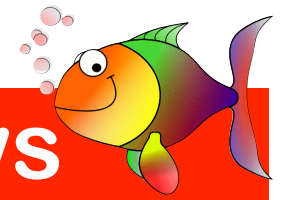


Courthouse Green News



'Doing our best to be our best'

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Headteacher's Message- Sarah Malam

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Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for your continued support with the ongoing building works that are still happening on site at the moment. You will see that the old site is now virtually demolished and will soon be transformed into a netball court and two football pitches! We really are so fortunate with all the space that we have both inside and outside of the building. During the next few weeks the additional equipment will be put in place in and around the reception area, fencing will be put up and the canopies will be put in place by reception and nursery ready for the children's outdoor learning.

Curriculum events:

This week began with **Y6** having a theatre group visit them to perform a Shakesperean play which then formed part of their literacy work. **Y3** have been out to the Coventry Partnership Center to learn more about their Science topic 'Electricity' which was a fun and very hands on day out and yesterday **Y5** had two scientists join them from Warwick University - the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time and learned a great deal as a result of the exciting and practical tasks they were given to do. I was delighted with the feedback that I got regarding the behaviour of **Y5** the teacher from the university said that he had never before had such a hardworking group!

Partnership with Lyng Hall

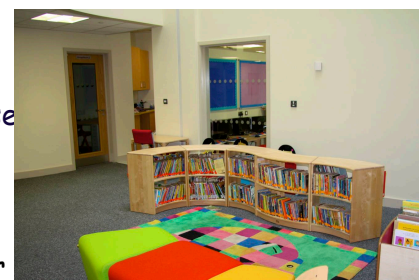
We are really fortunate to be part of a new partnership which has begun with ourselves and Lyng Hall school. Some of our **Y6** children are working with some of their teachers at Lyng Hall to develop the children's literacy and numeracy skills. This is a fantastic opportunity as it also helps familiarise the children with secondary school life.

ICT Developments

We are very lucky to have probably the best range of ICT equipment in any Coventry primary school. This week the children have been learning how to use an ipad to help them in their learning.

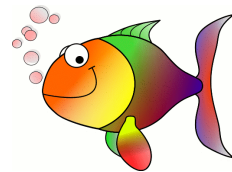
Harvest

What a fantastic turn out for our assembly today - it was so lovely to see our new hall full with parents and children!



School closed

All staff will be having the second day of Read, Write Inc training on **Friday 8th October** and therefore school will be closed to children.



Jobs for our children

For the first time ever we have appointed a Headboy - Daniel and a Headgirl - Aneeka and a Deputy Headboy - Nafees and a Deputy Headgirl - Monique all from Y6; they are not only good role models for the rest of the school but are also children who are keen to help in making some of the decisions that relate to the children. I am sure they will help us enormously in moving the school forward.

Language of Learning

We are trying in our lessons to focus on what 'we are learning to.....' do rather than what tasks we have given the children to do.

We would really appreciate your help please could you ask your child at the end of each day what they have been learning about in their lessons.



Dates for your Diary

Y6 Parents re Secondary School Thurs 7th Oct 2.30pm
School Closed for Staff Training Friday 8th October
Parents Evening Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th October
School Closes 3.15pm - Half Term Friday 22nd October
School opens Monday 1st November
Friday 5th November Diwali Assembly
Wednesday 15th December 9.00am and 6.00pm KS1 Play
Thursday 16th December 9.00am Carol Concert
Thursday 16th December 3.15pm School closes for Christmas

Start of the school day

We open the doors at **8.45am** to let the children into school and ask that they are on the playground ready to go in. Children arriving after the doors have closed should go through the front doors where Mr McIlroy will write down their names. They will only get a late mark if they arrive in class after 8.55am.

Safeguarding Children

In the interest of safeguarding children there may be occasions when the school has to consult other agencies without a parent's prior knowledge. The school's first concern is the child's welfare and the school has a duty to act to protect the child at all times. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social services and/or the police.

We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, but we can only assure you that we follow the procedures laid down by the Coventry Safeguarding Board, a copy of which is available in school as is a copy of our own policy.

Class Assemblies

The assembly will start at 9.05am

Miss Gibson's Class - Wed 6th Oct

Miss Spare's class - Wed 13th Oct

Award Assembly - Wed 20th Oct

Miss Bell's class - Wed 3rd Nov

Miss Pennicott's class - Wed 10th Nov

Praise and Encouragement

We are trying hard to encourage the children through the use of House Points and also Merit awards.

All of the children are now in a house:

Elgar
Sewall
Proffitt
Hedde

Each week in assembly we celebrate the house with the most points.

We are also using lots of **Praise** words with the children. We say the words with an action - ask your child to show you some of them....

amazing....fantastic...whoosh...

marshmallow clap

Don't forget that school starts at 8.45am