

Hello everyone

We started this week on a real high with **an outstanding performance from Year 3 in the Eid Assembly** this had everyone smiling and feeling happy, very well done Year 3! There was a full range of great talents on show and an impressive level of confidence!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the **parents' evening** this week, we look forward to welcoming anyone yet to attend next Wednesday (**appointments can still be booked using School Cloud if you haven't had chance to book one yet—please check your emails, thank you**).



A small group of **Year 6 children were excellent ambassadors at Gardeners' World** this year and did a fantastic job drumming up support for the school's wheelbarrow entry. They were a real credit to the school!

The whole of **Year 6 enjoyed a well deserved treat today as they spent the day on an adrenaline rush at Drayton Manor!** Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this year and we are really proud of all their resilience, teamwork and aspiration. We are looking forward to celebrating this at their **graduation ceremonies on Tuesday 8th July**.

Dates to remember for next week are:

Tuesday 17th June— Year 6 Graduation photos

Wednesday 18th June—3.45-6.15pm Parents Evening 2/2

Monday 30th June is our next Teacher Training Day and the school will be closed to ALL children.

Have a great weekend everyone!

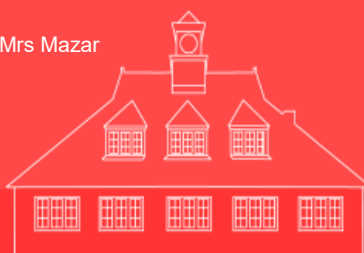
Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

In Year 3 we learnt about **Article 11 and 36 which are based on abduction and exploitation**. Children learnt that these two articles work together to make sure children are kept safe from people who might try to harm them or take them away. They remind governments and adults everywhere that protecting children is a top priority. At school, we help by teaching children about safety, their rights, and what to do if they feel unsafe. Children had an opportunity to reflect on this lesson and write down how we can keep each other safe.



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Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
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Year 3

Our topic for science this half term is **rocks and soil**. As part of our learning, the children took part in a fun exploration around the school grounds to find different types of rocks and soils and discover how they are used. They noticed that brickwork is used in the school walls because it is strong, durable, and keeps water out.

Concrete is used on the playground and under the school because it is very strong and long-lasting. In the planters, they found stones that help with drainage by allowing water to flow through the soil.

Year 3 also learned that graphite is used in pencils, slate is used on the roof to help rainwater run off, and chalk is used at playtime because it is soft enough to draw with. It was a fun and exciting way to learn about the materials all around us!



Year 4

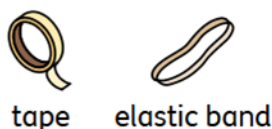
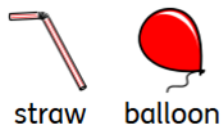
Year 4, have started their new DT topic **Mechanisms Pneumatics**. This half term, the children will design, make and evaluate their own moving toy (product) for younger children (user) to support their interest of play (purpose).

Please scan the QR code to watch and understand how pneumatic devices work and where you can find them!



At home, why not investigate the effects of moving air on everyday objects? Investigate how pneumatic devices use the power of compressed air to make something move.

You will need the resources below:



What **moving toy (product)** could you design and make for **younger children (user)** to support their interest of **play (purpose)**?




Year 5

As part of Year 5's **Farm, Factory, Food theme**, we visited Thornton's plot at St Margaret's Road Allotments.

We were met by Hester Blewitt, the Secretary of the Ward End Gardeners Association.

We had a tour of all the different plots and learnt about companion planting along with growing and harvesting.

The visit was very useful in helping to consolidate the learning in Science lessons as we saw for ourselves how some plants reproduce by producing seeds, whilst others - such as strawberries - grow horizontal runners.



