

Newsletter ~ 22.10.2021



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- Last day of this term is Friday 22 October 2021
- Half term holiday Monday 25 October 2021 - Friday 29 October 2021
- We return to school on Monday 1 November 2021
- PE Kits will be worn into school on day of PE (or sports club) from Mon 1 November 2021
- Parents evenings - Tuesday 9 November and Thursday 11 November 2021

Message from Mr Lamorte - Head of School



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I'm not quite sure how eight weeks has flown by so fast, but what a great start to the academic year it has been! We've been monitoring the children's work closely this half term, and are pleased with how their learning is progressing. We've seen some great work in English and Maths, with reading being particularly strong. I saw some fantastic science work from a group of Year 6 children yesterday, who had collaborated well to make a periscope, out of a cereal box, that actually worked!! They explained how it functioned and told me that the mirrors helped to reflect the light. A huge well done to Kais, Maddison, Meadow and Tianna. It's fair to say that all children and staff thoroughly deserve their half term holiday.

A few things to be mindful of moving forward.

- We have noticed that attendance on Fridays is significantly lower than on the other days of the week. We will be watching this carefully after half term and contacting parents directly should we have a concern.
- Cases of Covid across the country seem to be growing, so please stay safe. We still encourage parents to wear facemasks / coverings while on the school site, as a safety precaution, and a big thank you to those who do so.
- Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th of November and due to the rising cases of Covid, will be held by telephone. We will be sending more details about this after half term.

· We will be holding open mornings for prospective parents of future Reception children on Wed 10th, Tue 16th, Wed 17th of November at 9.30am. If you have any friends or family interested in visiting us, please let them know.

One last thing. Children please be careful during the half term, particularly during the Halloween festivities, whilst I know you will all be wanting to have fun, it is important you do so in a way that keeps you and your friends safe.

Wishing you all a fantastic and safe half term.

Mr Lamorte

Head of School.

Below are the top 8 classes for attendance for the year so far - well done ! Keep it up

Position	Class	Attendance this academic Year
1 st	2L	97.5%
2 nd	5F	96.4%
3 rd	5B	96.1%
4 th	3RJ	95.9%
5 th	RD	94.7%
6 th	6C	94.5%
7 th	4B	94.2%
8 th	3T	94.1%



We are now a CASHLESS school.



ALL money for toast, dinners, trips etc will be paid through parent pay.

Years 1-6 - Toast & milk is now on as a payment item - 25p per day

Reception - milk (for children aged 5 years & over - 21p per day) children under 5 - Free

PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE THE CORRECT PAYMENT ITEM - Please don't put toast money onto school meal payments - Thanks

Any queries just call us.

If you don't already have an account please contact the school office and we can set you up. If you already have an account at another school for an older sibling you can just add your child at Wychall onto it.

PE Kits

Children should wear their P.E. kits into school on the days they have P.E (or if they are attending an afterschool sports club.)

- Dark tracksuit bottoms.
- White t-shirt

- Dark jogging top, however NO HOODIES.
- Trainers

PE Timetable	
Class	Day
Nursery	Thursday
RD	Tuesday
RS	Wednesday
1D	Wednesday & Thursday
1M	Tuesday & Friday
2L	Tuesday & Friday
2R	Wednesday & Friday
3RJ	Wednesday & Thursday
3T	Tuesday & Thursday
4B	Monday & Wednesday
4N	Monday & Tuesday
5B	Tuesday & Friday
5F	Wednesday & Friday
6C	Monday & Thursday
6R	Monday & Thursday

Parents Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th of November. Due to increasing COVID rates the meetings will be a telephone call. Information about times will be sent out after half term.

October Extravaganza ~ see flyer

BCFC
COMMUNITY

LIMITED SPACES

October Extravaganza
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

In partnership with

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST

B Friends

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

AGES 6-12 YEARS

BOYS & GIRLS

HOT AND COLD LUNCHES PROVIDED AS WELL AS DRINKS AND SNAKS

Activities Include

SPORTS
ARTS & CRAFTS
FILM CLUB
COMPETITIONS
AND MUCH MORE!

VENUE:
ST. ANDREW'S STADIUM, TILTON ROAD ENTRANCE, BIRMINGHAM, B9 4RL

WHEN	MONDAY 25 - FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER
TIME	10-3
PRICE	FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT :
COMMUNITY@BCFC.COM

Theme menu

We are having a special 'Bonfire' themed menu on Friday 5 November 2021 - see below

** The usual Friday fish menu will be served on Thursday 4 November 2021**

When we come back to school on Monday 1 November it will be MENU 1.



