

20th May 2022



### A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

*I hope everyone is keeping well and enjoying the spring days and light warm evenings that are always a bonus at this time of the year. Children are now beginning to eat their lunch outdoors and we are introducing a range of summer activities at lunchtimes for children to enjoy.*

*Year 3 enjoyed their visit to Bishops Wood on Monday and Year 1 could not contain their excitement as they went on their visit to Saint John's Museum on Thursday. Both visits are planned as an integral part of the curriculum, and I would like to thank parents for their financial and practical support which ensured they could go ahead.*

*We are very mindful of the increased financial pressures everyone is facing, and we are carefully planning those activities which we must ask parents to contribute towards. In some instances, we are planning alternative experiences in our grounds or closer to school to reduce transport costs and the school will offset costs on visits wherever we are able to do so. Thank you for your continued support, which we really appreciate.*

*This week was an opportunity for our Year 2 children to shine, as they completed their Key Stage 1 SATS. The children were brilliant, displaying an outstanding attitude and great resilience. A lot of house point tokens have been filling our tubes, as staff recognised children's attitude and tremendous progress. SATS results for Year 2 are marked in school, with the results compiled and used to support teacher assessment judgements. Parents will be informed of their child's results on their end of year reports which will be distributed in July. Very well done to all our wonderful Year 2 children. I hope you all know how proud we are of you, particularly after missing so much learning in school during the Pandemic. You are superstars!*

*Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Coventry Wasps on Thursday to speak to our winning house as we announce this half term house point winners in assembly on Monday. There are a few days left for children to SOAR to success and impress the staff to gain some more house points before the tokens are counted. We are very grateful to Coventry Wasps for supporting the school in this way.*

*Parents are invited to a remote Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) information session on Thursday 26th May at 6pm. This is an opportunity for parents to find out about the content of this sensitive topic which must be taught in primary schools. The session will give details of the content which will be taught in each year group and there will be the opportunity for parents to ask any questions.*

*Friday is our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, when children will spend the morning immersed in classroom activities linked to the event, with activities continuing into Manor Park University in the afternoon. Please can everyone dress up in something red, white, or blue, or a combination of these colours, in recognition of our Queen and country. Alternatively, children may dress up as a king or queen if they wish to. We are holding a whole school themed picnic on the field at lunchtime. A picnic lunch will be provided for every child who usually has a school lunch and for those children who have booked the themed lunch. There will be no hot food or alternative menu on Friday. Children not having the school lunch will join in the festivities and eat their own packed meal from home with their class group. We are all looking forward to what should be a wonderful day to launch our half term holiday in style!*

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Aaron Ashmore, author of Coventry children's books from Etch and Pin, recently came into school to speak to our Artists who won their house point challenge. The children really enjoyed listening to Aaron and learning about his work and aspirations, particularly as his children are pupils at our school.

His son Oscar who is in Class 14 and Aaron have been working on a new Coventry children's book for the last six-months and have produced a book they are incredibly proud of!

Waterstones Coventry are celebrating the launch of the book with a book signing with Aaron, Oscar and the illustrator, Lizzie on Monday 30th May where they will also be running some free creative writing and illustration workshops! The poster for this is attached. Aaron has given our community the opportunity to book complimentary tickets through the link below for this event which is during half term.

[Etch & Pin Writing & Illustration Workshops Tickets -Coventry](#)

Congratulations to Aaron and Oscar on their wonderful success. We cannot wait for their new book to arrive onto our reading shelves as Aaron regularly provides the school with his complimentary books which children love reading. Many thanks to him and Oscar.

**FREE CREATIVE WRITING & ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOPS**

Get your hands on a signed copy of the brand new Coventry children's book from Etch & Pin!  
Monday 30th May 2022 11am - 1pm  
at Waterstones, Coventry City Centre

The latest in the series of Coventry children's books is soon to be released!

Meet the authors, father and son, Aaron and Oscar Ashmore and the illustrator, Lizzie Ryan at a special launch event and pick up a signed copy of the book or take part in a series of workshops to help you create fun and interesting characters and bring them to life with illustration!

