

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Issue Number 23 – Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As per the letter I sent out to you all this week, about my resignation, I would like to thank everyone for all their kind words and support, it has meant a lot. May I reassure you, that I am not leaving Cannon Park Primary for any other reason than I would like to pursue new adventures and to spend more time with my family. In the meantime, it will be 'business as usual' whilst we seek to appoint a new Headteacher in time to take up the post on the 1st September 2023.

We have had a wonderful week celebrating D&T Week so please read below about all the wonderful activities the children have been up to and the learning that has taken place!

Red Nose Day

We want to say a big thank you to you all for your generosity in sending in cakes and money for the cake sale last week. We raised £417 in total! We will split this equally between the Comic Relief charity and resources for outdoor learning. The School Councillors did an amazing job running the stall and should be very proud of themselves. They will all be meeting with their classes this week to discuss how the children would like the money to be spent. Mrs Aston and Mrs Reihill

Non Uniform Day

This week, I met with a group of parents to start planning a Garden Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. We will be celebrating this during the afternoon of Friday 5th May. This will be a fun filled afternoon with activities, games and prizes! We will also be seeing the return of the popular tombola and lob-a-choc games. To prepare for this, we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 31st March. In return for non-uniform, please could children bring in a donation of:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 - flat bars of chocolate.

Year 3 / 4 / 5/ 6: bottles (unopened e.g. shampoo, bubble bath, squash, alcohol).

These will all be used in the tombola and lob-a-choc during the Coronation Garden Party. Thank you. Mrs Amphlett

British Values Week

Next week, the children will be learning about our British Values of democracy, rule of law, respect and tolerance and individual liberty. During the week the children will enjoy four special assemblies including a visit from Karé Adenegan, a Paralympic medallist, and Andy Street, the Mayor of the West Midlands.

School Hours Reminder

Times will be changing after Easter as per the letter sent out.



Important Information - Bromcom

The school's Management Information System is changing from SIMS to Bromcom as part of a city-wide school tendering process with the local authority. The main change for parents/carers will be the Pay360 payment and communication platform replaced by Bromcom's parent portal called MyChildAtSchool. This includes a parent portal web, and a parent app, the app includes parent's evening, payments and communications, such as email and SMS but also includes push notifications.

Can we please request that any outstanding payments such as Y4 Swimming and Dol-y-Moch are settled by 26/03/2023.

This new system will be going live soon, we will share more information in due course and ask for your patience and understanding during this transitional process.

Thank you for your support. Mr Wood

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Attendance

The Governors and staff at Cannon Park Primary School are united in their belief that regular school attendance is the key to enabling our pupils to maximise the educational opportunities available to them. Helping them to become emotionally resilient and confident to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their school and community. Year 2 received 99.3% for the week ending Friday 17th February in our Celebration Assembly so well done!

Gentle Reminders

Children's PE Kit Expectations

We would like to remind all families that children's PE kit is part of our school uniform expectations. We ask that all children have a plain white t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and black pumps/ trainers. If any families need help with PE kits, we do have our preloved uniform exchange at the front entrance. If families need help, please contact the school office.

School Hours

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Attendance

Full-time attendance at school is essential to a child's educational and social development. The school continue to work hard to ensure all children are in school ready to learn and have good attendance. We cannot authorise holidays during term time, so a fine for each child and each parent may be applied in line with local and national guidance. Do come and speak to us if you have any concerns or worries about your child's attendance.

School Values

Our school values Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Enjoyment, and Discipline - **TRIED**, are very important to us and we expect all our staff, children, and parents to promote them and be good role models for them in and around the school. We want the children to have a wonderful year and do well which means:

Teamwork – Together everyone achieves more

Respect – Treating others how you would like to be treated

Integrity -Doing the right thing even when no one is looking

Enjoyment – Having fun, but not at the expense of others

Discipline – Doing what needs to be done, even when you don't feel like doing it.

Keep in touch

We are here to help you, your child, and your family in any way we can.

Reminder that you can keep in touch with us by:

Phone - 02476 414683

Email - admin@cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk

Website - <http://www.cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk>

Any concerns or queries please ring or email the school and we will deal with any matters as promptly as possible. Thank you

Emergency contacts – please ensure the office have your up-to-date contact details

Health and Safety

This is a gentle reminder that the School Car Park is for staff use only at all times.

