

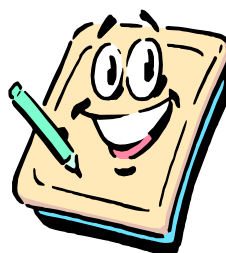
# NEWSLETTER



## Merit Assembly - Tuesday 17th December 2019

This term's merit assembly took place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and once again gave the teacher's a difficult task as so many children work hard in school. The following children were presented with certificates for their academic, sporting or social achievements.

Nursery	Aniyah Barkley Sidney	Y5J/B	Nicola Zarah WA
ReceptionAC	Sahar	Y6L	Millie Edgar
Reception L	James W	Y6B	Isabelle S Ameerah H
Y1W	Alannah Rohan C	Piano Mrs Charnley Mrs Hall	Isabel P.E. Eesha Darcey
Y1E	Haashir Ismaeel		
Y2J/D	Freddie F Alexander A	Mr Griffin	Shashank Freya R
Y2R	Ellora Yunzhe	French	Ramanika Lana Keira C Edgar
Y3F	Sumayah A Finlay		
Y3R	Aryan S Shakti Suresh	Mr Gingell	Jaya S Joshua H Anna L Darcey
Y4F/H	Lana S Josh H		
Y4W/H	Zara S Isabelle W	Mrs Hodgetts	Yahya Aahil Adyan N Isabel P.E.
Y5S/A	Gabriella Ayan D		



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A bumper newsletter is presented below for you, covering events from September through to December. We will revert back to half-termly newsletters next term and of course our website and twitter feeds give you an insight into weekly news at the school.

We welcomed staff back into school a day before the children to finalise curriculum planning.

### **September - October**

#### **Staffing**

Children were welcomed back to class and the following staffing changes had been made. Mrs Hawkes (Y4) had unfortunately sustained an accident in the holidays which meant her class was now to be taken for the foreseeable future by Mrs D Langslow, Y4 staff, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Bromfield. The class and staff quickly settled into a routine and both classes were able to enjoy the same quality curriculum.

#### **School Fete**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, the sun shone once again on our Summer Fete. Organised by the PA, under the eye of Mrs Bou-Harb, the event saw children and parents enjoying stalls, tombola, a raffle, giant inflatables and refreshments. The event was well attended and great fun! Thank you to all who helped organise and those who attended.

#### **School Charity Cheque Presentation**

Following a performance last school year by the Choir and Recorder Group, the school was asked to perform at an Awards Ceremony for the Buddy Bag Foundation. We were able to present the cheque for over £250 raised at the event last year and the Recorder Group entertained the guests from local businesses.

Details of this fantastic charity can be found at [www.buddybagfoundation.co.uk](http://www.buddybagfoundation.co.uk)  
The children loved the experience, especially meeting a beauty queen who seemed 'just like a princess'! Thank you to Mrs White for her hard work and to parents for supporting us.

#### **European Day of Languages**

Our annual recognition of the importance of language began with a whole school assembly by Mrs Acton, our Junior School French teacher. Classes completed language themed lessons during the day and dressed up in the colours of European flags.

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## Around school

The Nursery children have been using a variety of technology to aid their learning. The Nursery children have enjoyed dressing as elves and wrapping presents in Santa's Workshop.

Reception have been learning about Autumn and sharing lots of lovely seasonal stories. We have talked about the changes in weather and how it effects the environment we live in. Through the story 'Don't Hodge the Hedge' we have learnt about hibernation and how animals prepare themselves for the 'big sleep'. In maths we have explored measure, time and money through lots of practical activities and role play.

### Year 1 - Splendid skies topic:

Year 1 have been planning and carrying out an investigation to discover the best material for Teddy's umbrella. We tested materials to see if they were waterproof and thought about which properties they would need.

### Year 2

In Literacy over the last term we have been exploring different text types. We focused our attention on Autumn and wrote some fantastic non-chronological reports using research we collated ourselves. We gathered our information using different research methods such as; reading E-books, searching for information on the internet and reading reports. Recently we have retold the story of The Nutcracker using descriptive language and interesting sentence openers. Year 2 have loved this part of Literacy and all the magic that comes with it. We've used word problems to challenge us into problem solving in different ways and begun to understand the language that is used.