Authors, Aaron & Oscar Ashmore

Illustrator, Lizzie Ryan

Creative Writing Workshop with Aaron  
11.10am - 11.30am

Illustration Workshop with Lizzie  
11.40am - 12noon

Creative Writing Workshop with Aaron  
12.10pm - 12.30pm

Illustration Workshop with Lizzie  
12.40pm - 1pm

COMING SOON!!

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS TO THE WORKSHOPS BY SCANNING THE QR CODE (LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE)

Goodbye and good luck to Miss Carr and Mrs Jelley who leave us this week and welcome back to Mrs Scott as she returns to school.

A reminder that school close for the half term holiday on Friday 27th May.

Have a wonderful half term holiday when it arrives. A reminder that we are taking our statutory additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Monday 6th June. We selected this day as we wanted the children to continue engaging in the national and local events to mark this prestigious occasion which will go down in history for the children to reflect on for many years to come.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy the extended bank holiday and all the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations which look extremely exciting. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 7th June, ready for our final and busiest half term of the academic year.

Best wishes to everyone.

Jill O'Connor

Headteacher



## EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

Nursery have been making the most of the warmer weather this week and are spending a great deal of time in the outdoor area. They are especially enjoying exploring and using tools, bolts and loose parts as part of their play, particularly after observing Mr Connolly and Mr Burnett building and fixing things! Children are continuing to do so well in developing their speaking during discussions with friends and grown ups. We have been talking a lot this week about sharing and how we speak to friends about taking a turn, as part of understanding our nursery rules. I have heard many children practising their manners and being polite when they speak to others - well done nursery!

This week, Reception children have been learning all about spiders and have been very keen to search for them in the outdoor area so that they can study them! The children have performed Incy, Wincy Spider with percussion instruments, created spider finger puppets and recycled some materials to make spider sun-catchers. The children are also very excited about our caterpillars, which they have been observing closely and have now transformed into chrysalises!

We are all very proud of the children who have done incredibly well in their phonics assessments this week - superstars!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

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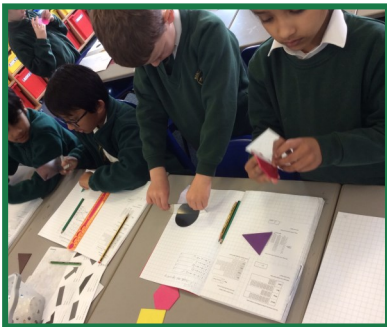
### Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have had an amazing time playing in our small world area. They particularly enjoyed playing with our fabulous wooden house. What a super time we had!

This week in Kingfishers, we have worked hard on our cutting skills! The children have cut out and ordered pictures of animals and we have been using the language of "big/tall, medium and small." We have listened to a story called Kitchi's Moccasins which is all about being proud to be different and we designed our own unique shoes too.

### Learning in Reception

This week in Reception, we have enjoyed learning all about spiders. We enjoyed creating our own spiders and finding out why they don't stick to their webs.



## Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

It has been a very exciting week for the children in the Lower Phase. On Monday, Year 3 travelled to Bishops Wood where they were fully immersed in the Stone Age. They took part in a range of prehistoric activities such as hunting and gathering, making fences using weaving, knotting fishing nets, making flour and making their own shelters. The Year 1 children also went on a trip this week; they visited St John's Museum in Warwick, where they went back in time to the Victorian era. They attended a lesson in a Victorian classroom and saw what it was like to go to school during this time. They had the chance to dress up and learnt about the difference between clothing and houses of the rich and poor. They also played with a variety of Victorian toys and reflected on how different they were to the toys they play with today. Year 2 have made us all so proud with their hard work and positive attitudes towards their SATs this week. They are really looking forward to their end of SATs party next week and their trip to Warwick Castle after the half term break. Well done Year 2!

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

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### Learning in Year 1

This week we reflected on the pandemic and the impact it had on our lives. We made a gratitude tree of all the things we are grateful for and a large rainbow collage to show our appreciation for the key workers. A lot of us also recalled baking at home during that time so we also made and decorated salt dough cupcakes...it was a shame we couldn't eat them! Such original thoughts and ideas from Year 1!

### Learning in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been busy being resilient completing their KS1 SATs. We have also been learning about the different jobs people did in castles in medieval times. In maths, we explored the properties of 2D shapes and next week we will learn about the properties of 3D shapes.