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Celebrating our Learning

Reception

What another super week in Reception! The theme this week was all about our favourite hobbies! The children had the chance to share their favourite hobbies and show off some items, clothing or pictures about their chosen hobby! Miss Roberts shared her love for Irish dancing, Miss Begum spoke about her passion for baking and Mr Young came and shared with the children his interest in ice hockey! They have been writing about their favourite hobby and even had a go at writing about a hobby they would like to try and why. They have been working so hard with their writing and have now learnt all of the phase 3 sounds! In maths they have been learning number bonds to 10 and have been taking part in fun outdoor games, recording different exercises using tallies and numbers on clipboards!

In the classroom we set out a yoga studio for the children to take part in, balancing, stretching and having a go at some deep breathing. The children absolutely loved this and were brilliant at all the different yoga poses.

We also learnt about Ramadan on Thursday and spoke about why people celebrate it and they got the chance to design some Mehndi patterns!

Well done for another super week, everyone! Make sure you are practising all of the sounds at home and reading lots!

Miss Roberts, Miss Begum, Ms Smith and Mr Beech.

Please keep reading and record those times in the diary so we can reward those showing discipline and integrity at home. New books will be added to 'BugClub' tonight for the weekend



Year 1

What a fabulous week of learning we have had again in Year 1! The children were super excited to become designers and enjoyed creating their own bowls and plates for our class teddies to eat their sandwiches from during Design & Technology week. We started by researching different bowls and plates, looking at the materials they are made from and the shapes, colours and patterns that are used. Then we used this knowledge to create our own unique designs by sketching and labelling our ideas. We then used our modelling skills to sculpt the clay into the shapes we wanted to achieve. Once our models were dry, we used paint to really bring our designs to life! To make them look professional, we used a mixture of PVA and water to give them a shiny glaze. We are very proud of ourselves and think our teddies would be too! Well done Year 1! Miss Swain and Miss Delargy.



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Year 2

It has been Design & Technology week in school this week. Year 2 have had a cookery focus, in particular, fruit salad! On Monday, they tasted and ranked different fruits. On Tuesday, they decided which fruits they wanted to include in their own fruit salad, discussed how to prepare it safely and also, made a bar chart of the class's favourite fruits. On Thursday, they learnt how to use a knife safely, cut their chosen fruit up, assembled their fruit salad, enjoyed eating it and finally evaluated the finished fruit salad. In our English lessons, the children have enjoyed the book "John Patrick Norman McHennessy, the boy who was always late". The children have drawn a story map of the main parts of the story and enjoyed 'freeze-framing' different scenes and 'hot-seating' the two main characters. In our maths lesson, we continued our learning about money. The children learnt to count up totals of pence, and pounds and have combined pence and pounds. What an exciting week! Well done Year 2. Mr Kelley & Miss Softic



Year 3

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Year 3. In our English lessons, we identified the features of Instruction texts. Having practised how to use time adverbials, adverbs and imperative verbs, we wrote instructions detailing how to make our very own smoothies. As mathematicians, we have been learning about equivalent fractions and found out that even though some fractions look different, they can have the same value.

This week, we have thoroughly enjoyed getting creative in our D&T lessons. As designers, we were tasked with making an Ancient Greek pot using a mouldable material, which linked perfectly with our learning of Ancient Greeks in the Autumn term. We commenced the week by researching Ancient Greek pottery and its uses. Having sketched our own designs, we included measurements for our pots. Then came the exciting part of using clay! We used the 'score, slip and blend' technique to join two pieces of clay together and gave the pots handles. After allowing our pots to dry, we painted and decorated them with Greek patterns. We were amazed by the final results! Well done Year 3 for showing our school value of enjoyment throughout this week. Have a restful weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Bullock.



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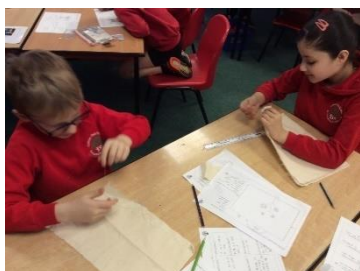
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Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying DT this week. They started the week investigating different types of bags, considering the material they were made from and how usable they were. We then went on to design our own tote bags, thinking carefully about the person the bag was being designed for and the purpose of the bag. The children have worked really hard sewing their bags using a running stitch. Threading the cotton through the eye of the needle was tricky, as was tying knots to stop the cotton from slipping through the material. However, everyone has displayed great perseverance. Once the children had made the main part of their bag, they then attached handles using buttons. This is an invaluable skill to use as they may find they need to sew buttons back onto clothing when they are older. Photos of the finished bags will be appearing on our Twitter page soon (@CannonParkSch).