This half term Year 3 have enjoyed our science topic about metals and forces. They conducted experiments to discover how friction and gravitational forces effected the distance that a toy car travelled.

Several children were able to participate in the Bikeability course and were all rewarded with a certificate.

Year 4 have had a great term learning about Traders and Raiders. Highlights included the Anglo-Saxon workshop when we made shields and swords and our Viking trading game in the hall, to which we were pleased to welcome so many parents. This was followed in the afternoon by a role play when we held our own Viking court, which was a criminal justice system to settle disputes and decide punishments. The children have really engaged with this topic and can be very proud of their topic books.

Alongside this, our Science topic has been solids, liquids and gases. This has included investigations on melting, solidifying, evaporation and condensation. In October we went to the Think Tank to visit their Cauldron Chemistry workshop.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Hawkes back and we hope she has recovered from her broken arm. It is great to have Mrs Rowley-Field join us in Year 4 too, having returned from maternity leave, who is now sharing the class with Mrs Hawkes. A huge thanks to Mrs Langslow and Mrs Bromfield who have taught the class for most of this term. Alongside Mrs White and Mrs Hodgetts, this has enabled all of Year 4 to have a consistent and enriched curriculum.

The first topic next term is Playlist, in which we will learn a lot more about music and, in Science, how sounds are made. We hope the children will enjoy this as much as the teachers do!

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## Y5 Visit to Harvington Hall

Year 5 very much enjoyed their trip to Harvington Hall and packed in lots of activities. They had the opportunity to dress up and perform a Tudor dance as well as squeezing into one of the many priest hides and imagining how terrifying it would have been to be a priest in the Tudor times. They also got to see the jobs the staff of a Tudor manor house would have performed in the kitchens including lighting a roaring fire and fetching the water out of the well. A fabulous day was had by all and the children were a credit to the school.



The best thing at Harvington Hall was when we pretended to be poor and rich. It was a good experience.  
- Gabriella O

The best thing about Harvington Hall was the priest hideouts,. They were so well hidden. - Ayan



My favourite thing at Harvington Hall was when we pretended to be slaves and work in the kitchen. I can't believe that people had to spend hours making one loaf of bread - Shruti

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### **Y6 - Whitemoor Lakes**

On the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 pupils went off to Whitemoor Lakes near Alrewas for action packed sessions of, amongst other things, canoeing, abseiling, archery and problem solving. The children had a great time and showed real support for one another displaying our Shrubbery values.

The trip reinforced the Curriculum topic 'ID- Identity' where children discover about themselves and their environment. Thank you to Mrs Hodgetts, Mrs Boughton, Mrs Lees and Mrs Duckworth for helping make the trip happen.

### **Book Fair**

The event gave parents and children an opportunity to look at books together and just over £300 was raised for the school libraries. Thank you the mothers of Jaydon in Year 3 and Tess in Year 6 for very kindly helping.

### **Year 3 Caveman Visit!**

As part of the curriculum topic 'Tribal Tales', Year 3 were visited by a real (?) caveman. He treated the children to an action packed day where they were immersed in a caveman's way of life. They discovered how cave men hunted, spent their days and made tools. The caveman even had lunch with the children and found them to be really informed and polite. Well done Year 3.

### **National Poetry Day**

Teachers used poetry as a literature focus in lessons in the week of Poetry Day and we celebrated the wonder of poetry with an assembly where children from Year 6 shared original poetry and a recitation.

### **Money Sense Workshops**

Staff in Year 2 and Year 3 held 'money sense' workshops for each year group. They were joined by volunteers from RSB and Nat West. The children looked at the way we use money and how we can save.



### **Parents Evenings and Nursery Open Mornings**

The week before half-term, the school held Parents' Evenings and Nursery Open mornings for existing parents. These were very well attended and parents were able to see the progress children were already making.

