

Newsletter

'Everyday is a learning day'...

8th December 2023

Across this term, senior leaders have worked closely with our Pupil Leadership Team and the whole school to find ways to offer an enhanced dinner experience for all children as this is such an important time to enable the children to learn and embed social skills.

Mrs Paul and Mrs Deeley, held a whole school assembly in Autumn 1 to discuss the experience and the improvements the children would like. Many good suggestions were given and an agreed understanding that it was a collective responsibility to enhance the experience by having shared high expectations by the children. These expectations are displayed daily in the hall alongside a new 'Thunk' question each day to spark conversation whilst the children have their dinner - thank you to Mrs Lemm for updating this.



A 'Name the Dinner Hall' competition was launched, with the Pupil Leadership Team sitting on the judging panel (well done Heath for winning this competition). Mr Day was tasked to use the winning name to create a range of logo designs, which were presented to the Pupil Leadership Team. Following the selection of the design, bespoke lunchtime aprons were created for Year 6 helpers, thank you to Miss Bolt. Additional resources such as long stick dustpan and brushes, ipad holders so that staff can reward positive praise via Trackit Lights were purchased. Mr Day was then tasked to create table signs for each class so the area can be reserved. The launch of the VIP Priority Table took place this Monday with children receiving the Role Model Award in praise being selected to have their lunch with senior leaders on a special table - thank you to Mrs Khan for sourcing the resources and Mrs Townsend for supporting. The selected children were given special lanyards in the Monday Morning assembly to wear - thank you to Miss Harrington and Mr Day for the creation of these.

We are pleased to announce 'Ryders Diner' as our dinner space in the hall and delighted to share some of the enhancements that are now in place.



Lunchtime charter

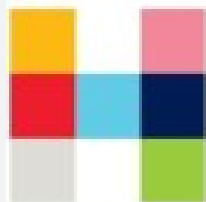
1. We wash our hands before eating
2. We line up quietly and talk quietly
3. We show respect to each other
4. We sit properly on our seats
5. We remember to say 'please' and 'thank you'
6. We use our knife, fork and spoon properly
7. We walk when we are in the dining hall and in the corridors on the way to the playground
8. We wait until we have an empty seat before we sit down
9. We put our hand up if we have a problem
10. We tidy up and clear our plate when we have finished



Friday's discussion question

What animal would make a great driver?





BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME

There is an exciting opportunity for autistic young people at the Hippodrome.

The Hippodrome has partnered with London's Turtle Key Arts to deliver a four-day project in February half-term, in which participants will create and share a brand-new piece of performance work.

The project will be led by the Hippodrome's artists with expert guidance in accessibility from Turtle Key Arts.

This offer is open to everyone on the autism spectrum, including those who are undiagnosed or awaiting diagnosis.

The programme is designed for children aged 11-15, but if children are outside of this age bracket, and feel that they would benefit from being part of this please get in touch and apply as the Hippodrome will consider all applicants.



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"It was amazing and I didn't want it to end!"

Aaron
Turtle Opera participant
2022

SPOTLIGHT

What have our year groups been focusing on this week and what the focus after half term....?

THE POLAR EXPRESS



Year 1

This week, we have started reading the story: The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg. We have been looking for nouns and adjectives within the story.

Next week, we will be writing instructions explaining how to make hot chocolate. We might even be making our own hot chocolate!

Year 2

This week, we have joined up with Year 1 in the hall, to begin rehearsing our KS1 Christmas play. We are really looking forward to performing!

Next week, we will be continuing our Science work on animals and humans by looking at what happens to our bodies when we exercise.



Year 3

This week in Science, we have been continuing our work about forces.

The children investigated whether they could block a magnetic field using a magnet, paperclip and different types of material.

Next week, in English we will be producing a piece of independent writing about something that has gone missing and needs to be returned to Santa.

Year 4

This week, we have been writing our own modern day story of Aladdin. We have focused on including similes and using all of our senses to add atmosphere to our pieces. Our handwriting is getting better too!

Next week, we will be performing our pantomime of Aladdin and we have all been practising our lines - oh yes we have!



Year 5

This week, we were invited to watch children at Brownhills Ormiston Academy perform Matilda. It was an amazing performance - the children thoroughly enjoyed it!

Next week, we are looking forward to participating in an online Science lesson about Space, in preparation for our learning that will be taking place in Spring term.

Year 6

This week in English, we are starting to get Christmassy and are reading an abridged version of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. We are focussing on character and how we can use evidence from the text to build an image of a character.

Next week, we will be writing a letter to Scrooge from his deceased partner, Marley to advise him on how to celebrate Christmas and be a more generous and happier person.



Reminder's...

December:

22nd Dec – Children break up for Christmas

25th Dec – 5th Jan – Christmas Holiday

January:

8th Jan – Children return to school

15th Jan – Martin Luther King Day

A gentle reminder that parents and carers are expected to make arrangements for medical and dental appointments where possible outside of school hours, we understand that at times this can be difficult and emergency or hospital appointments may be difficult to change.

Proof of medical appointments are required and this must be shared directly with the main school office and attendance team, examples of medical appointments can be an appointment card, text confirmation/reminder or hospital letter.

A reminder that metal topped bottles and hydroflasks are not to be used in school. There have been incidents with children chipping their teeth and a full metal bottle is very heavy and a possible H&S risk.

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Y1 - Y3

Mondays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

MULTI SPORTS

8th Jan- 5th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in Y1- Y3 ONLY

Cost = £25

YEAR 3 - 6

Tuesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

DODGEBALL

9th Jan- 6th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in KS2 ONLY

Cost = £25

Y1 - Y2

Wednesdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

GYMNASTICS

10th Jan- 7th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to children in Y1-Y2 ONLY

Cost = £25

YEAR 3 - 6

Thursdays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

FOOTBALL

11th Jan- 8th Feb (5 sessions)

Available to KS2 ONLY

Cost = £25

YEAR 3 - 6

Fridays - AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

15:30 – 16:30pm

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12th Jan- 9th Feb (4 sessions)

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COMMUNITY CAROLS
TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER
6.30pm

Everyone is invited to join friends from St Michael's & All Angels Church and Pelsall Methodist Chapel for a sing-along to favourite Christmas Carols and listen again to the story of Christmas. We'll be meeting on Pelsall Common (by the Memorial Garden).





Christmas Toy Service - Sunday 17th December 10am in church. Church and community will be working together to collect toys for the Black Country Toy Appeal which is part of the Mayor's Appeal. People bring their toys to the special toy to be blessed and then taken to the Black Country distribution place. (more details nearer the time)



Christmas Ho Ho Ho

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