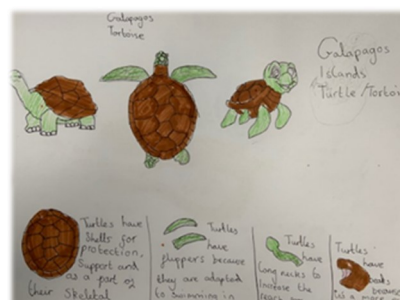
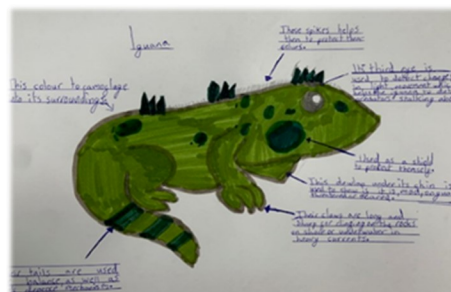
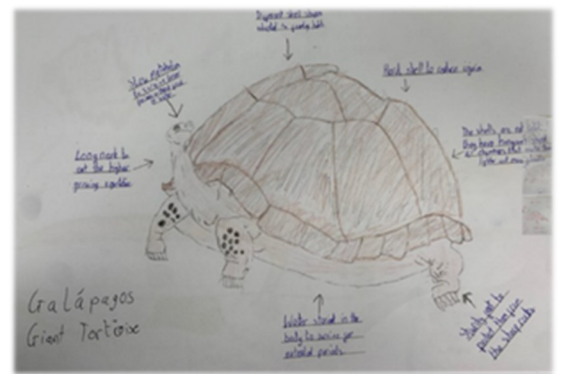
We also had a chance to plant tomatoes in Thornton's plot and taste some of the harvest.



Year 6

As part of our topic on Evolution, the Year 6 children have been learning about **Charles Darwin who was a naturalist, geologist, and biologist, widely known for his contributions to evolutionary biology**. The children have been busy writing a biography on Charles Darwin.

During his expedition on the HMS Beagle, Darwin spent some time studying the animals living on the Galapagos Islands. The Year 6 children have been carrying out their own research and have created some wonderful observational drawings of these unique animals that inhabit these islands, highlighting how they are adapted to their environment.



Name :	Colaptes hawk
Diet :	Carnivore
Habitat :	Shoreline - peaks
Speed :	37mph (60km)/hr
Sociality :	High hunt in groups
Friend/Enemy :	Aggressive predator





Ward End Fire Station OPEN DAY

22nd June 2025 11 am – 3 pm

Come and join in the fun!

Cakes

Friends

GROUPS

Fun

Face
Painting
&
DJ

Games
&
Demo's

Rides

VR
headsets



Refreshments

Stalls

Fun
activities

Safety advice

Community
stands



Come and meet your local firefighters and see our fire engines!



WMFS

West Midlands
Fire Service



Urbity Hub



Ward End Fire Station,
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School Attendance



Our school attendance last week was 76.4 % as our attendance was impacted by many children celebrating Eid.



Golden Ticket Gold Award Celebration



Our final Summer Term **Golden Ticket Gold Award** has been won by 75 pupils who have achieved 99% and above for the whole of this academic year. A huge congratulations to all the pupils have won a golden ticket for the Twin Lakes Theme Park trip on Friday 27th June. Today, we celebrated our Golden Ticket Gold Award winners by inviting them an attendance celebration assembly. These children were awarded a special certificate and a letter to take home regarding the Twin Lakes trip. A very well done to them all!



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 16th June

Year 4

Tuesday 17th June

Swimming for 4SH and 4TW. **4SH MUST** be in school for 8.25am

Life Saving session pupils to bring in pajamas or old clothes to change into.

Wednesday 18th June

Year 3

Thursday 19th June

Year 5

Friday 20th June

Year 6

Year 6 Leavers Party

Its that time of year when the year 6 children get to enjoy themselves at the end of term

The tickets are on sale NOW!

The children will enjoy:-

- a very entertaining DJ
- a photobooth so they get to keep a memory of the party
- Sweets, crisps, pizza, ice-lollies & unlimited drinks.

The tickets are only **£10.00** each.

Please send £10 in a sealed named envelope.

This will be a great event where the children will all get together once last time before moving on to their next adventure at Secondary school

Children can buy tickets from Mrs Scott in the main office.

