



Newsletter 19

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back

I hope you had a lovely break and managed to catch up with friends and family over the holiday. As always it has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and see their excitement whilst beginning their new topics.

Thank you for your continued support in our response to COVID 19. I am aware the restrictions are relaxing but our protective measures still remain in place and will do so until we receive any updates from the government.

I would like to also give some reminders of our school expectations:

All children should arrive in school and be collected at the times stated for their class

Children start times	Children finish times
Nursery 8.30am	RF, 1J, 1M, IP RB1, RB2 - 3:00 pm
RF, 1J, 1M, IP, RB1, RB2 - 8:40am	RL, RM 3:05 pm
RL, RM 8:45am	2C, 2H, 3O, 3M - 3:05 pm
2C, 2H, 3O, 3M - 8:45 am	6H, 6B, 6S, 5S - 3:10pm
6H, 6B, 6S, 5S - 8:50am	4L, 4B, 4J, - 3:15 pm
4L, 4B, 4J, - 8:55 am	5M, 5C, 2T, 3C - 3:20pm
5M, 5C, 2T, 3C - 9:00 am	Nursery 3.30pm

Uniform - please ensure your child is in the correct uniform, including black shoes or trainers (if you require support with this please contact the school office)

PE day - please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit , including trainers (if you require support with this please contact the school office)

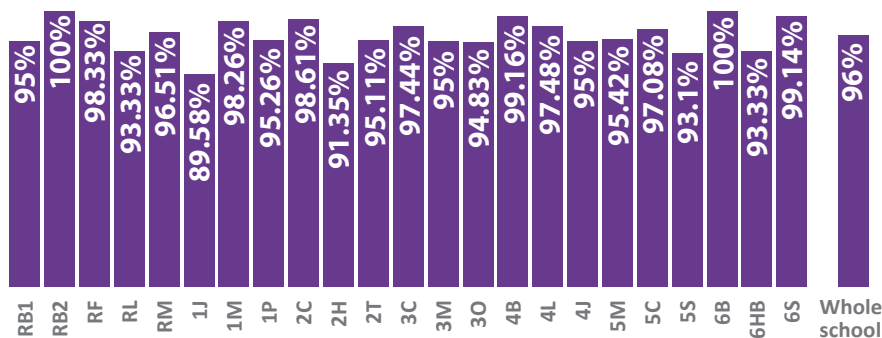
Water bottles - should contain water, not squash

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me or a member of school staff

Thank you
Mr Rogerson

ATTENDANCE

Attendance W.C. 29 MARCH 2021



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INSPIRE our children to succeed



CREATE excitement for learning



ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE



EXCITING ALERT!

Over the next few weeks your children will be given the opportunity to complete The Big Ask questionnaire. This is a national survey for young people that has been created by The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza.

This is the largest ever survey held with children! The survey asks children what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives. [Read more](#)

It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

[Click here to watch video about The Big Ask](#)

TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
FRIDAY 28 MAY	MONDAY 7 JUNE
WEDNESDAY 21 JULY	MONDAY 6 SEPT





STARS OF THE TERM

Class	Name	Reason	Reader of the week
RF	Christiana H S	Christiana has been a real star this week! She has shown true determination to write the perfect sentence to describe the pig from our story. She remembered to use her phonics knowledge and include the important features of a sentence - keep up the amazing work!	Isaac Z
RL	Mohammed H	We have chosen Haris to be our Star of the Week as he has actively participated in taught sessions throughout the week. During independent learning time, Haris has shared resources with peers and ensured he used kind hands. We are super proud of you this week Haris, keep it up!	Matthew A
RM	Lavayah A	Lavayah has returned to school with a positive attitude towards her learning. She has been a shining star in Literacy lessons and has produced some wonderful sentences. Keep up the great work!	Alice Z
1J	Victoria H	Victoria is an all-around superstar. She tries hard in all her lessons and supports her peers to do their best too. Over the Easter holiday, she read many books on Bug Club and practised writing. Keep it up, Victoria!	Maia-Diana G
1M	Aayan P	We have chosen Aayan as our star this week because he has been such a wonderful friend to everyone in 1M. He has looked after his friends when they been feeling upset and made sure to include everyone in his games. Aayan has also helped look after our classroom environment. What a superstar! Well done Aayan.	Gesyca A B
1P	Daanya A	We can't believe that Daanya has only been with us for a few weeks! Daanya has made a fantastic start to her time at Billesley. She is friendly and kind to other children and consistently works to the best of her ability. We are lucky to have you in our class Daanya - you are a star!	Japveer S P
2T	Rumaisa F	Rumaisa has really impressed me this week with her enthusiasm about coming back to school. She has worked really hard in all of her lessons so far and created some great illustrations when comparing the human features in Birmingham and Islamabad. Well done Rumaisa. Keep up the hard work!	Harley-Jay W
2H	Seerat A	Seerat has settled back into school life amazingly well. She comes into school smiling and always tries her best. Seerat has impressed me in her reading lessons she read the text fluently using her phonics knowledge to help her to decode tricky words. Seerat also showed great understanding of what she had read and answered questions verbally. Well done Seerat! We are all proud of you!	Toby P
2C	Suhayl B	Suhayl has made a great start to the summer term! He has worked hard consistently in every lesson and really impressed his teachers with his positive attitude. He also has tried hard during our Class Assembly practise and has read his lines with confidence and expression. Well done!	Harvey B
3C	Skyla-Rose C	Skyla-Rose is a wonderful role model and example for others at school. She has come back to school with an excellent attitude to learning and is enjoying her lessons. I am really proud of Skyla-Rose and I hope she is too. Keep it up!	Kallum G
3O	Muhammad N	Nafay has had a really positive start to the term. He is working hard to improve his handwriting and has been really focussed in maths too. Excellent, Nafay- keep it up!	Eylul U
3M	Hiab A	Hiab has come back from the Easter holidays with a great attitude and with great contributions to class. I am so impressed! Well done!	Mikayeel K
4J	Reggie F	Reggie has come back to school really settled and ready to learn. He has been a really positive influence on his fellow learners in how he has got on with his work and responded to his teachers. He also produced some amazing holiday homework that has blown our socks off! Well done Reggie!	Deeyala A
4B	Holly Q	It was hard not to choose Holly this week after a brilliant return back to school. She has a much more positive attitude and it is so nice to see her playing with friends at playtime. Keep it up Holly!	Izabela B
4L	Tyler G	What a positive attitude Tyler has returned to school with! He is always such a cheerful young man who brings a ray of sunshine into the classroom everyday. Keep on smiling and working hard.	Zakariya K
5C	Tasnim B F	Tasnim has come back to school with extreme motivation this week and this is great to see! She's worked particularly hard in English. Her tweet to Greenpeace was packed with excitement and really made me laugh #superstar #keepitup	Adam S
5S	Anush S	Anush has been a superstar this week in ALL of his subjects. He has shown lots of confidence when contributing to discussions in maths and reading. Well done Anush!	Lucy T
5M	Omar H	Omar has returned to school with a clear focus to work hard and he is taking pride in the presentation of his work, which is really pleasing me. Keep it up Omar, I am so proud of you!	Preston D
6HB	Zain F	What a pleasure it has been to be able to give my star of the week to Zain! He has completely shone during every lesson this week, where he is constantly putting his hand up, contributing to all class discussions and trying his hardest in all aspects of his learning. As well as this, Zain has been making mature choices in terms of his behaviour this week- which is something he should be immensely proud of. Keep it up Zain!	Lilly-Mae W
6B	Fatmh A-S	I have been so impressed with Fatimah this week. She is working hard in every single lesson and has made a particular effort to contribute in maths. The progress she has made this year has been fantastic and I feel really lucky to be her teacher. Well done Fatimah - you are a star!	Abdul K
6S	Isabella L-P	Isabella is a dedicated, hard working and committed student. Not only does she put 100% effort in during the school day but she continues to work hard at home too. She is always filling her reading diary and doing extra research on topics that interest and inspire her. Well done Isabella, your extra effort does not go unnoticed!	Rizwan K
RB	Rayyan D	Rayyan has returned from the holiday full of confidence. He's demonstrated great self-determination in deciding to attend Year 6 for all of his lessons and has been extremely independent there. Well done Rayyan, your teachers in Year 6 and the Base are all so proud of you!	Isaac D J

YEAR 1 SCIENCE

This term Year 1 are learning about Plants in Science. We launched this topic with a provocation where the children worked in groups to decide how best to grow a bean seed. They had lots of discussions about what to grow it in and where to put it in the classroom to help it grow. Over the next few weeks the children will be keeping a bean diary, recording how tall the bean has grown! In History this term Year 1 are exploring toys through time. This week we launched the topic by looking at lots of different toys through time and discussing what we thought they did and how they worked. They children had lots of discussion about their favourite toys.



NURSERY HAVE GOT GREEN FINGERS!

We returned to Nursery to find an exciting garden area had appeared in our classroom so we got straight to work exploring the new tools and resources including trowels, plant pots and spades. To continue our learning further we have listened to and enjoyed the story of Jasper's Beanstalk. We have learnt all about planting and we know that a seed needs water and sunlight to grow!

We have also been developing our independence by learning to put on our wellies and gardening gloves all by ourselves. We have had lots of fun and cannot wait to continue learning about planting and growing. We will soon be planting and growing things of our own!



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BREAKFAST CLUB AND PLAYCARE

If you require a place please book via <https://forms.gle/dK4ybuw4oxDQ6W18A>

We are asking parents to book a term in advance for both Breakfast Club and Playcare and not just turn up on the day. If last minute care is needed please call us and we will support you as best we can.

These measures are now in place in order to keep Covid 19 secure and keep all pupils, families and staff safe in our Breakfast and Afterschool care.

If you have any questions or queries about fees or having difficulty in making payments, please make an appointment to see Mrs Campbell (School Business Manager).

Full terms and conditions can be found in the form.

PLAYCARE, BREAKFAST CLUB & SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you make payment in **ADVANCE**. Please clear any balances outstanding using Parentpay.

