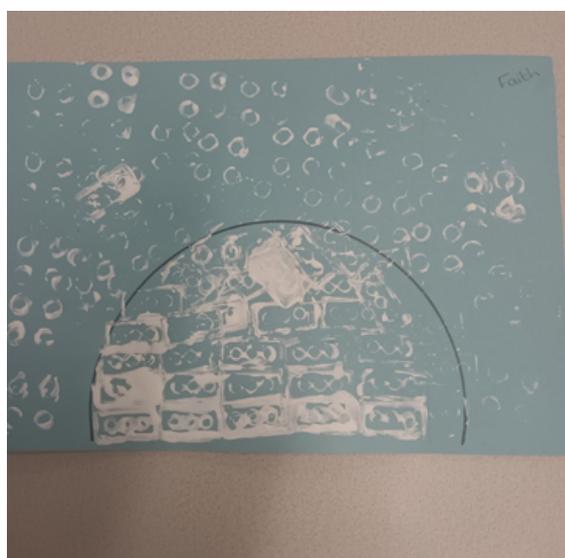
For excellent effort in class

Samples of This Week's Work

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



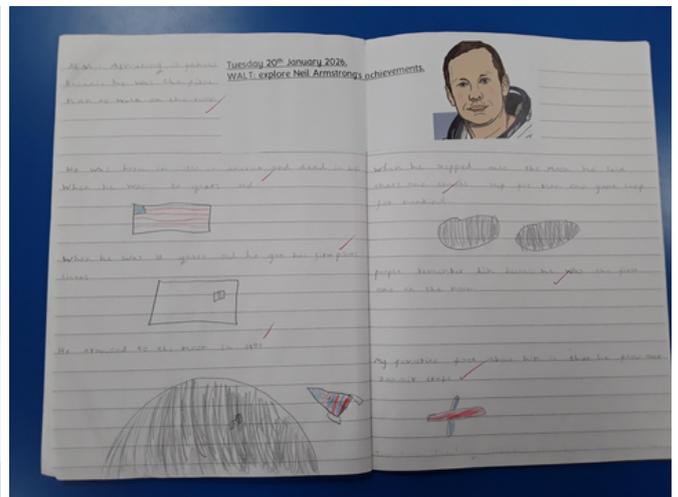
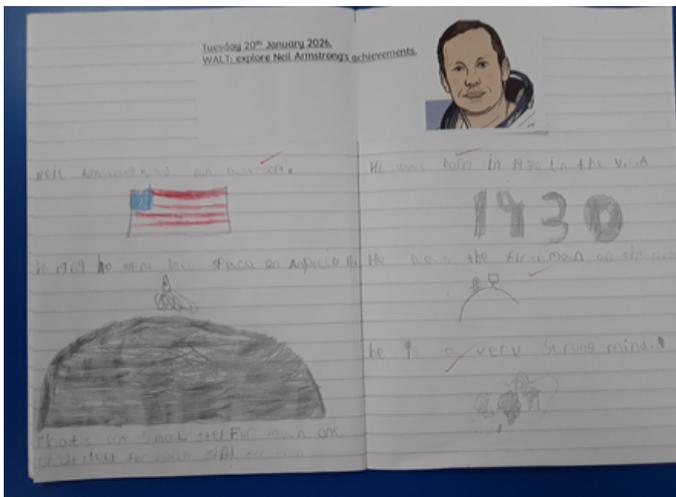
Our Nursery children exploring ice. They used different materials to try to melt the ice and really enjoyed painting large blocks of ice.



Our reception children have been printing igloos in line with our winter topic. They used Lego and Duplo blocks to print with.



Our Year 1 children have been making a lever mechanism in DT this week.



Our Year 2 children have been learning about Neil Armstrong this week and exploring his achievements.

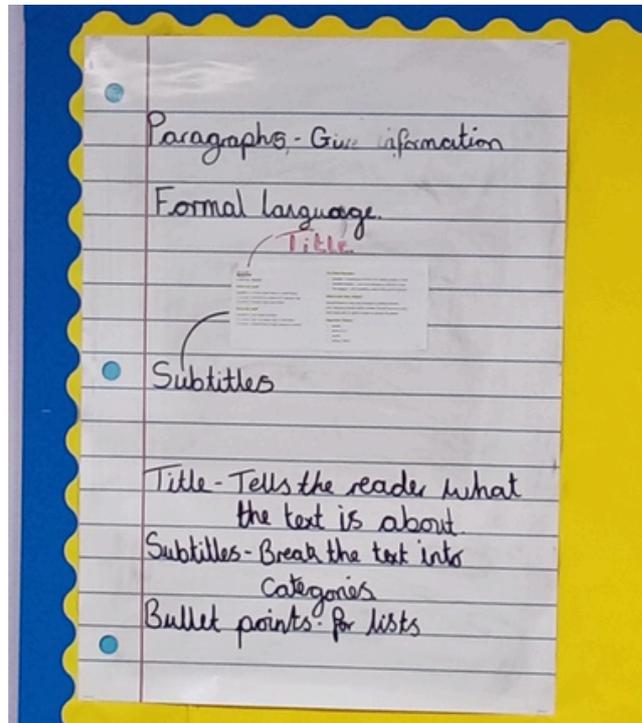


Our Year 3 children had so much fun pretending to be tight rope walkers as part of their carnival dance performance.

Electric circuit symbols	
Switch	Lamp/ Bulb
Motor	Cell/ Battery /DC Source
Closed	Open
Buzzer	
Challenge	Draw a labelled diagram to show your circuit.
Make a circuit that will make a buzzer buzz.	Buzzer Buzzer battery
Make a circuit that will make a motor spin.	Motor
Make a circuit that makes a bulb light up and a buzzer buzz at the same time.	Lamp/Bulb Lamp/Bulb
Make a circuit that makes 2 bulbs light up.	Lamp/Bulb Buzzer
Make a change to the circuit with 2 bulbs in to make the bulbs brighter.	Finn

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Our Year 4 children are exploring electricity in Science and have been looking at devices that can be mains and/or battery powered and this week they discussed electrical components. The children have created their first circuits that they are going to test out on week 19. Here is work from Finn and Gulraj.



Our Year 5 children have been identifying features of an information text.



Our Year 6 children have been using plasticine to practise their modelling skills, ready for making clay vases next week.