## Message from Miss Young and Mrs. Perry -

We hope you had a super, restful week, and that you are excited to be back at school and eager to find out what new topics we will all be learning about in the next 6 weeks.

The last week of last half term was really busy.

Thank you to Mr Sahed for delivering our internet safety workshop to the parents – thank you if you were able to come and share your time with us. We really appreciate your support.

We were lucky to welcome Becky from Dogs Trust to visit some of the classes and talk about how to be safe around dogs. She loved meeting our children and sent a certificate and a thank you message, which you can read later on in this news letter.

Year 1 and YR enjoyed a visit to St. Mary's – a huge thank you to Rachel, as always, for giving the children a detailed tour of the church and having such detailed discussions with them. The children always come back eager to share what they have learnt.

Thank you to Miss Stent for accompanying some of our Y5 and 6 girls to a gymnastics festival at Bishop Challoner School.

Another 'Thank you' goes to Miss Smart and Mrs. Morrison for taking a few of the Y6 girls to Camp Hill Girls School to watch a performance of 'Songs from the Shows', a mash up of singing and performances from some well known shows – the girls and teachers said it was amazing and that the girls performing had lots of talent.

On Thursday, our KS2 children enjoyed an afternoon of hockey. All the children worked well in their teams and showed great sportsmanship and Moseley values. Well done to all the children who took part. Look out for a few photos from the afternoon – although everyone was so busy taking part the time went really quickly.

On Friday, we were all so happy to take part in our 'End of Half Term Disco' – all proceeds were shared between the PTA and the Midlands Air Ambulance and all the children had such a good time – A huge thank you to Gemma and the PTA for putting on the disco and making it such an enjoyable event for all the children. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to set up the hall, run the face painting and tattoo stalls, ensure there were super tunes playing throughout, and then help with the clean up at the end.

## YR News

#### **Family Friday**

We were very excited to welcome our families for the second of the Family Friday sessions of the term. This time we focussed on maths skills and played lots of different number games.





#### St Mary's

During our RE learning this half term, we have been finding out why people go to church. This week we went to St Mary's Church, where Rachel showed us around the church and explained lots of different reasons that people go to church. She explained that people go to church to learn, to pray, and to worship and that all are welcome.











In maths, this week, we have been focussing on talking about and comparing height and length. To explore this, we measured the length of tails and the height of animals. We

also enjoyed building tall towers.











We were very lucky to have a visit from the Dogs Trust this week. We learnt about the correct and safe way to approach a dog and how to ask its owner if we may pet the dog. We also learnt about how to protect ourselves if we meet an angry or anxious dog.



## Year 1 News



It's been another busy in week in Year 1! In Science, the children learned that amphibians live both on land and in water. They enjoyed creating pond habitats with features such as rocks, logs, and moss to represent both environments.

In our writing lessons, the children have been learning about tigers, discussing key vocabulary and fascinating facts, as they prepare to write an information text all about them.





We also visited St Mary's Church, where Rachel guided us through the various parts of the Church and explained the Christian beliefs about Jesus represented there. The stained glass windows particularly captivated us as we recognised the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The children loved pressing the button for the bell, learning that the bells signify there is about to be a service.

To end the week, we had a super time dancing and having fun at the 'Wear it Red Disco'!

This week, we are celebrating Alice K for her consistently helpful and kind attitude towards others.

Our Writers of the Week are Aksel and Nola for their excellent stories about Jack and the Beanstalk!

## Y2 News

#### English:

This week, we read and understood the layout of a poem about travel. Writing our very own poem was great fun!!





#### Maths:

This week, we made connections between repeated addition and multiplication. In small steps, we started to make this connection by recognising equal groups. Now we can recognise both equal and unequal groups and explain the reasons for our decisions and thoughts.

#### Science:

This week, we have been learning about the animals and plants that live in the desert. We enjoyed exploring animals and plants that survive in the desert and we compared the differences between polar and desert animals. We identified and created lists of animals and plants that are able to survive in these extreme conditions. We know now that the desert temperatures can become extremely hot in the Summer and only certain animals and plants can survive there.



### D.T.



In D.T., we have worked hard to assemble and decorate a moving monster.





Writer of the Week: Theo

Star of the week is: Sienna

We were privileged to have Becky from The Dog's Trust who shared informative and fun facts about dogs and how to be their "best friend".



The children used facial expressions and emotions to show how they thought the dogs may feel and respond in given situations.



We discovered things both dogs and humans enjoy, like playing, and then some things only humans like, for example hugs and kisses. We learnt about what is a best friend and how to be the dogs' best friend. It was interesting to talk about their needs. We found out that when dogs are busy eating their food, they don't like to be disturbed and that we have to wait till they come to us.



## Safer Internet Day

Protecting yourself and others from scams online. We celebrated Safer Internet Day which is celebrated to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for us.





We talked about the trusted adults who can help and support us with problems online. We made a list of trusted adult we could go to in different situations...

We discussed how adults can help us with online worries, as well as problems off line.



We discussed how it might feel to be scammed online. We read a story and talked about the character's feelings and experience.

