



Headteacher's Message...

I cannot believe how this half term has flown! Your children have all made a super start to the new academic year and have settled down very quickly, working so hard and enjoying school life. Last week we celebrated Harvest Festival. The hall was decked out in preparation and the children were very excited, having brought lots of donations from home and spent time polishing their class presentation in readiness for the event. Can I thank you all for your generosity. We donated all your food to The Northfield Food Bank. I will upload photos to the school website after the event, so that you can see what went on.



Susan Cook



Operation Encompass:

As you all know, we want to ensure our children are as well supported as they can be whilst in school and I am pleased to be able to share that we are an 'Operation Encompass' school now. If you would like any further information on this, then please do contact me. More information can be found at: <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Newsround

Can I remind you all to watch the school news video, which you find on our website. Mrs Kumar and Mr Reid present this each week and it is full of information for the children about school life and the wider world. <https://www.longwill.bham.sch.uk/blog-1>

Parents Sign Language Classes



We are running even more classes this year! These run every week throughout term time. Each Wednesday afternoon (1:30pm) Mr Reid runs a class online, via TEAMS. Mrs Kumar teaches a parents BSL class, which is face to face, every Tuesday (11.00am-12.00pm). Please do come to the class to 'polish' your skills and we would love to see you!

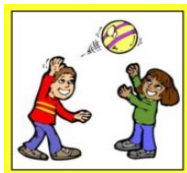
Asthma Awareness:



Please let us know if your child develops asthma or uses an inhaler. We ask that you complete an asthma plan, which tells us about your child's medical needs. You can find the form here: <https://www.asthma.org.uk/e75bf921/globalassets/health-advice/resources/children/my-asthma-plan-2021-v5-multi-media-live.pdf>

School Games Mark

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. The award celebrates school's participation in sport, involvement in competitions and the wide range of sports clubs offered to pupils. We are thrilled to have been awarded the Bronze Award this year!



Congratulations:

I wanted to celebrate the amazing achievement of many of our pupils who have achieved their Arts Awards at Discover and Explore levels. We are so impressed by this achievement! By now, all pupils who participated in this initiative will have received their fabulous certificates.

Clubs:

We run our clubs each lunchtime. This term pupils can choose from Eco Warriors, Golf, Lego, Gross Motor Skills, STEAM, Athletics, Sports or Chess. Also, we support pupils over the age of 8 years to join the BID Youth Club, which runs after school every Wednesday. Please encourage your child to take part – they will have a great time.

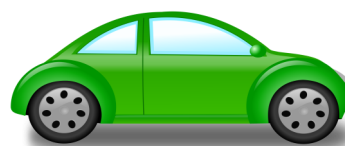
Class Names

This year, classes have named themselves after water creatures. The children have enjoyed learning more about their animals in the last couple of weeks. Has your child talked to you about this? I thought I would let you know the class names in case they have yet to tell you!

- Foundation Starfish
- Y1 Jellyfish
- Y2 Sea Turtles
- Y3 Orcas
- Y4 Sea Otters
- Y5 Pufferfish
- Y6 Seahorses and Manta Rays

Transport

Please help our Guides and Drivers by escorting your children out to their vehicles and coming out to meet them at home time. This is a parental responsibility as our guides need to stay in vehicles to look after the other children in their care. Thank you for your help with this.



GDPR Update:

Please remember that you do have the right to access, respond, amend or request removal of your child's data at anytime. Under Data Protection legislation, individuals have rights of access to their personal information. You can request confirmation that we are processing you data, and ask for a copy of all the information which we hold about them. Under data protection laws you can see how and why we are using your data, and to check that we are doing so lawfully. If you have any concerns, then please contact me.

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Attendance:

I am so pleased to report that attendance in school is very strong to date (94.4%). So, I would like to thank you all so much for supporting your children with good attendance! You are doing a great job! As you know, it is very important for the children to attend school as much as they possibly can. Thanks must go to pupils and parents for supporting us and encouraging the very best possible attendance! I understand that our children may have additional needs, which can sometimes 'get in the way' of excellent attendance, but I would ask you to try to organise as many appointments as you can outside school time. Also, if appointments can be

International Schools Award:

We have been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life work in today's world.

Our international work includes links with schools in Jamaica and America. Pupils celebrated Black History Month by learning about an inspirational chef from Jamaica and the whole school shared their learning during a celebration assembly. Pupils in Key Stage 2 learn American Sign Language and shared their learning with our partner school in America. The whole school learnt about the Commonwealth this year as the Commonwealth Games took place in Birmingham and took part in a Birmingham project, 'Your Love Lifts Me up', as well as learning about countries in the Commonwealth and sharing their learning with our partner school in Jamaica.

We are proud the school has been recognised for its achievements in this area and the impact it is having on our pupils. We have worked hard to imbed internationalism into our curriculum and ensure our pupils are global citizens and know they can make a difference in the world.

Scott McDonald, Chief Executive of the British Council, said: 'The school has earned this prestigious award through its inspirational international work and links with schools abroad. The International School Award is a chance for schools to be recognised for their important work bringing the world into their classrooms. This is especially commendable when schools have been deeply affected by the global pandemic. The desire to build on their international work shines through and it is with upmost pride that we celebrate their achievements.

By embedding an international dimension in children's education, these schools are preparing their students for successful lives in the UK or further afield, empowering them to be global citizens, and are creating vital opportunities in an increasingly global economy.

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Dates for your Diary:

- Harvest Festival 12.10.22 (2pm)
- School Elections 19.10.22 (2:30pm)
- Black History Month 'Show and Tell' 20.10.22 (2:00pm)
- Parents Consultation Morning 08.11.22 (10:00am)
- Remembrance Service 11.11.22 (11:00am)
- Children in Need Fundraising Party 18.11.22 (2:00pm)
- Odd Sock Day 14.11.22
- Anti-Bullying Weeks 4.11.22 – 17.11.22
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- Show and Tell (Friendship Week) None
- Birmingham City Mission Assembly 17.11.22 (3pm)
- Assessment Week 28.11.22
- Christmas Workshop 02.12.22 (1:30pm)
- Home Learning Party 09.12.22 (2:00pm)
- Gymnastics Festival 12.12.22(1:45pm)
- Christmas Jumper Day 08.12.22
- Christmas Dinner 13.12.22 tbc
- Christmas Show 14.12.22 (11am)
- Deaf Panto 15.12.22 (11am)
- Christmas Party 16.12.22 (2pm)
- Children's Mental Health Week 3.02.23
- Safer Internet Day 08.02.23
- Children Mental Health Week Show and Tell 09.02.23
- World Book Day 02.03.23
- Assessment Week 06.03.23
- Red Nose Day 2023 17.03.23
- Parents Consultation Morning 23.03.23
- Dance Festival 23.03.23
- BSL Eisteddfod 28.03.23
- Home Learning Party 30.03.23
- Egg Rolling and Easter Hat Parade 31.03.23

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