



# Parent Newsletter



**Friday 29 November 2024**

## **Message from Mr Gunchala, Head of School**

Dear parents,

With only three weeks remaining of this term, it is wonderful to witness the continued hard work that I am seeing from children all across school. Every week in celebration assembly, we highlight pupils who have gone the 'extra mile' and worked hard on TT Rockstars, SATS Companion (year 6), completed extra work at home, shown resilience, respect or ambition in school and so much more.

As part of our school ethos and vision, where we want our children to be confident, eloquent individuals, we have a class present some poetry every week and a class / year group present 'rolling numbers' which is linked to times tables. It is great to see especially those children who may have been reserved or shy in the past really come out of their shell during these performances. In each celebration assembly, I also discuss a specific value that will help the pupils be happy and successful.

Today, we talked about how showing kindness to others makes us happy. There is a famous quote: "In the joy of others, lies our own." In a society where so many people focus on things that make THEMSELVES happy, we try to encourage our children to think of others, showing compassion, empathy and kindness.

As we approach the festive winter period, this is an ideal time to think about what we can do to help those who are less fortunate than us.

With that thought, I hope you have a great weekend!

**Mr Gunchala**

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# STARS OF THE WEEK

Nur: Hani  
RAL: Maria  
RS: Yunus  
1D: Sultan  
1A: Shahed  
2R: Huzaiifa  
2K: Tayyab

3S: Zayd  
3B: Aisha  
4HK: Haroon  
4N: Zakaria  
5S: Obaid  
5A: Ifrah  
6D: Nusrat  
6A: Bilal



# Pupil Attendance

As you can see, many classes are lower than 96% this week. I know there are illness bugs going around but if your child is able to attend, please do send them into school. Speak to school staff if you need any support.

**Well done to Class 3B for winning the attendance trophy for this week!**



1D: 95%

1A: 94%

2R: 96%

2K: 92%

3S: 92%

3B: 99%

4HK: 96%

4N: 95%

5S: 96%

5A: 91%

6D: 93%

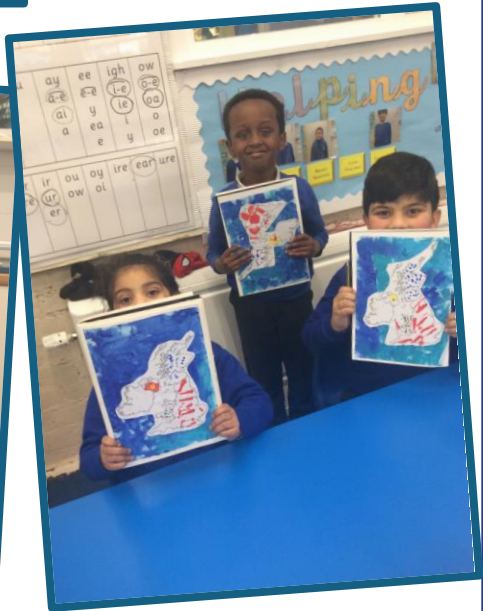
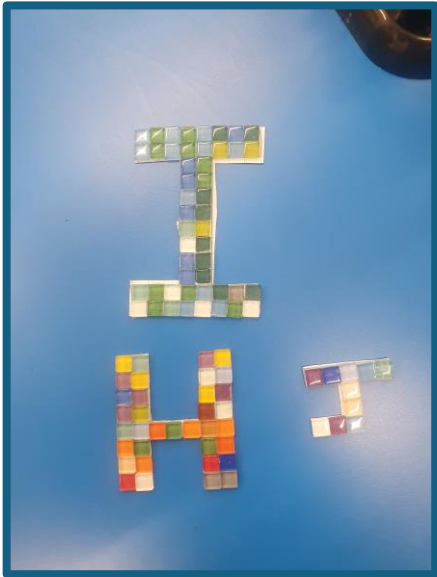
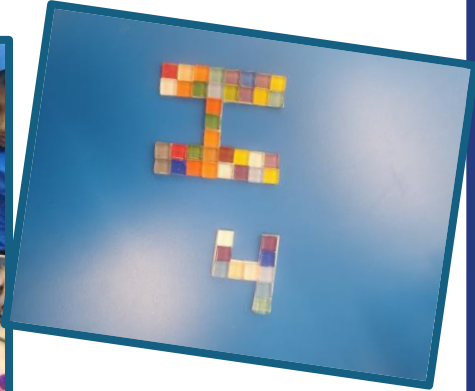
6A: 90%

# ABSENCES ADD+UP!

**MISSING JUST 2 DAYS  
A MONTH MEANS YOU MISS  
10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!**



# Conway Crew!



# Safeguarding

## Toy safety

*"I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces."*

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

**Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.**

### Buying safely

- 👉 Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
- 👉 Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- 👉 Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit [gov.uk](https://gov.uk) and search 'product recalls'
- 👉 If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.



### Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

### Which toys are most dangerous?

- 👉 Toys with:
  - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
  - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
  - long cords that can strangle your child
  - small parts that can choke your small child
- 👉 Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- 👉 Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.

### Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- 👉 Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- 👉 Check for any loose small magnets
- 👉 Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- 👉 Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- 👉 Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

### Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- 👉 Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
- 👉 Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
- 👉 Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
- 👉 Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262



# Safeguarding



Department  
for Education



Dear parents,

**Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access FREE holiday clubs during spring, summer and winter holidays?**

Bring it on Brum! is a **FREE** Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Birmingham to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays. Bring it on Brum! believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access the Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each local club and each holiday club will give your child a nutritious meal too!

We hope you will take advantage of these fantastic **FREE** holiday clubs across Birmingham so your child/children can have a fun-filled and safe holiday!

To book your activities and to find out more information go to [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk) or speak to your school office.

Your Bring it on Brum! (FSM) code is: **3302082**

The winter holiday clubs will take place from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December– Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**. Excludes Bank Holidays and weekends. Bookings open on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

Kind regards,

The Pastoral Team

Conway Primary School



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