Then we used emotion cards to talk about and understand each emotion, discussing how the main character might have been feeling. We talked about negative emotions, such as when we are 'confused' or 'scared', discussing what we think we could do if we were in the same situation.







## Year 3 News

This week, in DT, we finished designing our preumatic toys. We used balloons and a pump to make our toys move.









This week in Year 3, we are celebrating Logan for making sure everyone who is taking part in games, during lunchtime, feels included! This week, we had Safer Internet Day. We learnt what a scam looks like and what phishing is. We discussed different scenarios and identified which message was a scam and which one was not.

#### Writers of the week:

This week our writers of the week are:

Peter & Ines

Writing a fantastic biographical recountl

## Year 6 News





In PE, Year 6 have been creating routines in groups. Their routines have been based on 'West Side Story', the story about rivalry between two teenage street gangs. They had to consider what actions and gestures would show disagreement or establish their identity in the gang.

In Computing, Year 6 were inputting data into an excel spreadsheet about ride times at a theme park. They then had to create charts that would help them to decide which rides would be best to use a fast track pass on.











This week, our shining star is Arisha for persevering in maths to practise her tables.



Our writers of the week are Musa, for making a big effort with his presentation, and Burhan for carefully proof reading.



Remember, if you would like to share any good news and achievements, send the details, with a photo if possible, to the enquiry email and mark it 'for the attention of Mrs Perry'. <sup>(C)</sup>



Sophie K has had a brilliant month of swimming achievements.

Sophie qualified to swim in six races at the Warwickshire County Championships earning herself a 4th and an 8th place ribbon as well as two new PB's.

She also earned 4 gold medals and two silvers at the Camp Hill Club Champs, making her the 11-12 Top Girl.



Well done Sophie – super achievements in the pool





Sophie has also had super swimming achievements with her friends as well

Sophie K, Katie T and Mathilda S all had their awards ceremony for the Camp Hill Club Champs.

This was Katie and Mathilda's first swim meet and they were amazing!

All girls showed great determination and speed.

Well done girls – keep up your super talents and keep making us proud.



Another shout out goes to some of our Year 2 rugby players – sunshine, a large field and the extra bonus of some mud – what more could they need?

Shout out to Arthur, Finn and Theo (Year 2) who won their 10th game in a row for Kings Heath Panthers on Sunday.

They really are a superb team who work so hard to get the results and have a fantastic time whilst doing so. Good job boys!

Keep up the good work boys – it's all about the teamwork ☺

A huge skiing shout out now for Barney and Clara, along with Finn and Rex Fage, and Thomas and Benjamin Dunlop, who achieved their skiing medals over half term.

Barney, Clara, Finn, Rex and Benjamin all achieved their 1 or 2 stage medals, and an extra special well done to Thomas who was awarded the Bronze stage medal at the end of the week.







## And more 'Shout Outs go to ...

Congratulations to Eva (Y5) who was selected for her creative poem to be published in the 'Wonder verse Young Writers' Anthology'. Her creative poem is amazing, and a must read.

We are all very proud of her achievement!





Amazing work from Dexter (Y5) for his Autumn Cup win with Kings Heath Sports FC (U10s).

They were able to secure the win after a tense penalty shoot out!



Noah (Y5) has been developing his coding skills and has developed his first BETA game on Unity! Check it out by scanning the code below. Remember, its just a test game for now, but look out for developments soon.

A few photos from the KS2 Hockey Tournament in the last week of half term...

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Information about <u>World Book Day</u>, for those of us who are trying to organise diaries and busy lives!

As a school, Moseley CE will celebrate World Book Day on <u>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</u> – as we did last year. You should have received a School Spider message about this.

We are very excited, as our PTA Chair – Gemma – has worked really hard to secure an author to come to our school for the day on Weds 5<sup>th</sup> March. The lady is a local author called Cat Weatherill - more details about her books are on the following page, and, if you would like to pre order any of her books, she will happily sign them for you.

THIS YEAR, WE WILL NOT BE DRESSING UP AS FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTERS OR WEARING FANCY DRESS CLOTHES.

#### INSTEAD, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DESIGN AND/OR DECORATE A SPOON BOOK CHARACTER— yes a spoon!

This could be any spoon, large or small – ie, it could be a medium sized plastic spoon – it is an optional activity, but we know we are going to get some fantastic ideas from you all.

If you don't have a spare spoon – or you don't want to dress up a spoon, you could do a detailed design on a piece of paper – we will have copies of the blank spoon in each class for children to take if they want. The design can be labelled with the materials you would use and what each part is and why.

There are lots of other activities that children can do to celebrate World Book Day -Design a book cover, draw a favourite character, design a new book character, write a book review, write the next chapter of your favourite story, write a character description about a favourite character or a new character of your choice etc...

\*\*Remember – there are no wrong answers – it is all optional and what ever you want to do to celebrate your love of books is welcomed – fiction or non fiction, poetry or biographies – there will be a chance to discuss what you have done with your friends in class.

\*\*Just make sure that whatever you bring is clearly named – especially books

Dogs Trust came to visit some of the classes last half term – Becky sent a message to say how much she enjoyed meeting our children and talking to them about dog safety.



