



# Bellfield Infant School News

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## Dear Parents & Carers

*Happiness and wonder  
inspires success*

It has been a busy week in school and the week has flown past. The children were very excited about the snow - the short time it was here!

On Monday evening our Chair of Governors, Gill Griffiths, and Mrs Simm met Andy Hopkins who has volunteered to join our Governing Body. He brings a wealth of experience to our Governing Body and we are pleased that he can join us. We still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and so ask you to please consider whether you think you could participate in this or whether you know anyone who would be willing to volunteer. Being on the Governing Body does give you the opportunity to develop your skills through training as well as allowing you to use the skills you already have to benefit the school.

You will be aware that the NEU union members have voted to strike and the first day of the strike will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We recommend that you start to make alternative child care arrangements for this date in case our school is affected. Obviously, as soon as we know more, we will let you know. In school we feel very strongly that overall national education has not been financed sufficiently and consequently school staff are finding themselves under increasing pressure to provide for children of all abilities when the money is not there for staff and resources. As a school we pride ourselves in making sure we cater for all children regardless of their ability and this is becoming more and more impossible.

As mentioned last week, attendance is not at the percentage it should be due to illnesses etc. However, we have sent letters out to parents of pupils this week who we are significantly concerned about and who must improve their child's attendance. As a school we are reluctant to prosecute parents but if attendance doesn't improve we are left with no other option.

The Year 2 teachers will be working with some children from Bellfield Junior School and some children from Longwill School in conjunction with the Birmingham Arts School to create a performance around puppetry, dance and music. They will work together at planned sessions to devise a story, identify characters, create puppets and create a performance. The performance will be shown at the three schools as well as at the MAC in June as part of a celebration children from different abilities collaborating together to make something wonderful.

Next week will be Miss Colston's last week before she goes on maternity leave on Friday. We wish her well and can't wait to meet her new baby.

Can we remind parents about parking sensibly again. Parking on Vineyard Road is illegal and the bollards are put out everyday to try and prevent parking on the pavements. The road is narrow and parked cars cause an obstruction to vehicles trying to pass and also to pedestrians trying to cross the road. Please also consider our residential neighbours who do not want their drives blocked by parents cars. Sainsbury's have a huge car park and they kindly allow our parents to park there for a short time to drop off and collect your children. It is much safer and is just a short walk away and you can get some daily steps in to keep fit!

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery)  
was 90.91%

Class	Attendance %
Nursery	87.57%
RB	91.33%
RD	97%
1B	92.59%
1R	86.90%
2B	84%
2W	93.79%



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

# 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:- Daisy**

For settling well in her first week.

**Class RB:- Melissa**

For her positive attitude towards her learning.

**Class RD:- Layla M**

For being kind and helpful towards her friends.

**Class 1B:- Umme**

For her improved writing.

**Class 1R:- Cyrus**

For making super progress with his reading and phonics.

**Class 2B:- Alan**

For excellent, improved writing.

**Class 2W:- Annabelle**

For improved spellings and phonics.

## Bookworms



## Lunchtime



**Nursery:- Liana**

**Class RB:- Sapphire-Rose**

**Class RD:- Ava-Rose F**

**Class 1B:- Logan Ru**

**Class 1R:- Luna**

**Class 2B:- Lola**

**Class 2W:- Angela**



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MATHS AWARD**

**YEAR ONE  
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**YEAR TWO  
Dolce-May**



## Day Care News



Day care children have been joining the Startwell Characters drinking water

during the day and they have created a display to remind them of the benefits of drinking water.

Water is the healthiest way to hydrate and for pre schoolers it should be their primary source of fluid intake alongside milk.



Public Health England guidance state plain milk and water are the only drinks that should be served in Early Years settings.

## Dates for your Diary

Mon 30/01/23 - Reception Height and Weight checks

**February 2023 Half term**

**20th February - 24th February (School Closed)**

Mon 27/02/23 - School re-opens

Fri 31/03/23 - Last Day of Spring term

**Easter Holidays**

**3rd April - 14th April (School Closed)**

**Mon 17/04/23 - Staff Training (School Closed)**

Tues 18/04/23 - Summer term begins