This week, we also finished reading our class study book "Varjak Paw". The children really enjoyed this book, with some even saying "it was the best book they'd ever read". I'm so pleased the children enjoyed this story; it really is a great book. It does have a sequel, "The Outlaw, Varjak Paw", so keep a lookout in the library.

This week was also our penultimate week at swimming. The swimming teachers at the Xcel Centre used this as an assessment week, all of the children have made such great progress. Well done everyone, try to keep using that skill! it's an important life skill and could save your life one day. Well done on another brilliant week Year 4, one more week to go until the Easter holiday!" Mrs Amphlett and Miss Hayes



Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy this week as it has been Design and Technology Week. Our question was 'How can we store make up for an Ancient Egyptian?' We found out that both Egyptian men and women wore make up, so we set about designing something for them to store it in. First, we looked at makeup cases and considered what materials they are made of, how they are fastened and what makes a good make up case. Then it was time to practise our sewing skills! Our first task was to sew on a button. This was trickier than it sounds! In addition, we practised running stitch and learnt how to do whip stitch and blanket stitch. It was important to learn how to finish off as well so that our sewing stayed strong. We were so proud of how the children persevered with their sewing, even if it didn't come easy to them, showing our school's value of discipline. We were equally proud of the children for showing teamwork by helping others and sharing their skills. Next, it was time to create a design for our makeup cases. As designers, we then had to make a paper pattern of our design, and a prototype using j cloths. At last, it was time to begin making our makeup cases with felt. The children employed all the sewing skills they had learnt over the course of the week. They should all be so proud of themselves!

Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland

Year 6

Year 6 has had an action-packed week. They thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor learning session on Monday where they learned about settlements. They used several weather monitoring tools to determine the best locations to build their structures including compasses and lux monitors. The children even began considering teaming up with other 'villagers' to share water sources.

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Others, meanwhile, planned an invasion! It was a great session enjoyed by all and made wonderful links to their geography curriculum. The main event of the week was undoubtedly the planning and making of spring rolls. The children should all be proud of how they got on and certainly learned some valuable culinary skills. Each group's recipe varied and the attention to detail in terms of the presentation was fantastic. I must extend my thanks to parents and carers for their generous contributions and to Mrs. Kailey who provided invaluable support during the preparation and cooking process. Have a lovely weekend everyone – Mr. Young & Mrs. Kailey.



Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

V. MacDonald

Mrs V. MacDonald
Head Teacher



Our Achievers for the week ending 24th March 2023



Stars
of the
week!

Our Stars of the w/e 24th March 2023

Reception Class - Andy & Kahdir

Year 1 - Siyuan

Year 2 - Noor

Year 3 - Alec & Naomi

Year 4 - Taren

Year 5 - Finn

Year 6 - Poppy



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Bronze & Silver Awards for the week ending 24th March 2023



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PERFECT ATTENDANCE



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Attendance Chart w/e 24/03/23

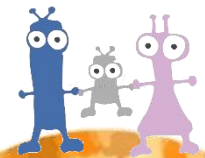
Year	Percentage
1 st	4 98.6%
2 nd	1 98.2%
3 rd	6 97.9%
4 th	3 97.7%
5 th	R 96.9%
6 th	2 96.7%
7 th	5 96.1%

Well Done Year 4!



Perfect
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Congratulations



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Autumn Term (2022)

Monday 5 th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th September	First day of term
Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term
Monday 19 th December to Monday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2023)

Monday 2 nd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th January	First day of term
Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February	Half Term
Monday 27 th February	Children return to school
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2023)

Monday 17 th April	First day of term
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term
Monday 24 th July	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 th July	INSET Day

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Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term (2023)

Friday 1 st September	INSET Day
Monday 4 th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th September	First day of term
Monday 30 th to Friday 3 rd November	Half Term
Monday 6 th November	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th November	Children return to school
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term
Monday 25 th December to Monday 5 th January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2024)

Monday 8 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 9 th January	First day of term
Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	Half Term
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school
Friday 22 nd March	Last day of term
Monday 25 th March to Friday 5 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2024)

Monday 8 th April	First day of term
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th June	Children return to school
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term