After school sports clubs ~ from 1 November



All clubs run after school from 3.15-4.15pm starting straight after half term on Monday 1 November for 6 weeks.

If your child misses more than two weeks - their place may be given to someone on the waiting list.

For this term the clubs are as follows:-

Year 4 - Basketball Club - Mondays

Year 5 - Basketball Club - Tuesdays

Year 6 - Basketball Club - Wednesdays

Reception - Dodgeball Club - Thursdays

If your child has got a place you will have received a text to confirm - otherwise they will be on the waiting list.

Please ensure your children are collected promptly from the KS2 Hall and do not play on the playground equipment - thanks from Mrs Benson

Children starting Reception in September 2022

If you have a child who will be starting Reception in September we would ask you to visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions¹

and submit an online application from before 15 January 2022 (the final closing date).

School Photos will be taken on Friday 12 November 2021



TTRS - Times table rock stars



¹<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Class	Week ending 8th October 2021	Week ending 15th October 2021
1D	Gabriella	Miamh
1M	Ismail	Ismail
2L	Imran	Donar
2R	Harvey	Mekseb
3RJ	Aalam	Jusiah
3T	Safa	Safa
4E	Caycee	Meltunas
4N	Dorian	Kaylen
5E	Marcella	Valeria
5F	Arian	Zihan
6C	Dylan	Daisy-Mae
6R	Waseq	Laura

Free school meals

Free school meal vouchers have been sent out to cover the half term holiday. please note these expire on 31.01.22 and cannot be redeemed after this date.

Safeguarding



Safeguarding:

It has been a difficult year and as changes are now coming into effect it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and to be vigilant. If you have any concerns please contact one of the agencies on the list below:-

- Birmingham Children's Trust (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 option 2, option 2
- NSPCC - Tel: 0808 800 5000, report online at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>²
- or email NSPCC directly at help@nspcc.org.uk

²<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nspcc.org.uk%2Fkeeping-children-safe%2Freporting-abuse%2Freport%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308796429|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCjXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=ZKr1rOjXQm5x0ZVelkVurdf0O5Qj%2BYZqM5qSq6SdOYw%3D&reserved=0>

- Police - If a child is in immediate danger, please dial 999

It is normal to feel anxious, nervous or unsure about getting in touch with the agencies above but please be assured that the agencies are there to help and take that worry from you. Letting us or an agency know that you're worried about a child could be the first step to helping protect them from a lifetime of abuse and neglect.

Childhood Mental Health:

We know that during this period of further uncertainty, both child and adult mental health can be affected.

We have therefore included some links below of agencies that can provide some emotional support for you and your child, if needed, during this time.

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>³

Forward Thinking Birmingham/PAUSE: <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>⁴

The Children's Society: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond>⁵

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/information/young-people/well-being/resources>⁶

Mind: https://www.mind.org.uk/donate/?gclid=CjwKCAiAI4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzgQAvD_BwE⁷

³<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childline.org.uk%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=qBB62BQjzoP8ql%2FIP7RH9GSWrF0aBG5ZaMoSmb6PjY%3D&reserved=0>

⁴<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk%2Fservices%2F13-pause&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=F9HO7QwLP2AP4NY15DH6WuwkCtSVGvc%2BSynoUupd9E0%3D&reserved=0>

⁵<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrensociety.org.uk%2Fsee-hear-respond&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=PjjiSHGuLp2647byDX3Ttlm0bKwc8PurYtdw28IOEXY%3D&reserved=0>

⁶<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrensociety.org.uk%2Finformation%2Fyoung-people%2Fwell-being%2Fresources&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=0AaohrlVqyUTEsn4tTTzBSgAbFA37%2FbLb0Szxmx1kmw%3D&reserved=0>

⁷https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mind.org.uk%2Fdonate%2F%3Fgclid%3DCjwKCAiAI4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzgQAvD_BwE&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=c8VgRAUXs%2FvIKYJzQxzSYKd9VjAFMYfHopsD%2BvIA0o%3D&reserved=0

Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>⁸

If you would like to speak to someone in school regarding which service you feel would be beneficial to you, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Please see a letter from Hayley Eaton, Safeguarding Lead, regarding online safety on our school website. The letter can be found in the Key Information section.

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⁸<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.samaritans.org%2Fhow-we-can-help%2Fcontact-samaritan%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=3UmPhJloffbBIGM5Y6mr3eVUUFUpblHhqCJb7kaYzOM%3D&reserved=0>

⁹<http://www.wychall.bham.sch.uk>