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MESSAGES FROM MR GALE



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter. We have had another fantastic month in school with some great learning and some wonderful experiences for the children!

We started off the month with Parents' Evenings and I wanted to thank you for your attendance and continued support for your children. It is so important that we work together to achieve the best outcomes for your children and I was pleased to see so many parents and carers attending. We have achieved an average of 98% of all parents and carers attending a meeting with their child's class teacher.

We have excelled in our school sports this month, with children taking part in competitions for gymnastics, rowing and football. All children taking part demonstrated our 'GARK' values and we were very proud of them representing the school.

We also took part in a times tables competition with our network of schools and came first – well done to our Year 4 pupils!

Our Science Fair was a huge hit with pupils and parents on Friday 24th March – it was great to see our pupils sharing their work and knowledge with their parents and carers and the amount of hard-work that had gone in to their learning and preparation for the fair. Well done to all pupils and staff involved.

As the Spring Term draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and I hope that you all enjoy a very well-deserved rest. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 17th April, for the start of the Summer Term.

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WANTED

PARENT GOVERNOR

We are looking for a parent / parents to join our governing body to bring the perspective of parents to the strategic decision-making process at school. If you would like to get involved with school life in more depth and are interested in helping to contribute to the improvement of the school, please get in touch.

For an informal chat about the role, please get in touch with Mr Gale via the school office or email

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Thank you





ATTENDANCE UPDATE

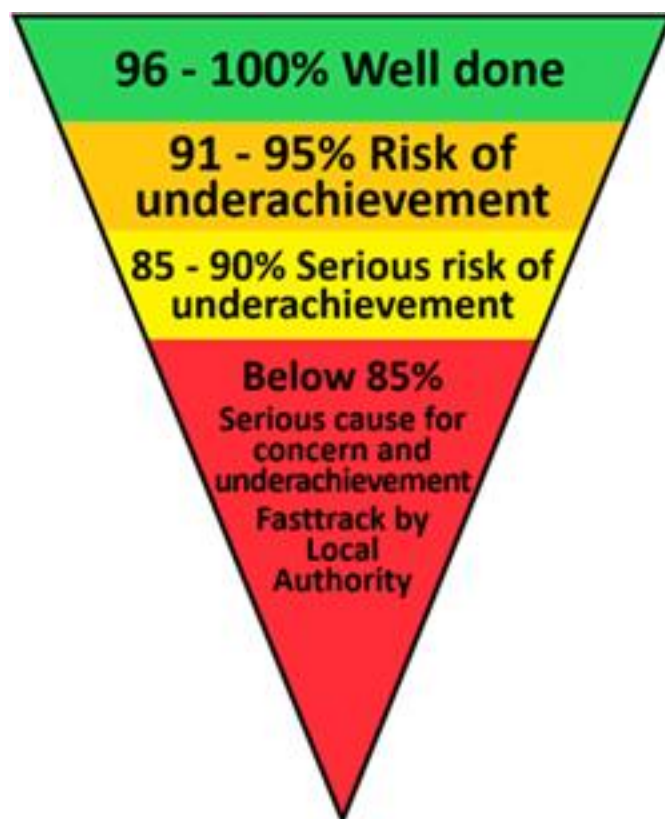
Attendance Update

Our 97% target is still achievable this year if we all work together on ensuring children are in school EVERY day and not missing any learning.

Our attendance
for the month
is 96.2%

Our attendance for
the year to date
is 95.6%

Attendance - March	
Whole School	95.1%
Nursery	86.3%
RB	92.2%
RS	92.8%
1B	91.6%
1D	94%
2D	95.8%
★ 2P	97.3%
3I	89.6%
3S	94.2%
★ 4R	97.9%
★ 4T	96.8%
5E	95.6%
★ 5W	97.4%
6B	93.3%
★ 6O	96.6%





AWARDING AMAZING ATTENDANCE

Attendance Competition

Every Day Counts!



Attendance Competition Winning Poster and Child!

This month, children who have worked hard to improve their attendance, have been able to take part in a 'Cookie Decorating Experience'. It was a huge success, and the children really enjoyed it!



Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, it is essential that parents call the school first thing in the morning to let us know. If we do not have contact and are then unable to contact you, this may become a safeguarding concern.

Punctuality

You **MUST** ensure that your child is in school by 9am every day. The school gates open at 8:50am and lessons start at 9am. If your child is late, they are missing out on vital learning and they will fall behind.

Remember - IN SCHOOL > ON TIME > EVERY DAY





School Sport, Clubs, & Competitions

In Year 4 PE lessons, we have been bringing the Water Cycle to life using our dance moves. Children have enjoyed turning themselves into ice sculptures (solid), water in rivers and seas (liquid) and water vapour (gas).

Our Year 3&4 Girls' football team played their last tournament of the season and some of the girls got to see the England women's team play against Italy at the CBS Arena. We are so proud of the progress that the team have made from their first match in January, when it was all so new and scary, to a team full of confidence, spirit and energy – well done girls!

