

Bellfield Infant School News

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Dear Parents & Carers

Happiness and wonder inspires success

Welcome back to school and we hope you had a good half term break and enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We also hope you've had a chance to look at the photos and video clips of our school celebrations too.

One of our parents who works on the Cardiothoracic Ward at the QE Hospital arranged a competition for the children to draw portraits of the Queen to be displayed on the ward. The patients and staff chose three



winners. They commented how amazing all the portraits were and how they brightened up Ward 727 and lifted everyone's spirits!







This week it has been the turn of Year 1 for tests; they did their phonic assessment with Mrs Farrell and she is really pleased with how well they have done. After all the disruption caused by COVID and all the interventions we had to put in place in order for the children to catch-up with their learning, we can safely say it has paid off.

Mrs Farrell held a coffee morning for parents who have children with symptoms of ASC and it was very well attended. Sarah Wicks, from the Communication and Autism Team also came and they all discussed how the school will support their transition and how they can prepare for the changes ahead to minimise the anxieties of the children. It gave the parents an opportunity to air any concerns and what can be done to address them.

On Thursday, Alison Hicks and George Craig came to meet with the Chair of Governors, Gill Griffiths and Mrs Simm to discuss the plan to develop the governance of the school. We still have three places on our board for Co-opted Governors and Mr Craig is going to see if he can help us fill them. Once the Governing Board is at full capacity it will be more effective in helping the school.

We have been accepted onto 'Developing Oracy in EYFS and KS1' which is a new initiative from BEP in partnership with EEF to improve the communication and vocabulary skills of our children. We shall implement it from the new Autumn term in September.

On Wednesday Morning Mrs Woodman, Maths lead and Mrs Delves, EYFS Lead visited Parkfield Primary School to see Maths Mastery being taught in Reception and Year 1. Maths Mastery has only just been designed for the Early Years so it was really helpful to see the initiative in action.

This week we held interviews for Teaching Assistants, with SEN experience, to support our children next year. We had a lot of applicants which we were able to short list and successfully appointed two new members of staff to join us in September.

If anyone has a wooden play garage they no longer use can you please donate it to Day care. Thank you.

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery) was 94.91%

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	92.17%
RD	96.30%
RE	97.04%
1B	95.67%
1R	90.67%
2B	93.33%
2W	96.77%



Well Done to Class RE who achieved the highest attendance this week!

If you have not booked your TWO Monday afternoons to come and read with your child, there are still places. We notice that some parents have selected every afternoon; unfortunately we do not have the capacity for that so ask that you just select two afternoons.

Next week, Dainty Little Hands, are coming in to school for a meeting to make the final arrangement for our after school provision from September. Once this is done you will be able to access this facility if you need it for your child.

Awards

Well done to you all! Please join us in assembly on Monday morning at 9:10am to celebrate your child's success.

Star of the Week

Nursery: - Ella-Rose

For amazing us with her independence doing up her own coat and buttons and helping in class.

Class RD: - Indiya

For making fantastic progress in all areas of her learning.

Class RE: - Oliver W

For settling in so well into his new class.

Class 1B: - Shadh

For her excellent phonic knowledge when she reads

Class 1R: - Melody-Rose

For being resilient when returning to school.

Class 2B: - Layla

★ For progress in her writing and using expanded noun phrases.

Class 2W: - Benjamin

For showing an improvement in his writing.



Bookworms













Lunchtime

Class RD: - Yanis Class RE: - Jack Class 1B: - Harry Class 1R: - Dolce-May

Class 2B: - Jayden

Class 2W: - Leyton









Day Care News

Day care had a visit from Smiley Shen this week!

The children have been learning how to brush their teeth and have been singing the Smiley Shen song. Ask your child to sing you the song and click on the link to read more about oral health for children.

startwellbirmingham.co.uk/smiley-shen/

Next week, Sammy Skills will be visiting to promote the importance of physical activity. If your child attends any 'Out of school' activities, please bring photos or certificates in to share with everyone.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 27/06/22 - New Nursery Induction 2:00pm

Tues 28/06/22 - New Reception Induction 9:30am & 2pm

Wed 13/07/22 - Day Care Graduation in school hall 9:00am

Thurs 14/07/22 - Rec, Yrl & Yr2 Sports Day 9:30am (Sports Field bottom of Vineyard Road)

Fri 15/07/22 - Reports to Parents

Fri 15/07/22 - DAY CARE ONLY - Last Day of Summer Term

Wed 20/07/22 - Year 2 Leavers' Assembly 2:15pm

Last Day of Summer Term is Thursday 21st July for all children except Day care