"Thank you for inviting me to visit your school, Moseley Church of England Primary School on 11<sup>th</sup> February. I would like to say a special thank you to all the pupils and teachers, as they made me feel very welcome. Your booking has contributed towards our aim of encouraging and motivating children to behave safely around dogs." From Becky © Read below for all the information you need to know about a new art competition that you can enter. If you want any more information, find Miss Smart at lunchtimes and ask her more about it -



Have fun and keep your kids busy creating mythical creatures for this national drawing competition.

From goblins and giants to unicorns and fairies, your children are invited to pick up their pencils, activate their imaginations and have some creative fun.

Drawings will feature in a special **Mythical Madness** book series showcasing artwork from across the country, alongside cool fact pages where they will learn about all things mythical! Plus, our favourite drawing from each book will be chosen to feature as the front cover!

Mythical Madness is free to enter, so get your club involved in this exciting activity today.

## How To Enter

Ask your children to draw on an entry form.

If you need any more forms, you can request as many as you need from **www.youngartists.co.uk** or by calling us on **'01733 898109** and we'll send them to you free of charge. (Forms can be photocopied too!)

Send your pictures to us with your club's completed entry form using the FREEPOST sticker enclosed:

FREEPOST RSLY-AUJA-RAHY Young Artists ASC Remus House Peterborough PE2 9BF

Or email scans to info@youngartists.co.uk

Or upload entries at www.youngartists.co.uk/new-uploader

## Prizes For Clubs

The club that sends in the best set of drawings will win an amazing £1,000!

10 x runners-up will each receive an animal adoption package for.their clubs £1,000 for best set of drawings!

**PLUS** Clubs will receive a complimentary copy of the book their children's work features in!

## Prizes For Children

The best Mythical Madness drawing in each book will become the book's title and front cover. The artist will receive a goody bag full of creative supplies!

**PLUS** A sticker for every entrant. Children selected for publication also receive a certificate!



Ideas that you could draw ....

Drawing Competition for 4-12 Year-Olds

Elves, fairies,

# Playful pixies,

A flaming

Witches on broomsticks,





## Can you create?

Fun, creative activity for your club! Your club's drawings could be showcased in a cool book! Win £1,000 for your club!

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If you are interested in supporting your child with their mental health through reading, there is as article in the Book Trust monthly magazine, all about books that are suitable for starting conversations with your children ...

#### **Mental Health**

If you are looking for books relevant to any aspect of mental health or emotional literacy, this site offers a wealth of reviews - and this page is a great place to start.

This is your signpost to a growing range of booklists and articles covering themes like mindfulness, kindness, exploring feelings and accommodating change. With book recommendations from children's book experts and well-being specialists, our lists offer plenty of ideas for books to support the development of young healthy minds. We can also help you find titles relevant to specific mental health conditions, challenging situations and various life events. Many of the books have broad themes in which mental health is simply incidental.

"Books can play a powerful role in supporting children as they navigate their way through difficult experiences and challenging times. Children can find stories that gently suggest ways for coping with shyness or anxiety, and books that offer valuable messages of hope or understanding during a significant life change or a family illness. Books can also help them understand the experiences and emotions of others, and so develop their empathy and kindness."

#### Alexandra Strick, BookTrust Consultant

#### Books and well-being

Our well-being is everything. Internally as well as externally. So supporting emotional literacy in young children is really important, to equip them with the necessary understanding of their inner world, as well as the outer one.

#### Safely exploring the world

Books provide a way to explore emotional landscapes and a forum to externalise sensitive issues. Through the realms of stories, children can enter other worlds, where they can explore uncomfortable emotions or challenging experiences at a safe distance. This can help them normalise their feelings, see their reality reflected and know that they are not alone.

#### **Discussing and reassuring**

Young children will not yet have developed the skill of articulating how they feel about something or managing emotions like anger, frustration, sadness or loss. Books can help them find ways to understand and express these feelings, as well as helping provide all-important reassurance.

Best of all, of course, the very act of reading or sharing a book together can provide a source of happiness and comfort.



Supporting a healthy mind We've put together a selection of picture books that



Book to support mental health awareness for ages 8 and over



Kindness, compassion and empathy: picture books



Books about feelings

Picture books can be a great way to get children to



Books to make you feel happy Books are a great way to give yourself an instant



Books about grief and loss for 5 to 8 year olds



Books to help your child feel more calm and mindful



Picture books to help you talk about tough topics



A matter of life and death It can often be difficult to discuss death and

For more information, and a much wider book list, please see the Book Trust website -

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading

This will give you more topics and book titles to investigate

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookmark-disability-and-books/

This will give you the mental health link and the related book ideas

Read below for an exciting opportunity for any of our budding bakers to show off their creative, baking talents ...

Unfortunately, you have to be aged between 9 – 12 years old to enter



My name is Ollie, I'm an Assistant Producer at Love Productions; the production company behind **The Great British Bake Off**, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 11<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

\*\*Bakers must be aged between 9 - 12 years old\*\*

Filming would take place from July 2025, but our **applications close on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**.

Interested bakers can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

See the information below for information about an Easter Holiday Club



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