



Tanworth-in-Arden C of E Primary School & Nursery

In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best

5th July 2024

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy two weeks since the last newsletter. I hope everyone enjoyed Sports Day and the Summer Fayre last Friday. I think we were really lucky with the weather as it was not too hot and not too cold, and no rain which is always a bonus. It was lovely to see so many parents and extended family members join us, thank you for taking time to support not only your children but also the school.

A huge thank you to the new Tanworth PTA who did a fantastic job of organising the Summer Fayre during the middle of the day. They are still adding up all the monies so we will let you know the final total next week. Their next event is the School Disco next week, you should have received an email with all the details today (Friday). More PTA news is on the reverse of this newsletter.

This week I had the pleasure of accompanying Miss Cutler, Mrs Hall and the Year 6 children to St Philips Cathedral in Birmingham to take part in the Birmingham Diocese Year 6 Leavers Service. This is a special service where Year 6 children from across all of the Birmingham Diocese schools are invited to take part. It was a lovely service with some of our Year 6 being chosen to read prayers, carry the school banner and also accept the candle ready to hand on to our Year 5 children in a couple of weeks. As a special treat this year we also went for lunch at McDonalds. It was a pleasure to be able to go especially when our children are such fantastic role models for others, with outstanding behaviour and manners. Well done Year 6!

As we prepare to say goodbye to Year 6 we are also preparing to welcome our new Reception children. Over the last two weeks the new children have been invited into play sessions, where they have met their new teachers and explored their new classroom. On Wednesday this week we also said a warm Tanworth welcome to their parents at a special meeting. The parents got to hear all about life at Tanworth and what to expect over the first couple of weeks. Nade, our school chef also prepared some samples of the school lunches so they could all have a taste. It was lovely to meet all of the parents as their children prepare for the next step of their learning journey.

Over the last couple of weeks there have been lots of additional learning opportunities for the children.

Year 3 had a Roman Day where they spent the day in the company of a Roman Centurion! In full armour, the Centurion talked about the equipment he had with him and demonstrated how some of it would be used. There were then lots of hands on sessions where the children discovered more about life as a Roman soldier.

Year 2 went on a visit to Aston Hall.

On Thursday 4th July, Year 2 visited Aston Hall for a fun and informative trip to find out more about the life of Mary Seacole. They had a day packed with facts and activities.

As they toured around Aston Hall, they focussed on different aspects of Mary's life, exploring replica artefacts, with some children dressing up as key characters to help us find out about life in the 1800's. Year 2 showed great knowledge and ask some super questions during the tour, which concluded with some period dancing in the Long Gallery.

In the afternoon they created models of the British Hotel that Mary Seacole opened in Crimea, matched diseases with the cures that she would have administered and had a go at writing with a quill as Mary did.

Their behaviour was great and the Learning Officer at Aston Hall emailed after the trip commenting what a lovely class they were and how well they had engaged in the learning. Well done Year 2! Mr Fidler

On Wednesday this week we had an assembly with over 400,000 other children. You'll be pleased to know that it was online and not in the school hall! We came together with a special guest, Stef Reid, Team GB's Paralympic long jumper, who shared her experience of how she coped with a life changing accident and the loss of her foot and turned it into a success story. It was great to see how her 'blade' worked and to hear her share stories and answer questions about sport and her disability. However the main message many of us took from the assembly was that of hope and how resilience and a positive attitude can help us with the changes we experience in life.

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Finally today to end what has been a really busy two weeks in school the Year 6 children held their Big Sale. Each year the Year 6 children create their own business ideas to raise funds for a charities of their choice. This afternoon the whole school and Year 6 parents visited the stalls which included a smoothie stall, pancakes, lucky dip and games. We will let you know next week how much each of the businesses made and which charity they were raising funds for.

This week I also heard that some of our Year 5 children are going to have their poems published in a book. About a month ago I worked with Year 5 on entering a Young Writers competition. The children took part in a lesson learning about some of the features of poetry writing of and then wrote their own poems on the theme 'Once Upon A Dream'. The poems were scanned and emailed across to the judges and then this week I had a letter congratulating us on our entries and to inform me that some of the poems had been chosen for publication in a book 'Once Upon A Dream—Beautiful Illusions'.

The following children have all had their poems chosen for publication:

Elsa G, Imogen L, Alice N, Luca F, Bodhi S, Ayva G, Toby F, Mason W, Franklin T, Toby DC, Edward H, Grace B, Eliza G, Olivia M, Florrie B, Emily J, Bella H and Dolly G.

This is a great achievement and I hope that the children and their parents are feeling very proud. We will receive a free copy of the book when it is published on 28th September 2024 which we will proudly display in our library area for all to read.

