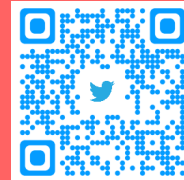




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Hello everyone

Thank you to all the children for their hard work this half term and thank you to you for your support in making sure we had a great start to the new academic year!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the change in attendance legislation this academic year. **EACH PARENT/CARER may be at risk of a fine (penalty notice fine) or a prosecution if you take your child out of school during term time for:**

- **5 consecutive days of leave in term time**
- **10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period** (one session is a morning OR afternoon)



Every student. Every day.

The first time a penalty notice fine is issued for leave in term time, or irregular attendance, the amount will be **£160 per parent/carer, per child** when paid within 28 days. The second time a penalty notice fine is issued within 3 years, the amount will be **£160 per parent/carer, per child**. The third time a penalty notice fine is issued the case will be presented straight to the **Magistrates Court, with fines of up to £2500 per parent/carer issued**. Cases found guilty in the Magistrates Court can show on parents'/carers' future DBS certificates as a 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

ALL children are expected to return to school after the ONE WEEK holiday on **Monday 4th November from 8.30am** and by 8.45am at the latest. Thank you for supporting your child's good attendance and punctuality. We are also looking forward to hosting the next **'time to talk' coffee morning on Monday 4th November from 8.45am to 9.30am** in the school dining hall — all parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Have a great holiday everyone—we can't wait to see your creative homework in November!  
Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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AIMS OF  
EDUCATION

## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Week 8's focus has been article 29 which is related to the goals of education. In addition to reading and writing, the education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

The children discussed how education could support them to develop their personality, talents and abilities. They decided that it helps them understand human rights, supports their health and well-being encourages friendships and gives them a voice.

Year 5 created a 'Talent Tree' for their class, with each child's name and talent written on a leaf.



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## Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been busy developing our drawing skills to create **Stone Age cave art**. After exploring some real cave art from the world famous Chauvet Cave in France, pupils were inspired to create their own images. We used graphite and charcoal to draw images of hunters as well as a range of different animals that roamed the lands during the Stone Age.



## Year 4

During our Writing session this week, we read '**Leo and the Gorgon's Curse**' which links with our Ancient Greece topic. The children loved reading the book, as it follows on from our text 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' that we all enjoyed reading during the last academic year!

We took part in a carousel activity, where we orally composed sentences about the main parts of the story. We then recorded our sentences on whiteboards in preparation for writing our narrative.

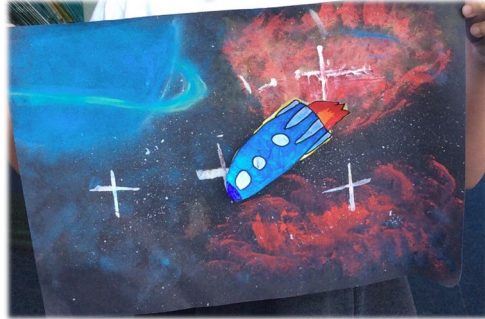


The boy came to the beach and saw a vicious creature standing on the shore.



## Year 5

This half-term, Y5's Science topic was **Earth and Space**. To mark the end of all the knowledge and facts they learnt, the children celebrated with creating abstract pieces of art in the style of Peter Thorpe, who has created vibrant images of space with imaginatively drawn rockets. Year 5 learnt how to create a 3D effect for their planets using chalks and smudging. Here are some of their designs.



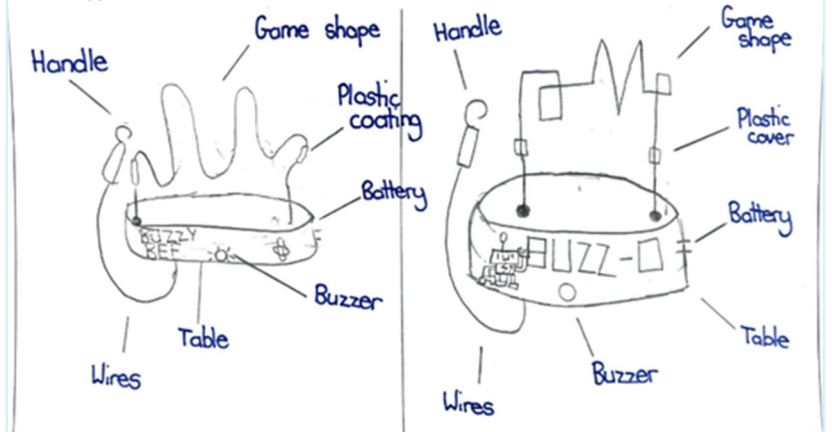
## Year 6

This term, Year 6 D.T lessons focus is **Electrical Systems: More Complex Switches & Circuits**

