

20th January 2023



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will no doubt have heard that the NEU, one of the teaching unions, has now given notice for a series of national and regional strikes. The union will be calling on their teacher members to take strike action on the following dates:

- **Wednesday February 1st (National strike)**
- **Wednesday 1st March (West Midlands Regional strike)**
- **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March (National strikes)**

We do not have any details at the moment regarding whether we will be affected by this industrial action. We will of course update you as soon as possible if we hear that any of our teaching staff will be involved in strike action, which could cause disruption to some classes across school. We will continue to work very closely with the local authority on this matter.

I would like to remind you about our spring parents' evenings which will be held on Tuesday 14th February and Wednesday 15th February between 4 - 6.30pm. We will be offering a hybrid model of meetings, and will once again take feedback from parents as to their preferred way of meeting their child's class teacher. The meetings on Tuesday evening will be offered as remote appointments, with face- to -face meetings on Wednesday. Appointments are now open on the online system for you to book, so please book a time that is convenient for you.

We are holding a reading parent workshop on Thursday 26th January at 4.45pm in the lower hall. This is an excellent opportunity for parents of children in reception to find out how we teach phonics and early reading through our highly successful reading teaching programmes. Do come along to the lower hall on this date to find out more information. We hope to hold a follow-on session for parents with children in Key Stage 1 later in the term.

Year 6 are very excited about their WOW event to enrich their topic which will be a visit to school from a polar explorer on Thursday.

Sunday is Chinese New Year. We wish all our families who will be celebrating a wonderful celebration and wish you all a very happy new year. We will be leading assemblies on Monday with all the children to reflect on this important festival.

Have a wonderful weekend. My best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

Dates for the term

Thursday 26th January

Year 6 Polar explorer workshop

Thursday 26th January

Reception parent workshop

Friday 3rd February

Class 17 Assembly

Friday 3rd February

Class 20 Assembly

Tuesday 14th February

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 15th February

Parents' Evening

Monday 20th February

Half Term

Friday 10th March

Class 10 Assembly

Friday 10th March

Class 19 Assembly

Tuesday 21st March

PTA Disco KS1

Thursday 23rd March

PTA Disco KS2

Friday 24th March

Class 13 Assembly

Friday 24th March

Class 14 Assembly

Friday 31st March

Teacher Training Day

Learning in Nursery

This week we have loved travelling on the train to the North Pole. We have been pretending to be drivers, passengers, ticket officers and tea and coffee people and talking about what we would see if we were travelling through the snow and ice. We have even been practising our number recognition to make sure we were sitting on the right seats!



Learning in Reception

This week in Reception our story focus is 'The Hundred Decker Bus.' We have our very own London bus in school and we showcased our artistic skills by drawing what we could see.



Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about the features of a bird. During their art lesson they have created a bird mask to show the features using mixed media.



Learning in Year 2

WOW! What a day Year 2 had this week experiencing and deepening their knowledge and understanding of India as part of their All Around the World topic. The day was packed full of exciting activities and learning which included designing mehndi patterns, tasting Indian food, creating a Bollywood style dance and playing drums and shakers to accompany Bollywood music. The children all participated with great enjoyment and enthusiasm with many dressing up too. Well done Year 2; a very special and memorable day!

Learning in Year 3

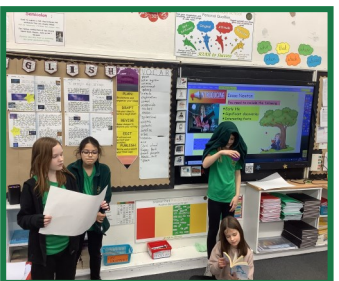
This week we have been learning about the history of chocolate and its links to the ancient civilisation of Maya. We used the VR headsets to explore images of Mayan environments to see why it was a key location for growing cacao beans and then tried hot chocolate, Mayan style!

Learning in Year 4

Year 4 had a brilliant time at the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham on Wednesday. We discovered so many amazing facts about a range of sea creatures and we also thought about what is being done to help preserve endangered species.

Learning in Year 5

This week Year 5 researched Sir Isaac Newton and presented the facts they discovered to the class. Some children chose to act out the moment when he discovered gravity.



Learning in Year 6

This week Year 6 have been learning all about the Titanic. We have been really interested in the subject and have wanted to learn lots of facts. We gathered all the information we had learnt to create a timeline as well as information about the different classes there were aboard the Titanic.



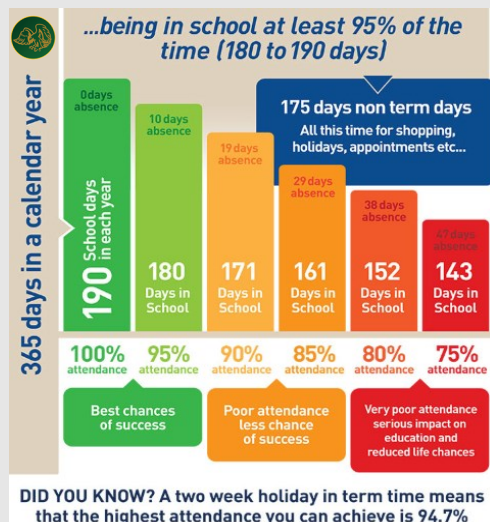
Last week during Manor Park University the children in the animal care course enjoyed making bird feeders.



Attendance



Congratulations to **Class 16** who achieved **95.7%** attendance last week..



ePetition

[Quinton Park Road crossing ePetition](#)

Safeguarding Our After School Clubs

For any of our parents with children who access our after school activities, can we ask that you inform the school office if your child has been in school but is not going to attend after school. This will ensure that we are not trying to locate your child unnecessarily when taking the after school registers.

Many Thanks

Water Bottles in School

It is important that our children stay hydrated throughout the day and therefore they do require a water bottle, labelled with their name in school each day. As we promote healthy eating habits, we would ask that only water is brought in from home.

Thank you

Coventry SENDIASS AmbasSENDors Club



The SENDIASS "AmbasSENDors Club" is an opportunity for young people with SEND from Coventry City Schools and Colleges to take part in **FUN ACTIVITIES** and shape local services

Meetings will take place 5.30pm – 7pm on:

- Tuesday 17th January 2023
- Tuesday 14th February 2023
- Tuesday 28th March 2023
- Tuesday 25th April 2023



Venue: Coventry Boys and Girls Club
50 Whitefriars St, Coventry CV1 2DS



- Are you aged **11 to 16**?
- Do you have **SEND** and would like to help shape services for young people through fun activities?

Sessions will be held **monthly** on **Tuesdays, 5.30pm – 7pm** at the **Coventry Boys and Girls Club** Whitefriars Lane, Coventry CV1 2DT

For more information, contact **SEND IASS**

024 7669 4307

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Coventry Education Psychology Team will be running a **FREE** session for parents/carers on

Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.

Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and its scientific basis, and will involve practical activities and resource-sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

Video Link Session

EITHER Monday 6th February 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

OR Monday 6th March 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

*The same session will be delivered twice, so please state which date you can attend or if you are available for either date

To request an invite and for further information contact:

SEND Information Advice and Support Service

Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

Do you have a query about Special Educational Needs?



Come and talk informally to the SENDIASS team
FREE Tea and Coffee available! No appointment required!



SENDIASS Drop-in Session

Pathways Family Hub

Lawrence Saunders Rd, Coventry CV6 1HD

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Drop in between 1pm – 3pm

For further information please contact us on **Tel: 024 7669 4307** or e-mail: iass@coventry.gov.uk