



Newsletter No 3

After a disruptive beginning to the term, I am very pleased to report that the school is now back into a stable routine and learning is back on track. On Wednesday of this week we were visited by three Academy Councillors, Chris Stevens (Chair), Kevin Hartwell and Martyn Collin. They gave us a very positive report:

Chris Stevens: 'It was encouraging to see the application of the mathematics policy in action and to hear about the work in KS2 with regards to phonics.'

Kevin Hartwell: Kevin commented on what a pleasure it was to see the children. He watched the transition back to classes, this was very smooth and quiet. Much improved on his last observation.

We were also visited by staff from the Trust schools for an EYFS meeting. The EYFS learning environment looks stunning. The Trust schools were duly impressed and lots of photographs were taken. Thank you so much to the team, your hard work, care and effort is a true credit to the school.

Value for this month – Appreciation

This month we have been learning to appreciate other cultures, their history and music in particular. As part of this learning we are very excited to announce that the Golden Kora Band will be visiting school on Monday 19th October. Their timetable is detailed below and all sessions are open to parents, so please come along and join us for what I know will be an exciting and uplifting experience.

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| • KS2 Assembly (Y4, 5 & 6) | 9.45- 10.45 |
| • Nursery and Reception Workshop | 11. 00 – 11.45 |
| • Year 3 Workshop | 1.15 – 2.00 |
| • KS1 Assembly (Y1 & 2) | 2.15- 3.00 |

Parking Issues

We politely ask you not park on the zig zag lines outside school. By parking in this area you are putting children's safety at risk. If you are dropping your child off outside school please escort them across the road. Staff have witnessed a number of children being put in danger because left are left to cross the road by themselves.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Application Deadline

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **Friday 30th October**. The best way to apply is on line at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you don't have access to a computer Preference Forms are available from the school office. Should you any queries regarding this process please speak to Mrs Lloyd in the school office.

Young Writers

***'He stole the roaring of the bear.
He grabbed the roughness of rocks.
He snatched the scales of a lizard.
And the dragon was made.'***
By Kenzie Mason 3LW

Farewell Mrs Kirby

Mrs Kirby is leaving us today. She has been a valued member of our team since 2009 and will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in the future.

Curricular Enhancement

Y3 No 11 Bus Tour – 6th October

We had a wonderful day out (despite the sick!), we travelled all around Birmingham and completed a diary and also improved our map skills.

Phase 3 First Aid Training – 13th October

The children worked in groups moving from station to station learning how to react to various emergency situations. They also learned the difference between calling 999 and 111.

Gymnastics Competition – 13th October

A group of Y3 & 4 children took part in a gymnastics competition. They had to perform a jump on a vault and a floor sequence. Even though they didn't win a place they should be really proud of themselves. They even gave up some lunchtimes to practice. Throughout the whole competition they showed passion, respect and tried their very hardest. Well done to Octavia Ullah 3LW, Hafsa Zainab 4H, Lucy Bell 4H, Faiza Amanat 4H, Abdi Rahmaan Muhammed 4G & Ali Akbar Suleman 4G.

Y4 Roman Day – 14th October

Y4 had great fun dressing as Romans for the day and taking part in a Roman Workshop where they built a foam viaduct.

Forthcoming Events

Year 5 Living Rain Forest – 4th November

Y5 will be able to explore the rainforest without even leaving the UK! The Living Rainforest is home to 700 species of plants and animals. The children will get the chance to watch birds, butterflies and lizards roam free in the tropical glasshouses.

Year 3 Snowdome Trip – 5th November

During Autumn term, year 3 will be writing winter poems and settings, as part of this they will be going on a trip to the Snow Dome.

Reception Class September 2016

Our reception class 2016 open days are on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November. If you have a child who is due to start school next year please come along on either day between 9am and 12pm and 1.30pm and 3pm. You will have the opportunity to see the teaching and resources available in our reception classes and ask any questions you may have.

Parent Representative Academy Council Election

We have received three nominations for the Parent Academy Council vacancy. Voting papers will be issued shortly.

Attendance

Congratulations to class 5L who have the best attendance this week.

NAM	NPM	RH	RPB	1OW	1S	2P	2W
91.11	80.77	93.49	85.93	92.44	97.86	96.24	96.67
3HS	3LW	4G	4H	5C	5L	6H	6OT
96.17	93.17	93.61	97.78	97.04	98.89	91.95	95.93

Dates for Your Diary

19 th October	Golden Kora Band	5 November	Y6 Tudor Workshop
21 October	Y3 Class Assemblies	12 November	Y6 More Able Workshop
26-30 October	Half Term	18 November	Y6 Blakesley Hall Trip
2-3 November	Reception 2016 open days	26 November	Y4 Theatre Trip
4 November	Y5 Rainforest Trip	2 December	Y4 Class Assemblies
5 November	Y3 Snowdome Trip	18 December	Last Day of Term