Thank you

REMINDER

Any children not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to After School Club. You will be charged £4 for child care.

Thank you.

Active April 2021

MONDAY



5 Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water

12 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge

19 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself

26 Try a new online exercise, activity or dance class

TUESDAY



6 Turn a regular activity into a playful game today

13 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside

20 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often

27 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes

WEDNESDAY



7 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels

14 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time

21 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today

28 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil

THURSDAY

1 Commit to being more active this month, starting today

8 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening

15 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation

22 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day

29 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat

FRIDAY

2 Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do

9 Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh

16 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)

23 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it

30 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in

SATURDAY

3 Spend as much time as possible outdoors today

10 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise

17 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things

24 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour

SUNDAY

4 Have a day free from TV or screens and get moving instead

11 Be active outside. Dig up weeds or plant some seeds

18 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today

25 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



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Earth Day Bingo!

To create your Earth Day Bingo card cut out the squares below, scramble them up and paste them to the additional card provided. If you want, you can even write in some of your own ways to go green!

Just remember to recycle all of your extra paper!

Turn Off The Lights	Recycle!	Eat Local	Unplug Unused Devices	Use Reusable Water Bottles
Walk	Plant A Garden	Do Full Loads of Laundry or Dishes	Reduce!	Take Public Transit
Buy Re-chargeable Batteries	Ride A Bike		Clean Up Litter	Buy Organic Household Products
Donate!!	Don't Let The Water Run!	Use Reusable Shopping Bags	Use Energy Efficient Light bulbs	Dry your Clothes on the line!
Swap.. Don't Buy	Eat Foods that are in Season	Start a Compost Pile	Go Paper-less by using email!	Reuse!



Earth Day Bingo!

**This Earth Day, perform all of these eco-friendly actions!
See how long it takes you to get BINGO! See how long it
takes to complete the entire card!**

		Free Space		

This is the timetable for April's Wellbeing Sessions run by Selly Oak Early Help team. They are all free and there to support you and give you access to virtual sessions. Be great to hear any feedback on these sessions and if you find them useful/ Please let me know on the playground if you have been on one and what it was like . Sarah Butler



Living Well UK
APRIL SCHEDULE
ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE!

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME
Monday	Pilates at Your Desk: Seated Simple Stretches for Everyone	12:30 - 1:15 PM General Admission
Tuesday	Spring to Life: Midday Calm	12:30 - 1:15 PM General Admission
Tuesday 13th	Funky dance: get your funk on and learn on a fun routine	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Free Admission
Wednesday	Impact 4 Life: Gentle Movements at Home	12:30 - 1:15 PM General Admission
Thursday 15th	Art to music : relax and let your imagination go wild to music	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Free Admission

<https://livingwellconsortium.com/events/>



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Thursday	Harjean Ubi: Beginners Slow Flow Yoga	12:00 - 1:00 PM General Admission
Friday	Harjean Ubi: Yin Yoga	12:00 - 1:00 PM General Admission
Saturday	Gentle Pilates for Full Body Strengthening	9:00 - 9:45 AM General Admission
Sunday	Karine Annick: Yoga & Deep Relaxation	11: 00 AM - 12:00 PM General Admission
Sunday	Impact 4 Life: Bounce Back Better	7:00 - 7:45 PM General Admission

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ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR WATER CHARGES?

If you are a Severn Trent Water customer and require assistance, apply for help today via:

THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

- You could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent water bill through the Big Difference Scheme
- Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements, Disability Living Allowance, Personal independence Payments and Attendance Allowance)
- If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme

HOW TO APPLY:



APPLY ONLINE AT
WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK



COMPLETE THE ONLINE
APPLICATION FORM



SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION

The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income.

Apply now: www.bigdiff.co.uk



Free Money Advice Services

These are difficult times financially for many individuals and families.

- Do you need advice on your entitlement to welfare benefit?
- Do you have debts & need help managing your money?

If so, please do not hesitate to seek help, advice and support from accredited organisations acting on behalf of Birmingham City Council.

Confidential advice is available over the telephone from qualified advisors and without any charge whatsoever to Birmingham residents.

Please call the advice provider for the constituency or area nearest to where you live:-



“How can I help YOU?”

North Birmingham:

Sutton, Erdington, Shard End

Spitfire Advice Services; Tel: 0121 747 5932

South Birmingham:

Edgbaston, Selly Oak, Northfield

Citizens Advice Birmingham; Tel: 0344 477 1010

East Birmingham:

Hodge Hill, Yardley, Hall Green

Citizens Advice Birmingham; Tel: 0344 477 1010

West & Central Birmingham:

Ladywood & Perry Barr

Birmingham Settlement Tel: 0121 250 0765

Alternatively, contact Birmingham City Council's Contact Centre for a range of advice (welfare benefits, council tax, housing & more) on 0121 216 3030.

DON'T WAIT FOR A SMALL PROBLEM TO BECOME A BIG ONE - CALL TODAY. *

* (Most advice providers operate between 10am & 4pm Monday to Friday and, at times, extend advice services beyond those core hours.)

