

# Primary Matters

News and Information from Primary Phase - Term 5

## Vice Principal's Message

Well, what a successful and exciting term 5 we have had. I was so proud of the way that our Year 6 students conducted themselves throughout the week of the SATs. Elements of the papers were extremely hard and you will have read in the news how some students were reduced to tears. Year 6 students showed their resilience, perseverance and a whole range of other HPL skills to work through the tests and remain positive, fuelled by the awesome breakfasts delivered by CCS Friends. The s'mores that they had in our Forest School area on Friday afternoon of that week were very well deserved.

Our Strictly teams continue to have great success with both Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 through to the grand finale after excellent performances at the Derngate. Through their hard work and the support of teachers, they displayed an impressive level of automaticity throughout their routines; now the hard work continues in preparing for the finals. In the sporting field, Year 4 students came 3rd at a recent tennis skills festival and Year 4 & 5 girls won a rounders tournament at the High School.

This week, we welcomed Fang, a blue python, to reception as part of the topic on 'Amazing Animals' to round off a series of lessons which have included watching caterpillars spin cocoons and then emerge as beautiful butterflies.

The CCS Friends 'Silver Linings' competition has raised a total of £563.92, with the winning class travelling an impressive 6959 miles (almost all the way to Brunei) at an exchange rate of 1p = 1 mile. Points for effort went to the students contributing Euros and plastic money to try and boost their class total, unfortunately, those coins didn't count.

We now look forward to a jam-packed Term 6 with Sports Day, Take One Picture and lots of celebrations of learning. Wishing you all a restful break.

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## Trips Update

We're in full swing with running and planning trips. As you receive this, Year 4 will be finishing their exciting first residential trip in York. As part of this trip, the children have had a number of fun-filled, exciting days with activities including exploring the famous York walls, a visit to York chocolate story, where they have learned all about the story of chocolate and even made their own edible creation.

Today, they have visited Murton Park where they got to be a Roman for the day. They have practiced marching like a soldier, made their own oil lamp out of clay and learned about Roman writing. Everybody has had a fantastic time and they're all very ready for the half term!



Year 5 finally managed to go on their rearranged trip to the Black Country Living Museum. They learned all about life in Victorian times by visiting the traditional shops on Main Street and talking to historical characters. They also visited the underground mine and find out all about what life was like for miners in the past, as part of an interactive show.

*"When we chose Caroline Chisholm as a school it was because of the combination of warmth and high standards that we felt from your staff right from the 1st visit and this remains true each day."*

Parent

## Warm Weather



As we head into the summer term, it's really important that we take necessary precautions to make sure our children are safe in the heat/hot weather. When we return to school, **please can you make sure that your child comes in wearing sun cream with a sun hat and a full water bottle.** You should also make sure that any cardigans/jumpers are properly named as they are often discarded on the playing field during break / lunchtime and if they're not named, it's very difficult to know which item of clothing belongs to which child in a school of over 400 children!

## Spotlight on Learning Assemblies



Next term, we are pleased to continue our schedule of Spotlight on Learning Assemblies. These assemblies are created to give parents a snapshot of the learning that the children have done through the year. They are a family event so younger members are welcome and siblings in school (both primary and secondary) are also invited where their timetable allows. A quick reminder of the assembly dates for next term:

<b>16th June</b>	<b>RKJ</b>
<b>30th June</b>	<b>RRKAM</b>
<b>7th July</b>	<b>5CH</b>
<b>14th July</b>	<b>2ST</b>

## Trip Deadlines

Details have now been sent out to parents for each year group's trip. We cannot stress enough how important it is that parents try to keep to the deadlines for completing details, submitting online consent forms and making payments, in order to make sure these additional curriculum experiences go ahead as planned. Previously, one of the main challenges of securing trips is that parents do not respond by the dates given. We appreciate that parents are busy, but if every effort can be made to respond by the dates set, the process is so much easier and the trip has a much greater chance of going ahead. Looking ahead, the deadlines for each outstanding trip are as follows:

