

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

This week it was the turn of Years 5 and 6 to have their live virtual lesson about democracy delivered by the Houses of Parliament Education Team. This hour-long session taught the children about democracy and how laws are made. It also taught the children about the roles of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The children all gained a lot of information from this session.

Every day this week, Year 5 have also had Bikeability. This course is very similar to the old cycling proficiency test that many of you may have had when you were at school. It improves children's cycling skills and encourages them to think about their safety. It also educates children about how to ride their bike on the roads. It's been great seeing so many of our children coming to school on their bikes this week. Hopefully this will continue after this week, as this is a great way to keep our children fit and healthy.

On Tuesday this week, we had a photographer in school. The photographer was here to take photos of 'our school in action' for our brand new school website which will be launching next half term. The school website address will not change and we will let you know when it goes live.

As coronavirus cases continue to rise across much of the UK, I would strongly suggest that parents/carers wear face masks when picking up and dropping off your children to school. This will help to reduce even further the chance of any infections being spread on our school grounds. I know some parents/carers already do this. You can however make this choice yourself and I respect your decision-making process with this. Please be mindful that some parents/carers are not able to wear facemasks due to medical conditions.

I was able to spend some more time in classes this week (wearing my face mask and keeping my distance from any children). I was fortunate to see some learning in 6A, 6T and 5TM. The behaviour and effort in these classrooms was wonderful to see. I was also impressed with the quality of learning that I saw in children's books. Well done to all of the children and staff in these classes.

This week, our brand new Colmers Cat and Camel were introduced to our children. These will be awarded to the classes in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 which have the best attendance this week.

As the days are starting to get shorter in terms of daylight, now is a good opportunity to start thinking about how you can make sure that your children can be easily seen, particularly by motorists, when they are outside of school.

BE SAFE BE SEEN.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams



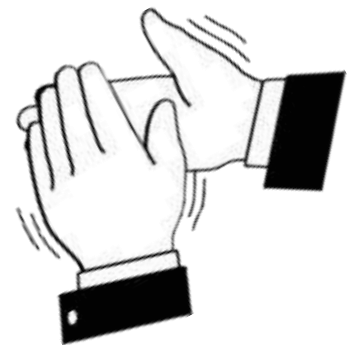


Our Tree of Achievement



**LOOK WHOSE LEAVES OF ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN HUNG ON
OUR TREE THIS WEEK**

Riley and Jaxon in Reception,
Alexander and Kaydi-Ann in Year 1, Lucia and Max in Year 2,
Phoebe and Alexander in Year 3, Salman and Tyler in Year 4,
Macie and Scarlett in Year 5 and
Abdulaziz and Amber in Year 6



HOT CHOCOLATE

Due to the Coronavirus, our Hot Chocolate Fridays can no longer take place with Mr Williams and the children in his office. We are pleased to say that children will be bringing a Hot Chocolate goodie bag home at the end of the day if they were lucky enough to be drawn out.



Kade in Reception, Tyla-Rose in Year 1, Zac and Tahmid in Year 2, Jacob in Year 3, Ethan in Year 4, Amy in Year 5 and Reegan in Year 6

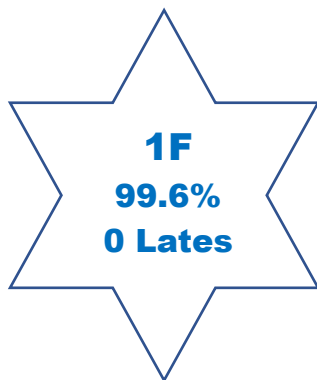
WELL DONE!

WHO WON THE 100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

The winning ticket this week was number **855** and the lucky girl to win the raffle is Mini in Year 1. I wonder what prize she will choose from our prize cabinet?



Our first winners of the Colmers' Cat and Colmers' Camel are:



Well Done for your great attendance and punctuality

DIARY DATES



Week commencing 19th October

Big Arts Week

Friday 23rd October

Break up from school

Monday 2nd November

School closed for teacher training day

Tuesday 3rd November

Back to school

Wednesday 4th November and

Thursday 5th November

Parents evenings (covid dependant)

Friday 20th November

Nurses in school for Flu Nasal Spray



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Dear Parent / Carer

Drop and collect Covid testing service

In order to help keep communities safe we're offering free, completely optional Coronavirus tests. Birmingham City Council staff and volunteers, supported by the RAF, will be visiting areas across the city. They drop off a test, tell you the details and come back within an hour.

You may already have noticed these teams, or you may see them out and about in coming days and weeks.

Please don't be concerned. They are here to help communities by making it easier for people to get tested. The teams will be wearing high-vis jackets, clearly labelled as being from the city council. If you have any doubts about who they are, ask for identification.

The RAF personnel have been really helpful in supporting this service. The city council simply doesn't have the capacity to provide all the people needed to run this service, so the RAF is providing extra people on the ground to help us. They are not here in their military capacity.

You can see more information about the service here:
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/news/article/701/drop_and_collect_covid-19_testing_service_introduced_in_birmingham

I know this is a really difficult time for everyone, but we are all working hard to keep communities safe. Together, we can get through this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Hamilton".

Councillor Paulette Hamilton
Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
Vice Chair LGA Community Wellbeing Board
Chair of Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board



COFFEE AFTERNOON

Lisa Walmsley from Communication Autism Team (CAT) will be joining us for an online coffee to provide parents with information surrounding feeding and toileting difficulties.

Date: Thursday 26th November

Time: 1.15 - 2.15pm

If you would like to join us please pass your email address onto Mrs Evans (SENCO) so you can be sent a Microsoft Teams invitation.

Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Young people, SENCOs / Teachers and Practitioners,

As you may be aware Birmingham City Council (BCC) are currently developing their new BCC Local Offer website which is due to be launched on 30th November 2020. They have been working with parents along the way to get invaluable input. Now we would like other stakeholders to visit the new site and offer feedback. The Local Offer website is designed to be that 'one stop shop' that families can visit to find out what provision is available in their local area, how to get advice, support, things explained and a lot more!

The website is still very much under construction so you will find that some sections will not have any content. We want Birmingham's Local Offer website to be the best that it can be for all who use it and BCC understand that to achieve this goal they will need your help! All feedback is welcome.

Please visit the website at www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Please email Alice Okuyiga at Alice.Okuyiga@Birmingham.gov.uk with your feedback / comments.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

**APPLY ONLINE FOR YOUR CHILD TO START RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2021
CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2021**

VISIT: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the applications is submitted.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please contact a member on Children's Services on 0121 303 188 where staff will be pleased to offer assistance.