### **Gardening Club**

Tayesha, Isobel and Hannah raised money at our Summer Fete for our Gardening Club. They are busy planting raspberry canes with Edgar under the eye of Mr Wilkins



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## Flu Vaccinations



Children from Reception up to Year 6, with parental consent, received vaccinations for influenza via a nasal spray. Please visit: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/806857/PHE Protecting Child Against Flu leaflet.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/806857/PHE_Protecting_Child_Against_Flu_leaflet.pdf) if your child has not received the vaccination.

## **Year 4 Workshop for Parents and Children**

Year 4 parents were invited to join their children for a morning workshop where we combined the creative curriculum and maths problem solving. Parents and children worked as teams buying and selling Viking treasures and commodities. The activity kept everyone engrossed and gave parents an insight into cross curricular topics and how important team work is for the children. Rob from our kitchen supplied cake and coffee and several parents topped up supplies!

Thank you for your support, Year 4 parents and to Mrs Hodgetts, Mrs White and Mrs Langslow for their organisation.

## **Junior Parents Talk**

Dr Field, one of our Year 5 parents gave a thought provoking presentation for Junior Parents entitled 'Building Resilience in the Junior School and Beyond'. Using her experience both as a clinical psychologist and a mother of three she put forward very sensible suggestions for discussion about why children can become anxious and less resilient. The talk received excellent feedback and it would be of value to every parent.

## **Primary Mathematics Challenge**

Year 5 and Year 6 entered the annual national Primary Mathematics Challenge in November. Every entrant received a certificate and the highest scorers received in-school Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. Certificates were awarded to:



Gold: Joshua T, Ruby, Jaya, Uzair, Harley

Silver : Hermione, Abhinav

Bronze: Millie, Rohan, Cody, Lewis, Zaynah

**Well Done!**

6500 children took the challenge this year. Children scoring over 21/25 in the initial challenge are invited to take a final round paper in February 2020.

We are very proud that five of our pupils will take this final paper.

Good luck to Ruby, Joshua, Jaya, Uzair and Harley!





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## Winter Fete

Our Winter Fete was really well attended with a variety of activities for the children to enjoy. Santa himself was in attendance of course. Refreshments were enjoyed in the School Hall



Well done to Mrs White's Year 4 and Year 5 recorder groups. All children worked so hard to practise and perform an array of Christmas carols in front of an amazing audience at the Christmas Fair. Many thanks for all of the support and encouragement given from the Shrubbery parents this year with our recorder groups - It is very much appreciated!



## Year 6 Trip to The Black Country Museum

As part of their curriculum topic 'Revolution' about the Industrial Revolution and the Victorian era, Year 6 visited the Black Country living museum to look at what life was like at the time, how artefacts were used in real life and the housing and industry of the time.



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## Children in Need

We raised money for Children in Need this year by dressing in our own clothes but you had to wear a hat of some kind! We had a competition to design a hat for Pudsey and Blush, story competitions for children and adults and were able to buy cute delicious Pudsey biscuits from the school kitchen, created by Mandy.



### Children in Need Competition Results

#### 'Design a Pudsey'

Winners - Holly Y5, Sophia Y4, Aryan Y3, Anjali Y3, Paynton Y2, Savan Y2, Sahar Rec, Ayla Nursery.

#### Children's Story Competition

Winners - Eesha Y2, Arya Y2, Anika Y2.

We also held an adults writing competition and the winners were Sivakumar Raju (Vibha Y2) Mrs Ryan (Cole Y4), Mr Phelps (Lily Y6 and Hattie Y2), Mrs Saima Hussain (Ameerah Y6). Thank you for your stories and poems, it is good to see the adults joining in.

Thank you for the donations which totalled £650 for this charity helping children with needs all over the UK.

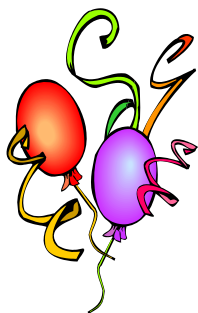
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## Productions

There were productions for each section of the school with Nursery parents enjoying our youngest pupils perform 'the Bossy King'. The children gave a very enthusiastic rendition and parents were left with memories to treasure. Thank you to parents for practising with children at home.



