

PITMASTON POST RESPECT



The Choir had an incredible experience at Young Voices last Friday at World Resort Arena, Birmingham. The music, the performances, the dancing and the atmosphere were magical and something none of us will ever forget. We would love to go next year. We will take those children who commit to the Choir to have this amazing opportunity. There were 5,525 + children in the arena for the evening, creating the 'worlds biggest children's choir'. A big shout out to Mrs Browning and Mrs Meredith for preparing the children so well to perform at their best. Thank you to all of the parents who attended to support the children.

Climate Changel

Tammy Gooding from BBC H&W came into school on Monday to speak to some of our Year 6 pupils after the Oxford Childrens word of the year was announced as 'Climate Change' by Oxford University Press. The children spoke so clearly and were very knowledgeable about the subject and Tammy was so impressed by their in depth understanding when they talked about the impact and what they can do to look after our planet. You can listen to the interview on BBC sounds:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0h2lzjm





Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 6th February. The theme this year is "Inspiring Change". Children will take part in activities around this theme in the afternoon and we would like to welcome parents and carers into school, Preschool at 2.30pm and Key Stages 1 and 2 at

Upcoming share a session dates reminder

Reception - Thursday 1st February at 9am

1W - Tuesday 30th January at 9am

1C - Wednesday 31st January at 9am 1M - Friday 2nd February at 9am





Character Recognition - Celebrating Year 6

Esther has shown fantastic **resilience** in her Maths and Writing lessons.

Jace has shown **motivation**: persevering with presentation of work in all lessons.

Olivia has demonstrated **confidence** and **communication** - sharing ideas confidently in class, enhancing the learning and discussion taking place.

Vinnie, Andy and Rupert have shown **resilience** as they have improved their handwriting.



2W have had a fantastic time in Forest School over the past two weeks. They dug holes, built swings, climbed, mixed potions and role-played. We even had a mud salon and spa! They also enjoyed making wild water cups filled with various things that they foraged and left them to freeze overnight for Reception to look at. 2C are looking forward to having their turn in Forest School next week.



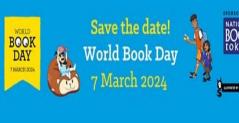
This week, Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the Hive. We were very interested to learn about how sustainable the building is and why they chose to build it so close to the river. We also enjoyed writing a poem about something that makes us happy and were able to share some with our class. Mrs Hartley even took part in a tongue twister challenge!



Class Assemblies - Spring Term

1 <i>C</i>	Friday 1st March at 9am
1M	Friday 15th March at 9am
1W	Wednesday 20th March at 9am
3 <i>C</i>	Friday 26th January at 9am
3B <i>G</i>	Wednesday 7th February at 9am
3T	Thursday 1st February at 9am





Save the date! We are very excited that it'll soon be time for this year's World Book Day. This will take place on Thursday 7th March 2024, and we invite all children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Where possible, bring the book along with them to share with their peers.



Worcester
Wolves
Academy U9s
competed in
another
basketball
tournament in
Stourport on
Sunday. Toby,
in Y1, was
making his
debut for the
U9s, playing
alongside

Archie, Leo, Oscar, Laith and Jaxon. The boys beat Redditch in their first game and then beat West Brom. Having won their league they played Stourport in the final, which finished 6-6 after full time. 1 extra minute was added and Worcester scored meaning they won the overall tournament, finishing unbeaten. Well done boys!

On Sunday, Lily Jordan in Y5 started her intensive 16 week cricket coaching with the Worcestershire Rapids pathway. At the end of the coaching period, the U11 Rapids team will face local counties such as Warwickshire and Gloucestershire throughout the summer months.



Pre-School garden

This year we would like to revamp our vegetable and herb garden. We are in need of any spare compost, seeds, cuttings of plants, plant pots, netting (to stop the pesky squirrels eating it all), garden canes, twine. If you or anyone you know has any of these items that they would like to donate to Pre-School the staff and the children would be very grateful.

Many thanks, Miss Price.



To get children excited about words the whole school is starting "Word of the Week." Each week we will be displaying an interesting word and setting a small associated word challenge for you and your child. The challenges are small spoken tasks that do not require pen or paper. They just need you and some talk time, so easy to do on the way home or before bedtime. Get involved, have fun, and your child's vocabulary will grow!



It means...

Your challenge is...

Y1 Y2 Y3



A sound that you hear again.

Imagine you are in a long tunnel. Can someone else pretend to be your **echo**?

echo



Money or a house that a person gives to others after they die.

Ask family members if they have ever **inherited** anything.

Y4 Y5 Y6



Weekly Top Talking Tip

Developing home language: Most libraries have books and audio tapes or DVD's in several languages. Read stories to your child in your home language, listen to music in your home language. The more your child hears the language the more likely they are to use it. Don't be afraid to use your home language indoors and outdoors! When childeren hear their home language being used naturally they are more likely to use it themselves and feel confident in using it.





As you will be aware through Tapestry, we have recently launched an exciting new whole class programme in Pre-School and Reception called **Concept Cat**.

Verbal concepts are the words that shape how we think about the world. They are particularly important in Early Years because at this age children are making sense of the world and verbal concepts give them the means to talk about, interact and expand their understanding. Our Early Years team have had training from our Speech and Language therapists to deliver Concept Cat, which will really support this important word learning process.

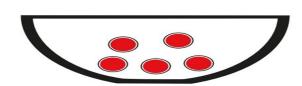
Our Concept of the Week is...

Pre-School

Reception



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Keep a look out on Tapestry for video links to show the teaching of each concept. Each new concept will be shared with you via Tapestry and this newsletter.