

# Primary Matters

News and Information from Primary Phase - Friday 27th May 2022

## Vice Principal's Message

The month of May has seen the return of the statutory assessment tests (SATs) in English and mathematics for Year 2 and Year 6. We have been extremely proud of how our children have approached these assessments with confidence and resilience. Year 1 children are also working hard on mastering their phonics knowledge and skills in preparation for their phonic screening checks (PSC) at the beginning of next term. Parents' help and commitment is very much appreciated in supporting learning in these core areas of the curriculum.

This term, has brought a tangible sense of school life returning to normal as our KS2 choir joined together with four thousand primary children at the 'Young Voices' concert in Birmingham, our 'Strictly' dance teams have been back in step and the sun shone on our Platinum Jubilee party!

Looking out across the playground at a sea of red, white and blue, happy children bubbling with excitement and parent volunteers keeping the supply of party food and drinks flowing, it was a welcome return to the community activities that we have missed so much. Her Majesty graced us with her presence, (hanging on to her hat in the wind!) casting an expert eye over the splendid crown competition and a wonderful time was had by all.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable holiday and Jubilee Bank Holiday, with family and friends and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school for the final term of the academic year.

*Katherine Ryan*

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## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Playground Party - What a wonderful way to end to the term!



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II made a royal visit to our party!





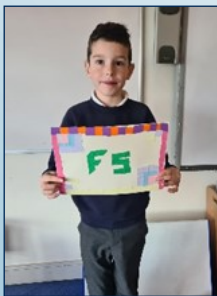
## Spotlight on Learning - Lower KS2

Pupils in Year 3 and 4 did some fantastic learning last term.

In Year 3, the learning theme was 'Heroes', with a history focus on Ancient Greece. They found out about famous Greek heroes, Gods and Goddesses.

In Art, children learnt about ancient Greek pottery, analysing different designs and patterns to then create their very own ancient Greek pot!

In English, Year 3 linked their theme learning by reading a variety of Greek myths and legends. By connecting the stories, finding similarities and differences, they were able to identify what they needed to include in their mythical writing. The children enjoyed acting out scenes from 'Theseus and the Minotaur'.



Year 4 were excitedly learning all about the Romans in preparation for their successful residential trip. They immersed themselves in Roman culture by creating their own mosaics. They soon realised how long it takes to create such intricate designs.

In English, they learnt about Boudicca – Queen of the Iceni – and how they could help her write a persuasive speech to convince her warriors to go to battle against the Romans.



In science, the children were learning all about the three states of matter – solid, liquid and gas. They used their drama skills to become the three different states, to understand their properties. They had a fantastic time on their first residential trip doing lots of wonderful things, including visiting the York Chocolate Story to learn how chocolate changes its state from solid to liquid and back to solid again – yum!

*Mrs Meredith and Miss Carter*  
Lower Key Stage 2 Leaders

*"Thank you all for your hard work (from reception to Year 6), you the CCS office team are exemplary."*  
Parent

## Dates for Your Diary

Primary Jubilee Celebration Day

**School closes**

**School reopens**

5CS Black Country Museum trip

5CH Black Country Museum trip

Year 3 Living Rainforest trip deadline

Year 5/6 tag rugby festival

Year 3/4 tennis skills event

Year 5/6 Kwik cricket event

CCS Friends Y2 cake sale

Year 6 residential visit to Isle of Wight

**Friday 27th May**

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**Monday 6th June**

**Tuesday 7th June**

**Wednesday 8th June**

**Friday 10th June**

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**Wednesday 15th June**

**Friday 17th June**

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**Mon 20th - Fri 24th June**



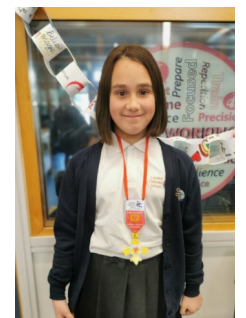
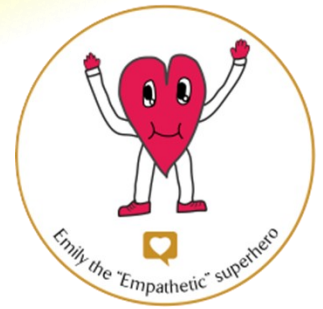


# Positive Contribution Award of Honour– Hall of Fame!

In the Spring term we introduced a new 'Award of Honour' for making a Positive Contribution. This award is presented to one student per week, in each class from Year 1 to Year 6, for making an outstanding positive contribution to their class, their year group or the school community as a whole. The medal was inspired by the Queen's honours and was beautifully designed by Elsie in Year 2.

Each recipient is celebrated in our weekly, Monday morning assemblies and wears their medal for the week. This has become a coveted award and the students are very excited when they are chosen and delighted to wear the award around the school. We are very proud of our students and it is always a very difficult choice to determine who should receive the award each week.

Below, you will see the final design for the award and lots of pictures of some of our recipients over This doesn't include everybody who has won the award so far as there's far too many to be able to fit on the page. Ask your child about their class award and how they have made a positive contribution.





## World Book Day



We had lots of fun celebrating the annual World Book Day. Everyone had a great time coming to school dressed as a book or story character. There were some wonderful outfits this year, we think you'll agree!

Primary phase children also took part in a variety of wonderful activities throughout the week, including performing poetry, reading aloud for enjoyment, learning the writer's craft, poetry games and activities for home and school, sharing stories and poetry and visiting our lovely LRC for some themed sessions.



## The CCS value for next term is *Empathy: Concern for Society*

### Chick Watch

At the end of term 4, our science faculty launched 'Chick Watch'. This was a new STEM (Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering) project linking to learning about 'Growth' from British Science Week. This two week experiment began with eggs hatching in an incubator, live in school. We ran several competitions around the event including naming the chicks, the egg drop where the children designed a structure to help protect an egg in the event of a fall and the age old debate; what came first? The chicken or the egg!

The chicks were streamed live on MS Teams allowing the children to watch their development in real time—did you see an egg hatch? This experiment allowed us to link our learning with other schools across the country for the children to see. Lots of us also got the chance to hold a chick.

At the end of the two week experiment, we are pleased to say that all the chicks were rehomed with one of our supply teachers who has raised chicks for many years. Thanks for Miss Carter and the science department for co-ordinating this successful all-through project which engaged all the children from YR—Y13.



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by Hunter  
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# Roundup in Pictures



We have had so many special events taking place recently in school that we'd like to share with you, so we thought we'd try to show you all the fun we had and wonderful active learning that took place in the form of a picture roundup. There's far too many wonderful moments to include them all but we've squeezed in as many as we can. Events that have taken place include FS fire engine visit, Y1 acting out The Three Little Pigs, Y2 Tudor Day, Y3 Greek Day, Y4 residential trip to York, Y5 creating a prototype of a new chocolate product and last but not least Y6 enjoying their SATs breakfast Enjoy!

Foundation  
Stage



Year 1



Year 3



Year 2



Year 4



Year 6



Year 5