Infant parents were entertained by a moving performance of 'It's a party'. It was good to see all our children involved in bringing the Christmas story to life with humour and enthusiasm. Once again thank you to parents for hearing the songs and words at home and for your help with costumes.

### The Junior School

Year 5 once again took centre stage supported by performances from the rest of the Junior School with a production of 'Stargazers'.

Every child in the Juniors contributes to the performance and we are grateful that parents returned their children for the productions on Tuesday and Wednesday evening even when they did not have tickets themselves.

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## The Shrubbery Visit The Pantomime!

For the first time the entire school visited the pantomime at the same time! We all went off to The Lichfield Garrick to see 'Cinderella' and it proved to be an excellent end to the term. Mr Griffin was star of the show!





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## Sports News

### Cross Country Team - Year 4 to 6

We have participated in 2 cross county races so far, one at Bishop Walsh and the other at Bishop Vesey. The team have shown fantastic commitment so with all runners finishing in the top 75 each race.



### Football Team - Year 5 & 6

Our football team have started the season in incredible form and have won both league games defeating the previous champions Penns 2-0. They were very unlucky in the SCPSFA Cup in which they were knocked out on penalties by Hill West.

### Dodgeball Team - Year 3 & 4

Our Dodgeball team were a credit to the school, they competed with passion and respect for all of their opponents. They were unfortunate to not quite qualify for the semi-finals. `

### Tag Rugby - Year 5&6

The Tag Rugby Festival was rained off in the middle of the teams second games. They had started the competition with two excellent wins. The rearranged tournament will most likely be after the February Half Term.

### Change 4 Life Festival - Year 5&6

The Change For Life festival is a fantastic event in which young leaders from Bishop Vesey design fun games and challenges and then deliver them to the children. This year the children participated in 10 different stations developing skills such as agility, balance and coordination.



### Sports Hall Athletics - Year 5&6

The team competed with excellent determination and desire throughout. The boys finished 2<sup>nd</sup> receiving Silver medals and the girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> winning Bronze medals. Over all the combined teams finished runners up to the Champions Mere Green.

### Multi Skills - Year 3&4

The Multi Skills Festival is an event that develops from a personal challenge competition in school to a inter school competition with the Wilson Stuart Active Society. This year the children participated in ten different stations developing skills such as agility, balance and coordination.

### Bikeability - Year 3&4

We had twenty children take part in their Bikeability Level 1 this year. This is a practical assessment of the children's cycling skills which prepared them for the Bikeability Level 2 in which they can take in Year 6.

### Balance Bike Training Reception

We were very fortunate this year to have been allocated funding for our Reception children to participate in Balance Bike Training. The children seemed to really enjoy the experience and developed some key balance skills which should hopefully help them to ride a bike with greater control and safety.

**Competition Participation** - Overall this term we have had over sixty children participate in sports competitions.

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### **Music Success**

Congratulations to Oliver, Y4, who achieved 97% in his recent piano exam. As one of the highest scorers in his category, he was invited to play at a Presentation Concert. He received a special certificate from one of the examiners.



**Well Done Oliver!**

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### **The Shrubbery School Digital Leaders**

Children applied to Mr Gingell to be Digital Leaders around school. Their role will be to help staff and promote safety. The following children were the successful applicants:-

Eesha, Nicholas, Savan, Ila, Darcey and Ila (Year 2)  
Nuha and Alfie (Year 5)  
Edgar and Jeevan (Year 6)

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### **Book Club**

Mrs Lees has also been running a Book Club for chosen members in Year 6. They have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. The children's attendance and commitment to the group has been brilliant and supportive to one another. Mrs Lees will be continuing with this group after Christmas, the book chosen is Good Night Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. The children have chosen this from a list of recommended reads for their age group.



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## School Uniform

School uniform standards are something we are keen to maintain. We ask that parents keep their children in school uniform outside school on the journey to and from school (rather than removing ties etc) so that the children are smart.

