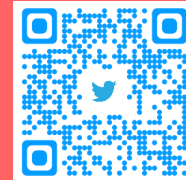




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Hello everyone,

There was a lovely magical buzz at the start of this week as the Christmas decorations went up and the tree arrived! We are **really grateful to Mrs Scott** for creating a magical window display in the Main Reception and to **Mr Corbett and Mr Margetts** for spreading the Christmas sparkle around school.

Thank you for your kind donations on our **Children in Need Day**: we are delighted to share that we managed to raise **£471.54** for this charity, a fantastic achievement!

This week we have been particularly proud of **Year 4's excellent behaviour** on their visit to the **Buddhist Temple**. Staff were impressed with the children for clearly showing our expectations of Ready, Respectful and Safe, as well as asking inquisitive questions during their experience. Thank you Year 4!

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week during their test week to demonstrate all their learning to date. We are impressed with their **determination** to do their best, as well as clearly applying one of our core values of **resilience** — keep up the good work Year 6, we are proud of you! **Year 3** have also been demonstrating their resilience and teamwork as they have moved their **Nativity Assembly rehearsals** to the hall as practice for their big day is heating up! Good luck, Year 3!

And finally, thank you for your generosity today in sending in donations for Birmingham Children's Hospital as part of our **Christmas Jumper Day**. We will share our grand total with you next week.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace , Headteacher



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



The month of December celebrates the International Day of People with Disabilities.

This global event promotes equality for people with disability and celebrates their achievements. It has been celebrated every year since 1981.

It is also a day to promote awareness of the challenges faced by over 1 billion people living with disabilities, and the role communities and societies play in breaking down barriers to inclusion.

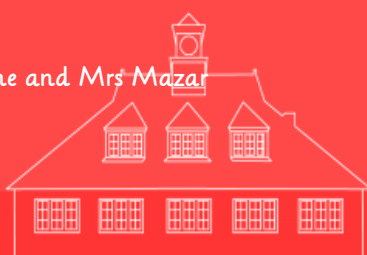
Article 2 states: The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 23 states: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.



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Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace
Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
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Author of the Month 'December'

Sufiya Ahmed was born in India but brought up in England. She worked in advertising and in the House of Commons before becoming a full-time author. In 2010, she set up the BIBI Foundation, which arranges visits to the Houses of Parliament for children from underprivileged backgrounds. Sufiya has written several children's books including *My Story: Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan*, *Secrets of the Henna Girl* and *Under the Great Plum Tree* which was longlisted for the UK Literacy Association Book Awards.

SUFIYA AHMED



Fun Facts

In addition to being a children's author, Sufiya Ahmed is a campaigner for girls' and women's rights. Her *Rosie Raja* series follows the adventures of a mixed heritage Indian and British girl who joins her father as a spy during World War Two. Sufiya is determined to bring Britain's shared history to life and to remind black and brown writers that they don't need permission to tell their stories.



Scan the QR code to read an interview with the author.





School Attendance



Class Attendance

Well Done to **4AA and 4NG** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Our school attendance last week was 93.1%



Magic 15 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Well done to all the children who have completed 2 weeks of the Magic 15 Attendance and Punctuality initiative. Next week is the last week for the Magic 15 initiative, We will be announcing the attendance assembly date very soon good luck everyone!



Golden Ticket Initiative

Well done to the **272** pupils who have achieved 97% and above attendance so far this term! In order to win the Bronze Award, pupils will need to **continue to come to school every day and on time for the rest of the term.** Mrs Grace will be announcing exciting details of the reward later this term! Thank you to the parents working in partnership with us to help improve our school attendance.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 9th December

Year 3

Tuesday 10th December
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.
4NG MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 11th December

Year 4

Thursday 12th December

Year 6

Friday 13th December

Year 5

DATES TO REMEMBER

Phonics Session For Parents

Monday 9th Dec 9-10am

Christmas Lunches

Yr 3 & Yr 5 is on

Tuesday 17th Dec

Yr 4 & Yr 6 is on

Wednesday 18th Dec

Y3 Nativity Assembly

Friday 20th Dec 9-10am

Christmas Party afternoon
(all children can wear their own warm clothes!)

Friday 20th Dec

School Closes at 3:30pm

Christmas Holidays

Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025

Teacher training day

Monday 6th January 2025

Spring Term 1 Starts

Tuesday 7th January until Friday 14 February 2025

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.



Dinner Money



Over the coming weeks, we shall be contacting parents whose dinner debt is over £26.00 to clear the debt. All meals must be paid for in advance or by the end of the week at the latest. Payments must be made on ParentPay, we will accept cash payments if you can not access ParentPay.

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.