# 8th October 2021



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity sending in food donations for our harvest celebrations. This food has been collected by Coventry Food Bank and will be used to support their invaluable work in reaching out to vulnerable families in our city. The amount of food that was collected was once again overwhelming and greatly appreciated by the charity.

A reminder that we have opened bookings for our autumn parents' evenings which will be held on Monday 18th October and Tuesday 19th October for Reception parents and Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October for parents of children in Years 1 -6. Please make an appointment online if you would like to meet your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

We are aware that there are some issues with the third entrance used by upper phase and accessed from the field. We are actively working on having a permanent path and parent waiting area installed to address this issue. We hope this work will be done as soon as possible; however, we are waiting for contactors to give us a date when this work can be done. Can I remind parents that to ensure the safety and comfort of all our children and families you use the gates which have been allocated to your child's year group. Gate 1 is for Nursery, Years 1, 2 and 3. Gate 2 is for reception children and Gate 3 for Years 4, 5, and 6. Thank you for your support in complying with this request which prevents unnecessary congestion and helps everyone at these busy times of the day.

We have several items of furniture which we no longer need. We are offering these to parents either free of charge or for a nominal charge. This week we have whiteboards on stands available as we have recently purchased new ones for the classrooms. Please contact the office if you can make use of one of these. All items will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

A reminder that school will be closing for the half term holiday on Thursday 21st October as Friday 22nd is our second training day of the year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards Jill O'Connor Headteacher

## EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

The children in Nursery and Reception have been having so much fun this week. It's been great to explore our fantastic school site and see the changes that are happening in autumn. If you have a chance to explore your local area maybe you could collect some autumn treasure, we especially love conkers.

As the weather begins to get cooler, we know that you will be sending gloves, hats and scarves with your children. Please can you ensure that these are clearly labelled.

We have a limited number of spaces available in our Nursery provision and we can take children from the age of 2. If you have any younger siblings and would like to take a look at what we offer than please get in touch.

As always, feel free to get in touch with us if you have any queries, concerns or positive comments, we are always happy to hear from our families.

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## Learning in Nursery

The Wrens and Robins have been fabulous hairdressers this week! We have also been exploring space and painting stars.

This week in Kingfishers we have been on an intergalactic adventure! We have been creating fantastic space artwork using glue, glitter, paint and tin foil rocks for stamping. We have built rockets using wooden blocks and crates. The children have also explored the large corn stalks Mrs Goddard harvested at the weekend! We enjoyed peeling the leaves to find the corn cobs inside.

## Learning in Reception

This week in Reception the children have been getting into the swing of autumn by creating autumn pictures using leaves of all shapes, colours and sizes, and making tasty Hedgehog Bread!













## Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

In the Lower Phase this week, our Year 1 superheroes have been designing their own superhero masks. They have thought carefully about the properties that a superhero mask would need, such as being strong and comfortable, and their final products are fantastic! In Year 2, the children have been mixing paints and creating new colours to use on their own stained glass windows. They have used their recent trip to Coventry Cathedral to inspire their artwork. In Year 3, the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting messy with papier-mache when creating their own ancient Greek amphoras (vases). Next week, they will be painting them to depict an ancient Greek scene.

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

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## Learning in Year 1

This week in PE Year 1 we have been developing our movement skills such as throwing, catching, running, jumping. These experiences provide the foundation for the development of sport or activity-specific skills.

#### Learning in Year 2

Following our walk around Coventry earlier on this term, Year 2 have been creating their own stained glass windows which we saw in the new Coventry Cathedral. They have worked really hard to mix primary colours to make secondary colours, like purple, orange and green. Well done children!

#### Learning in Year 3

This week as part of their Meet the Greeks topic, Year 3 have been making Greek Amphoras. Once they are ready, the next stage is to decorate them to make them look authentic.

## Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

The children in the Upper Phase have been working incredibly hard in their learning this week. Some year groups have finished their first English book already! Year 6 had a fantastic time on their WOW day last week and we received a lovely email from the staff at Coventry Cathedral to commend the children on their impeccable behaviour. Well done Year 6. Year 4 are looking forward to another WOW day next week where they will be dressing up in Roman dress, baking their own bread and will also attend a very lavish Roman banquet. Our junior leadership team have now been chosen and a very big well done to our Upper Phase leaders and deputies who worked very hard to campaign for their votes. We look forward to seeing the changes that you make over the coming year.

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

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### Learning in Year 4

In science, Year 4 have been learning about 'States of Matter'. This week we carried out an investigation where we mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda in a bottle with a balloon on top. We learnt that mixing the two caused a chemical reaction which in turn produced gas and the gas produced inflated the balloon. The more bicarbonate of soda we added, the bigger the balloon inflated. In was all very exciting and there were lots of squeals of delight and amazement!

### Learning in Year 5

Class 19 used algorithms on Scratch to create a platform game. We looked at how changing variables affected the score and how certain algorithms affected how the sprite moved.

#### Learning in Year 6

Following our trip to the Coventry Cathedral and the Transport Museum, we further researched the impact of the Blitz on Coventry. We thought about how the economy changed, looked at the differences in architecture and also discussed how the population of Coventry changed and why.



# Photograph Orders

Please place your school photograph orders by Sunday 17th October if you would like your photographs delivered to the school free of charge.



# Free to a Good Home

Items free to a good home, collection after 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

More items to follow next week.



















## Lost Property

This item belongs to:

Please name your child's belongings

We make every effort to return any item that finds it's 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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# Half Term Activities

Please find below a link which includes Warwickshire Museum's exciting half term holiday activities for children and families.

Warwickshire Museum Half Term Activities



# COMPLEX COMMUNICATION TEAM



Coventry Complex Communication Team will be delivering a series of 6 free workshop sessions aimed at parents and carers of children and young people on the Autism Spectrum and with complex communication needs.

Each session will be delivered virtually through Microsoft Teams and presented by a specialist practitioner in the field of Autism. There will be a series of sessions focusing on a range of topics, which include:

- Week 1- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Understanding your child and their Autism
- Week 2 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Supporting your child with selfcare and independence
- Week 3 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Supporting your child and their sensory processing differences
- Week 4 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Supporting your child and their behaviours
- Week 5 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Supporting your child with their learning
- Week 6 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Supporting your child with transitions and life changes

The aim of each session will be to:

- To raise an awareness of how Autism/CCN affect your child
- To develop a shared understanding of some of the challenges that our children face, and the strengths they can bring
- To increase your confidence in understanding and supporting your child
  To build up a bank of ideas and strategies that can be used to support your child

All sessions are 4.30pm-5.45pm. Whilst we appreciate you may not be able to attend every session due to work/family commitments; we do ask that you do attend week 1 as this provides the foundation for the remaining sessions, and that you are able to commit to at least two of the following sessions.

Please email <u>BSCLimbrickWoodCentre@coventry.gov.uk</u> if you wish to attend any of these sessions. You will the receive MS Teams invitations for each individual session.



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# Women Talk Referral Form



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