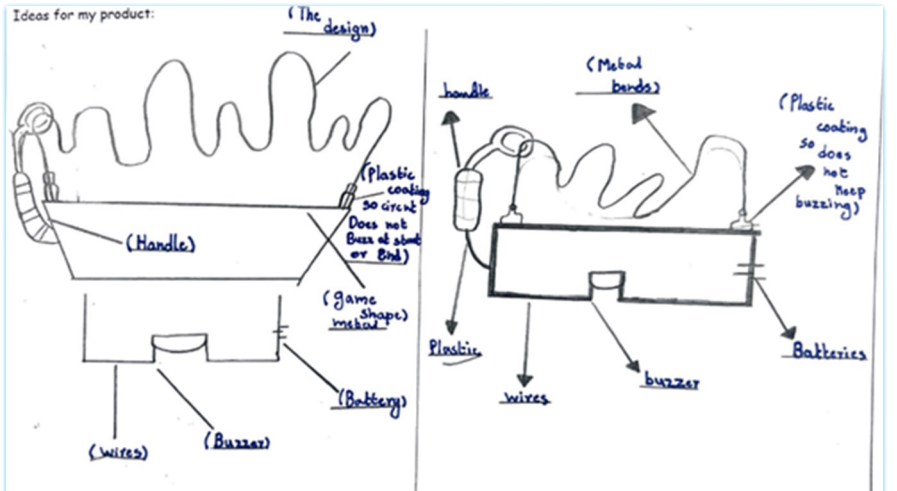
The students are looking at making Buzzer Games which are popular type of game, before Wi-Fi and games consoles. This is a game that you have to keep a steady hand in order to lead a metal ring around a circuit without it touching the metal. If the metal ring touched the metal, the game would make a buzz sound and you would have to start again!

The children generated ideas and created a design for their own buzzer game.

Ideas for my product:



Ideas for my product:



## Harvest Collection

Please kindly contribute towards the food bank:



**Year 3 and 4 – canned food (soup/beans/custard/spaghetti etc.)**

**Year 5 – pasta/spaghetti and rice**



**Year 6 – toiletries  
(toothbrushes/toothpaste/soap/shampoo etc.)**



**Please ensure that all items have a long shelf life and are within date.**

**Deadline: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Thank you for your donations.**

## Parent Pay

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you need any support with payment please contact the school office for support. Thank you.

**Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.**

**Dinner money is £2.60 per day and £13 per week.**

**Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.**

**After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.**

**There is a late pickup charge (£4) for pupils picked up after 4pm.**



## School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? Please make this change at the start of each term and not mid term. We would be very grateful if you could please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen. Thank you.



## Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, **nut free** snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies.** Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates. **Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! Thank you for your support.**





## School Attendance



### Class Attendance

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

Year 3

3ST

Year 4

4NG

Year 5

5BA  
5ZY



**Our school attendance last week was 95.6%**

## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 4th November  
Year 4

Tuesday 5th November  
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.  
**4NG MUST** be in school  
for 8.25am

Wednesday 6th November  
Year 3

Thursday 7th November  
Year 5

Friday 8th November  
Year 6

**Academic Year 2024-2025**

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term 2 starts: Monday 4 November 2024 until

Friday 20 December 2024

Christmas holidays: Monday 23rd December until

Friday 3rd January 2025

Spring Term 1 2025

Teacher training day - Monday 6th January 2025

Term 1 Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2025 until

Friday 14 February 2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 until

Friday 21 February 2025

Spring Term 2 starts: Monday 24 February 2025 until

Friday 11 April 2025

### Firework Feast Menu

Miquil, our school caterer, will be hosting a special Firework Feast Menu on **Tuesday 5th November** for all the pupils that have a school meal. If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and would like a special Firework Feast school lunch, please call the school office to book the meal. **The cost is £2.60 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system.**

### Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer September 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.

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