FS trip to Children's Play Village - **Monday 19th June**

Year 1 trip to Hamerton Zoo - **Wednesday 7th June**

Year 2 trip to Silverstone - **Friday 9th June**

Year 3 trip to Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum  
- **Friday 9th June**

**Dates shown are trip payment/form deadlines, not the dates of the actual trips.**



*Next term, we are focusing on the value of being  
**Empathetic learners who are concerned for society.***



## Dates for Your Diary

**School closes**

**School reopens**

Cross-phase book club (selected Y6 students only)

Foundation Stage fire engine visit

Virtual RHE parents' presentation

CCS Friends primary disco

CCS Friends meeting

Primary Sports Day (letter to follow)

CCS Friends YR cake sale

Year 6 residential trip to Isle of Wight

**Friday 26th May**

**Monday 5th June**

**Tuesday 6th June**

**Wednesday 7th June**

**Thursday 8th June**

**Friday 9th June**

**Monday 12th June**

**Thursday 15th June**

**Friday 16th June**

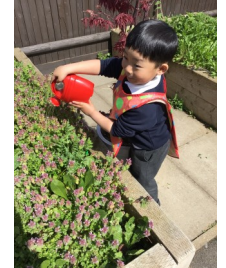
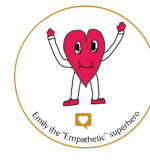
**Monday 19th - Friday 23rd June**





## Term 5 Roundup - Foundation Stage

This term has been all about our learning theme, 'Amazing Animals'. The children have been learning lots about life cycles and the differences between animals, humans and plants. As part of this theme, they have had the opportunity to see first hand the lifecycle of a caterpillar as it turns into a butterfly. The children were then able to help release them in our Forest School area. Lots of the learning has been linked to this theme; the children produced some beautiful paintings of butterflies!



## Key Stage 1

Year 1 have been making good use of their outdoor area this term for their learning theme of 'If you go down into the woods...' as they learned all about flowers and trees. The term started with Year 1 planting their own sunflowers which have grown beautifully and been sent home for parents and children to continue nurturing.

Year 1 have also been starting to learn about money to buy fruit from their pretend fruit stand, as well as volume. Another part of their maths learning has been about capacity and volume by experimenting with filling containers with water.

While part of this term has been about end of Year 2 SATs assessments, they have also done a lot of fun learning as well as part of their 'Pottering around' learning theme. They worked hard on their writing by writing a report about nocturnal animals and sharing this with the class.

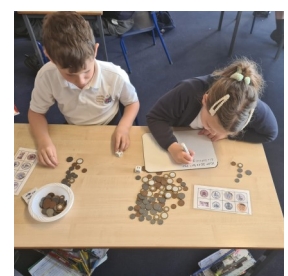
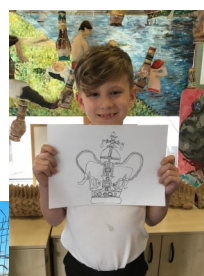
In maths, the children have learned a lot about telling the time on a clock face. Ask your Year 2 child to tell you the time!



## Key Stage 2

Year 3 have been learning all about rainforests. They had a fabulous time drawing their own rainforests on the tables! They researched all about the animals and plants that live there, as well as finding out about why people are trying to save them!

Year 4 have certainly had a busy term, trying to squeeze in their learning before their exciting trip to York. They have enjoyed designing their own crown in a Coronation themed art activity and have been getting practical with money to work out a variety of money-related problems.



Year 5 have enjoyed using the outdoor, Forest Schools area this term for their learning. For their Sensational Start, they went on a life changing journey to a new place! They have also been focusing on fractions in maths and have been starting to work on practicing sports day activities in preparation for the big day!

This term for Year 6 has revolved around the end of KS2 assessments - Year 6 did a great job and coped very well. A very yummy breakfast was enjoyed; this set them up for the day ahead. Since the assessments have finished, Year 6 have been concentrating on their writing and talking about arrangements for the forthcoming Year 6 residential trip to Isle of Wight.