

3rd December 2021



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children thoroughly enjoyed their first snowfall of the year on Monday this week as they explored the school grounds, which looked wonderful. As always, we will ensure that school remains fully open during any periods of bad weather if it is at all possible to do so. We will inform parents by letter and on the website if we do have to close in extreme conditions only, so please check the website if the weather conditions rapidly change and are a concern.

Following the recent change to government guidance relating to Covid, we have been advised that all staff and visitors must wear face coverings in public areas for the remainder of this term. This is to offer additional protection against the new variant.

Staffing

Mrs Jacoby has recently been successful in her application to take on an assistant headteacher position as Early Years Phase Leader at our school starting after the Christmas holiday. This role has previously been held by Mrs Healy and Mrs Kavanagh Byrne; however, Mrs Kavanagh Byrne will be leaving school at February half term to begin her maternity leave. Mrs Healy will revert to her role as inclusion leader and Mrs Kavanagh Byrne will take on a position as curriculum leader after Christmas until she leaves next term. Mrs Kayleigh Wiles will take over from Mrs Jacoby, teaching Class 9 for the remainder of the year. Mrs Wiles has already started to work with Class 9 to meet the children and she is looking forward to joining our staff team after the Christmas holidays.

We are making some internal changes to the organisation of our nursery following feedback from the parent questionnaires. Nursery parents have been advised about these changes directly. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any clarification is needed on these arrangements.

We are looking forward to sharing the children's excitement in what is always a favourite time of the year in the run up to Christmas. We will be opening our Christmas post box from Tuesday 7th December. If children would like to post cards for children or staff across school, they are able to do so from Tuesday until the last day of term which is Friday December 17th. A reminder of our Christmas dinner and jumper day on Wednesday 15th. Please book a meal for your child if they would like to join in this festive meal.

Have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes to everyone

Jill O'Connor Headteacher

EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

I am delighted to be joining the EYFS team as phase leader and I am very much looking forward to working with our wonderful children, families and staff when I begin my role in the new year. This week, it has been lovely to catch glimpses of the children thoroughly enjoying their learning in both Nursery and Reception. Porridge-making after reading Goldilocks; dinosaur art; exploring arctic animals and playing in the snow are a few of the exciting opportunities children have had in Nursery. In Reception, children have been very busy making props, rehearsing their lines, and singing songs for their forthcoming class Nativities - they sounded fantastic!

I look forward to meeting you in the new year and please do get in touch if you have any queries in the meantime.

Mrs Jacoby

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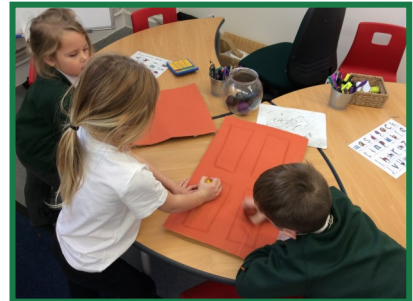
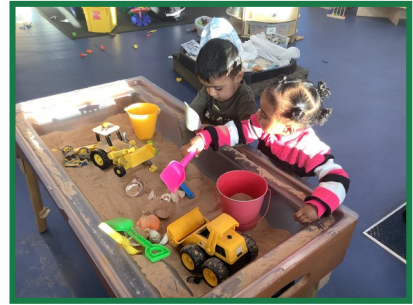
Learning in Nursery

This week the children in Wrens and Robins have had great fun playing in the sand area with the diggers and the buckets and spades.

This week in Kingfishers nursery we have been looking at the book '1 2 3 Do the Dinosaur'. The children have been painting and creating their own dinosaurs as well as acting out the actions to the story. We have also been looking at repeating patterns, the children have been using different objects and colours to create their own ABAB patterns.

Learning in Reception

This week we have enjoyed practising for our school Nativity and made lots of resources and props together as a team, using a variety of mixed media.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

Well done to our nine SOAR superstars who were celebrated in this week's phase assembly; your teachers and classmates are so proud! Thank you to all the parents who have sent me messages and pictures of the children's achievements outside of school - they have been so wonderful to read and these will be celebrated in future assemblies.

It has been another busy week of learning in the Lower Phase. Year 1 have been learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and have produced their own land art using natural resources from around the school grounds. There has been lots of noise from the Year 2 classrooms this week as the children have composed music to convey the emotions of the crowd when Coventry City won the league in 2020. The children have learnt a rhythmic phrase and have experimented with pace and dynamics. The children in Year 3 have started their D&T project - to design and make an ancient Greek sash using a running stitch. I am looking forward to seeing the children wearing their finished creations next week!

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Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 have been having fun outside creating art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. They learned he is a famous British artist and sculptor who creates pieces of art outside. He uses natural materials for his art work such as leaves, stone and ice and he has even used human hair and cow dung in his pieces which fascinated the children!

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been loving their weekly reading bus sessions. The children love to browse the books and find a comfy spot to sit with a friend and enjoy a book.

Learning in Year 3

In science this week, Year 3 investigated whether all magnets have the same strength. We used force metres to measure the strength of different types of magnets. We discovered that some magnets are stronger than others.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

The children in the Upper Phase are making such fantastic progress in their learning this term. As they come towards the end of their topics, they have been reflecting on all the knowledge and skills that they have developed. It was lovely this week to speak to some of the Year 4 children about their learning. They were incredibly enthusiastic and spoke confidently about all of the things they have learnt during the autumn term. Year 4 have been learning all about the Battle of Hastings and re-enacted their own battle to show what they had remembered about this very important event. Year 5 have been busy writing a newspaper report in English on the Saqqara Tomb discovery and are going to be using the green screen in a couple of weeks to showcase their presenting skills. Year 6 have been learning all about light and made their own periscopes - they were very impressive!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning, please feel free to contact me on:

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Learning in Year 4

This week we have been learning about the power struggle in England, resulting in the Battle of Hastings. For our homework, we created shields and weapons and then we brought them in to re-enact the Battle. Our classes were split into the Normans and the Anglo-Saxons and then we acted out the different stages of the battle. The Normans won, resulting in William of Normandy being crowned as King.

Learning in Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been practising their carving and sculpting skills as they prepare to create their own Ancient Egyptian Scarab next week. We have been using soap to sculpt with so our hands have never been cleaner!

Learning in Year 6

In science this week, Year 6 created periscopes! We discussed their purpose during WW2: to track when enemies were approaching from tanks and submarines. They were also used in the trenches during WW1. The children loved investigating how they work and linked their findings to our current science topic: Light! Well done, Year 6, excellent learning this week :)



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

Lost Property

This item belongs to:

Please name your child's belongings

We make every effort to return any item that finds its way to our lost property, however the volume of items without a name makes this a very difficult task. Please name your child's belongings so that if found, we can ensure it gets back to them. Any items without a name that have not been collected after 2 weeks will be sent to charity.

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Christmas Cracker Hockey Offer

Adult £12 Under-16 £7
Per-ticket, per-game. Normal price £19 and £11 + booking fees

Wednesday 8th December vs. Belfast Giants (7.30pm)
Challenge Cup Quarter-Final First-Leg

Sunday 12th December vs. Sheffield Steelers (5.30pm)
Inc. Skate with the Blaze post-game

Wednesday 22nd December vs. Fife Flyers (7.30pm)
Skydome Arena, Croft Rd, Coventry CV1 3AZ

To book, complete the online form at:
tinyurl.com/blaze-christmas
Or scan the QR code.

Collect and pay for the tickets (in cash) on the night of the game.

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Enjoy the show.