### GIRLS

Infant girls should be wearing a plain school shirt with a school tie. Junior school girls wear a plain shirt and tie or an open reverse collared blouse.

A long sleeved version of this can be worn.



We don't have frills, round collars or full sleeves as part of our uniform. Shirts are readily available from all main retailers. If girls wear tights they should be navy or royal blue and shoes should not be the ballet pump style.

Infant girls must wear hats.

### BOYS

Please ensure boys wear school shoes rather than trainers.

Infant boys must wear a cap to school.

### COATS

Please ensure coats are clearly named at the back of the collar and on the name tag in the pocket. Coats need to be worn to school as we do like to get the children outside for fresh air. School coats can be purchased via the schoolmoney website.

### PE KIT

Our PE kit is now in its third year. It is essential that Junior children have PE kit for the colder weather which means have the uniform track suit bottom and over layer.



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## Speech and Drama Newsletter December 2019

This has been a fairly quiet first term with students settling into their new groups. This week Y2 took part in the traditional Christmas poetry competition. The children had to source a Christmas/Winter poem to perform in front of the judges. Competition was fierce but the winners were

Congratulations to them and all the children for their hard work. Next term the children will be preparing for their LAMDA (London Academy of Dramatic Art) exams. These are held in school on March 3rd/4th (Key stage 1) and 25th/26th March (Key Stage 2) Exams are not compulsory, however they help to build up confidence and give the children something to work towards and achieve. Details will be sent out in the New Year

Finally certificates were awarded in assembly to the following children for their hard work, enthusiasm and progress this term.

### **Year 1**

Rayan  
Layanne  
Allanah  
Rohan

### **Year 2**

Paynton  
Orlah Rose  
Ila  
Vibha

### **Year 3**

Naomi  
Adyan  
Anjali  
Bryoni

### **Year 4**

Freya  
Sophia  
Yashvi  
Oliver

### **Year 5**

Tanisha  
Nicola  
Ayan  
Holly

### **Year 6**

Tourae  
Lily  
Ruby  
Mwansa

WELL DONE!

Speech and Drama lessons recommence first week back in January

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Jane Pryer-Smith



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## Y6 Advent

In year 6 we have been talking about what to do at school for our advent. After a discussion we chose to do an act of kindness every day we are at school. To make a bigger impact we all chose to share and do the act of kindness to every adult and child in our school like when it is 'Give a Hug' Day we will give a hug to everyone. Some of the acts of kindness included Compliment someone, give a smile, be helpful and hold the door open for someone.

## Elfridges

Year 6 elves have been busy making and selling lots of gifts for Mums and Dads this year. The children have used their maths to work out the costings for each gift and have helped the younger children to choose and wrap their presents. Thank you to all of the parents, children and year 6 elves who took part in Elfridges this year. We will let you know how much was raised and how the children would like it to be spent for school.



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## Next Term Swimming

**Junior Swimming will be for Y3 on Mondays and Y5 on Fridays  
Starting on Friday 10th January 2020**

### **Infant Swimming**

**Y2 swimmers - Monday lunchtimes from Monday 13th January  
Year 1 swimmers - Thursday or Friday lunchtimes.**

**All Extra Curricular lessons begin the first week back,  
including chess and extra tuition.**

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### Dates for the Diary

Back to School	Wednesday 8th January 2020
Y5 Trip to The Think Tank	Tuesday 14th January
KES Y4 Maths Team Tournament	Thursday 23rd January
Y4 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Symphony Hall	Monday 27th January
Primary Maths Challenge (Bonus round - final paper)	Wednesday 5th February
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 11th/Wed 12th Feb
Break up for half-term	Friday 14th February
Back to school	Monday 24th February
Infant LAMDA examinations	Tues 3rd/Wed 4th March
Junior LAMDA examinations	Wed 25th/Thurs 26th March
Break up for Easter	Wednesday 1st April
Back to school	Wednesday 22nd April

**Enjoy the Christmas break with your children  
The staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New  
Year. Thank you the kind cards and presents received.**