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Hello everyone

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend parents' evening this week, it was lovely to welcome you into school to hear how your child has settled in to their new class. Next week, on Wednesday 9th October 3.45-6.15pm we have another chance for you to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. Please check your emails for a link to the online booking form, thank you.



Congratulations to Year 4 who were actively involved in a **Guinness World Records**

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Title Attempt for Largest Poetry Lesson (Multi Venue)! The live lesson, organised by the Children's Poetry Summit', took place on Thursday morning and involved children from all across the world. The theme of the poem that the children helped write was 'What counts?'. We will include the final poem in this newsletter for you to read next week.

We were excited to welcome **ChefBot 500** in to our dining hall on Thursday! The children enjoyed their robot themed lunchtime and meeting our very own Thornton Robot - I am sure you will agree, ChefBot 500 looked **cyber-awesome**!



We would also like to invite ALL parents/ carers to a coffee morning on Tuesday 8th October 9-10am. This 'time to talk' will be hosted by COMPASS and is part of our work to acknowledge World Mental Health Day next week.

Have a great weekend everyone! Cathy Grace, Headteacher







COFFEE MORNING

TO ACKNOWLEDGE WORLD
MENTAL HEALTH DAY WE HAVE
INVITED COMPASS INTO SCHOOL
TO HOST A 'TIME TO TALK'
COFFEE MORNING.

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 9-10AM

Join us in the dinner hall



Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace

Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason

Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone and Mrs Maza

Chair of Governors—Mr Subat Khan

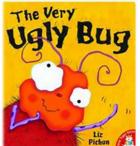
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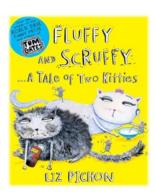
Author of the Month 'October'













She is best known for her Tom Gates series of "satirical realist comedy fiction", which has sold 16.5 million copies and has been translated into 44 languages across 47 international markets.

"I wanted to FILL the books with ALL the things I loved doing when I was a kid. It's just the best feeling ever to know children are enjoying reading the books because I love making them. So thank you so much for choosing Tom Gates and keep reading and doodling!"

In the twelve years since THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES first published, the books have inspired the nation's children to get creative, whether that's through doodling, reading, drawing, writing, making, music or performing.

Scan the *QR* code below to access Liz Pichon website





We would like to invite you to a CAT PAC course, our parent awareness course designed to support parent carers of children with a diagnosis of autism or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

 The course has been designed for parents who want to increase their understanding of autism.

The sessions will take place at Rednal Hill Junior School

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Session1 – An introduction to Autism	Tuesday 8 th October 9.30-11.30am
Session 2 – Communication and Interaction	Tuesday 15 th October 9.30-11.30am
Session 3 – Sensory differences	Tuesday 22 nd October 9.30-11.30am
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Session 4 – Eating, sleeping, personal care	Tuesday 5 th November 9.30-11.30am
Session 5 – Autism and Anxiety	Tuesday 12 th November 9.30-11.30am
Session 6 – Parent/ carer choice & signposting services	Tuesday 19 th November 9.30-11.30am

The subject or title of your email needs to state that it is for the :

Autumn 2024 Primary CAT PAC – Rednal Hill Junior School

In your email please include:

- Your name Parent carer
 - Your Child's name
 - Your Child's school (Add your child's CAT worker if known)
- Due to limited places, the course will be offered to the first families to contact us.
- There is an expectation that parents try to attend all sessions if possible. Please email **A2EGeneral@birmingham.gov.uk** to reserve a place.

You will receive an email response to confirm your place or to tell you that the course is full. Yours sincerely,

Katie Price, Lisa Walmsley and Wendy Bantock.

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well done to all the classes who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

 Year 4
 Year 5
 Year 6

 4NG
 5BA
 6ZB

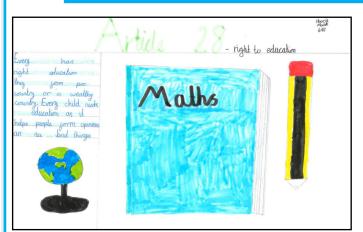
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5ZY

Our school attendance last week was 95.8%

Last week was our best attendance since the start of this of this academic year.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK











Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2025

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2025 are now live on the following website:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school admissions

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

They MUST BE COMPLETED by 11:59pm on 31 October 2024.

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 7th October

Year 3

Tuesday 8th October
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.

4NG MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 9th October Year 4

Thursday 10th October Year 6

Friday 11th October Year 5



Wednesday 9th October 3.45pm- 6.15pm

Parents' Evening

Friday 11th October 9am-9.30am

Y6 Harvest Festival Assembly

Half-term

Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024

Term 2 starts

Monday 4 November until Friday 20 December 2024

Christmas Holidays Monday 23rd December Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 1 Starts
Tuesday 7th January until
Friday 14th February 2025