### Learning in Year 3

As part of their topic for this term, Year 3 went on a trip to Bishops Wood on Monday. There, we learned about the stone, bronze and iron ages. We worked as a nomadic tribe to build a shelter in the Stone Age then we moved into the Bronze Age where we weaved a fence from willow branches, acted as hunter gatherers and used flints to learn how to make fire. We had a great day!!

## Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

The Upper Phase children have continued to show fantastic resilience, positivity and originality this week. The children in Year 4 have been practising their multiplication skills and the progress they have made since the beginning of term has been phenomenal. They have also been learning about different mountain formations during their geography lessons and even had a go at making their own! Year 5 have been using their descriptive writing skills to create a character and setting description based on 'The Agents of Shield'. It was lovely to see their creativity and imagination being used to great effect within these pieces of writing. Year 6 have also had a busy week this week! They have finished their African inspired masks, used our school green screens to practise their computing skills and started to read Macbeth as inspiration for their next writing unit. Please remember to look on Seesaw for examples of your child's super learning.

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### Learning in Year 4

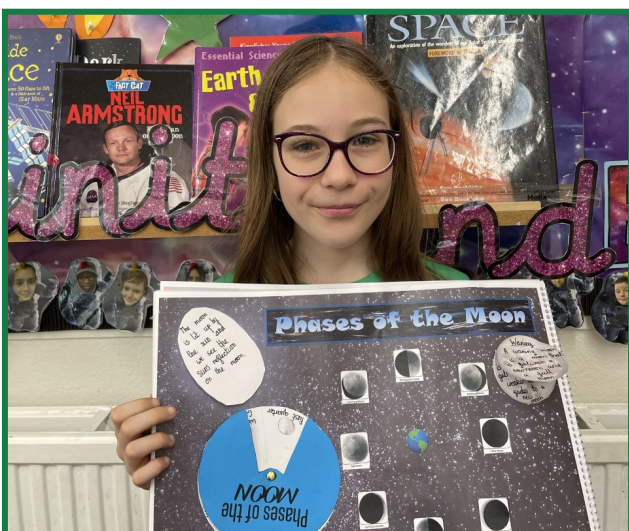
This week, Year 4 have been learning about different mountains within North America. The children found out how they were formed, how big they are where in the continent they are located. Finally, everyone decided how they wanted to present their research. Max and Jacob created a wonderful presentation on Adobe Spark Post!

### Learning in Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about how the phases of the moon are created and the science behind this. Year 5 have also learnt how long this cycle takes as well as other unique different types of full moons such as blue moons, supermoons and blood moons. They have found out the current phase of the moon that we have been each day this week.

### Learning in Year 6

Year 6 had a visit from Langar Aid - a local charity helping feed the homeless. Year 6 helped make sandwiches to feed to the homeless that evening. They also helped pack 3000 tea bags and label bags which the food parcels will go into. It was a great help for Langar Aid and it was lovely to see the children getting involved in charity work.





### Girls Football Tournament

Well done to the girls who took part in the Girl's Euro Football tournament at the AT7 Centre on Wednesday. We are extremely proud of their sportsmanship and teamwork and they placed 3rd!

Congratulations!



# S

*Self-sufficient*

# O

*Original*

# A

*Attitude*

# R

*Resilient*



### INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

**FREE ONLINE** workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**. Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim



To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above.



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### Sky Blues in the Community launched DementiaActive

Sky Blues in the Community launched DementiaActive in Coventry back in September 2021 and it has proved to be a great success.

The session consists of a variety of activities for participants of all abilities. These include badminton, table tennis, soft archery, indoor bowls, basketball, and football. Plus, we have games that are less physically demanding like giant Jenga, cards and other board games.

We give the participants the opportunity to choose which ever activity they like and there is no pressure on them to do any specific activity. There is also plenty of space for everyone attending to have a seat and chat with others.

Participants are welcome to attend with carers/family members or friends and we encourage them to join in also, which helps create a positive atmosphere at sessions.

The new sessions will be taking place in Nuneaton and Warwick, with details of both below.

DementiaActive Nuneaton - Jubilee Sports Centre (CV10 7EZ) - Monday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30

DementiaActive Warwick - St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre (CV34 4QY) - Friday mornings 10.00 - 11.30

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