We have also had two rowing events and two gymnastics competitions this month. In one of the rowing events, we came 5th out of 14. We are so proud of our Year 3 Gymnasts who have worked really hard to learn their routines and managed to earn 6th place out of 19 schools.

After-school club permission slips for Summer-Term clubs were due last Friday. You will receive a confirmation letter before the Easter break to let you know if your child has a place in a club next term.

Finally, we want to thank every family that has tried to be more active when travelling to and from school during the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. We are currently 35th place in the whole country for active journeys. Please continue to do this through the Summer. We will continue to record journeys using the WOW travel tracker. Every child that travels actively at least 3 times a week will receive a badge at the end of the month. We would love to see more children scooting and cycling (with helmets) to school and there will be extra badges for those children.

Just a reminder: Music clubs finish at 4.15pm. **All** other clubs finish at 4.30pm.

All children must be picked up by their named adult. No children will be allowed to walk home on their own unless stated on the letter. Please pick up from the school office for Music club. For all other clubs please pick up from the small gate to the playground.



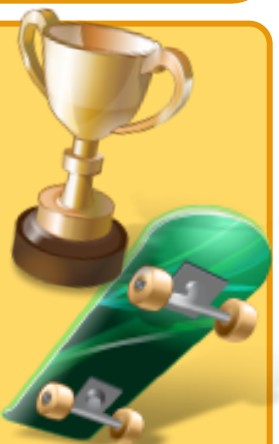
Sports Superstars

Athletes of the Month:

Galla (1B), Mohamad (1B) and Vlad (3S)

Sports Classes of the Month:

Class 4R, Class 1D and Year 3 Swimmers





Southfields Superstars of the Month

Reception Snowdrop				
Reception Bluebell				
Y1 Buttercup	Lia - GL	Ali - R		Yafait -R
Y1 Daisy	Daniel - GL	Adonay - GL		Jessica - GL
Y2 Poppy	Afareen - GL	Whole Class 2P		Bahez -R
Y2 Daffodil	Aurora - K	Whole Class 2D		Liea - GL
Y3 Sunflower	Yasmina -R	Idalina - GL		Lia-GL
Y3 Iris	Elvira - GL	Nargis - GL		Whole of class 3I
Y4 Tulip	Harmony - GL	Whole class - GL		Malaz - GL
Y4 Rose	Fahd - GL	Whole class - GL		Ebonie - K
Y5 Willow	Yusuf - K	Maira - GL		Anna - GL
Y5 Elm	Yussif Salwanu - GL	Haris - G		Mesa - GL
Y6 Birch	Kayla - GL	Devhari - GL		Siyana - GL
Y6 Oak	Daniel - GL	Leen - R		Matias - GL





Reading with your child



Each month we award children in each class for REMARKABLE READING. We place reading at the centre of our curriculum and are determined to encourage a love of reading in all of our children. At the end of each month we award our 'Readers of the month' with a book of their choice!

Congratulations to our amazing 'Readers of the Month' for their superb dedication to reading. These children will all receive a book of their choice! Great work !

Year 1: Tise, Fikayomi

Year 2: Anvitha, Mikolaj

Year 3: Yasmina, Jewel

Year 4: Harmony, Joanna

Year 5: Edith, Treasure

Year 6: Siah, Catherine



Key Diary Dates

- Monday 17th April – School returns for all children.
- 1st May – Bank Holiday – School Closed.
- 8th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed.
- 9th May – 12th May – Year 6 SATs Test Week.
- 16th May First Aid course for Year 6.
- 29th May – 2nd Jun - Half Term Holiday
- 5th & 6th June Year 6 Child Exploitation Awareness Workshop.
- 13th June Year 6 Bully Awareness Workshop
- 7th June Alison Cope coming in to deliver a Knife Crime Assembly.





Pastoral and Attendance

Pastoral Updates

On 17th March Southfields supported Comic Relief by wearing something red. Donations raised £126.56 to help disadvantaged people here and abroad. Well done everyone for a great effort.

On 16th March Coventry Clothing bought in a pop-up shop for parents to come and access uniform. This is a charity that supplies families with pre-loved clothes, collected from donations. We had a great turnout and families enjoyed refreshments and entered a raffle for a family hamper by filling out a survey.

If you missed out on this opportunity it's not too late. Speak to the pastoral team and we can point you in the right direction.

Citizen of The Month

Each month, the pastoral team select a winning child who has shown great kindness and care towards others. These are children that have been nominated by teachers and a winner is picked from a hat! This month, the winner is Yusuf Suliaman in Year 5 who has been a great role model in class and has shown all our values and has shown great kindness towards others.

Parent / Carer of the Month

This month's winners are Mr Arun Sundar & Mrs Akshara Ajisasidharan – they are the parents of Avanthika in Year 1D. They are always engaged in their child's learning and always ask for assistance to help support their child further.





This month in pictures!

It's been another remarkable month – here are some photographs to show the wonderful learning experiences our children are having...