There are now only two weeks left before the summer break but there are still such a lot of things going on in school so please remember to check the diary dates on this newsletter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford

Head teacher

NURSERY NEWS WEEK ENDING 21st JUNE 2024

This week we were delighted to have a visit from the fire service. A huge thank you to Dominic's Daddy and his crew for coming out to see us in their fire engine. Our children were lucky enough to each get to sit inside the engine. They then all had a chance to spray the hose and we finalised our visit with a shower of water from the hose as we were all wearing our waterproofs. We then waved goodbye as the lights flashed and the sirens sounded. We had lots of very happy and excited children!



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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 25th JUNE and TUESDAY 2nd JULY

Reception

Joshua- Joshua has been working super hard on his hand writing this half term and we have noticed such a big difference. He has really persevered with his pencil grip and learning the formation of cursive letters since starting at Tanworth, and we are really proud of his achievements. Joshua has a wonderful imagination too and this is reflected in his lovely writing. This week he wrote some fantastic sentences about a pirate ship. Keep it up, Joshua. Well done!

Holly- Holly is a very thoughtful and polite little girl, who has the most superb manners and always looks out for everyone in the Reception class. She has also done a fantastic job looking after the nursery children we have had visit us this week, showing them around and talking to them about school life at Tanworth. Holly, you are such a good role model and we are very lucky to have you in Reception class. Keep being a superstar!

Ishbel – Over the year, Ishbel has shown perseverance towards achieving her personal targets. She has made particular progress in her physical development, which has helped her to become more independent. She always has a smile for the adults in the classroom too! Well done, Ishbel!

Phoebe – It has been lovely to see Phoebe enjoying and exploring our classroom and outdoor environment, including Forest School. She has shown a love for books and the characters within them, and she has enjoyed experimenting on our new trim trail. Well done, Phoebe!

Year 1

Harry W - Congratulations to Harry who is someone who has exceptional manners all the time. Recently, lots of people have had the pleasure of teaching Harry and everybody always mentions Harry's name. He is a pupil who will be a super role model next year for the infants. Harry is the first boy in Year 1 this year to have received both a manners and effort certificate. Well done Harry, a great achievement.

Valentina - Well done to Valentina who has been giving her writing one final push in recent weeks and I have been so impressed with her attitude and how hard she is working. She even practised her spellings at home when she was poorly, and everything has fallen into place with her spelling and content of writing. It is also lovely to see that she is also really proud of her last few written pieces and she is now more than ready for the adventures of Year 2!

Markus- Markus has been working hard in English recently and has written a super description of the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk. Markus was able to think of lots of good ideas to describe the giant thinking of adjectives to describe personality and appearance. He also listens carefully to advice to improve his writing by using the word 'and' to extend his sentence. He is looking forward to seeing the AI generated picture from his written description! Well done Markus!

Olivia- Well done to Olivia who has made so much progress this year from the start of Year 1. She is now much more confident with her work and she has beautiful handwriting and presentation. Olivia was really excited to receive her certificate on Tuesday and that is the enthusiasm we see from Olivia in all our English lessons. When you read her work it is always something to look forward to! Congratulations Olivia.

Year 2

Lyla- Lyla always shows great manners in class and around school, but it is her learning behaviours which are the big reason she was chosen for this award this week. Lyla has really improved her focus in class this year and is now showing that she's ready for learning and getting straight on with her work in every lesson. Her stamina and quality have also increased as a result and she's showing that she's gearing up ready for Year 3. Well done Lyla!

Nate- Nate has been a superstar in our maths last week, working hard and enjoying our work on statistics. He has been a whizz creating and reading tallies and explaining how they work. He has also been able to take the data he has collected and been given to create block diagrams to show the information. Well done Nate. Keep up the good work!

Neeva- Neeva could be chosen for this award every week for her superb attitude and work across all subjects. However this week it is specifically her work writing instructional texts in English which has really impressed me. She included absolutely everything that it needed, including clearly numbered and sequenced instructions, with helpful and informative time connectives and adverbs. I think we'll need to use it in Year 2 next year to help the new class learn how to print using the techniques we used! Well done Neeva.

Ethan- Ethan has been chosen for his super behaviour towards others in the class. He is always so kind and caring to others, showing friendship and concern for those who might need support or help. Whether it is someone who is tired, ill or just feeling down, Ethan is always there for them to put an arm around them, spend time with them and cheer them up. He will also alert others that need to know so that they can get additional support too. Well done Ethan. Just think what the world would be like if everyone was like you!

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Year 3

Tilly- Tilly earned the effort and achievement award for her impressive focus and hard work in last week's Art class. She really honed in on her weaving, making sure it was tight against the warp threads. What stood out even more was how she tackled a complex pattern—not just a simple check, but one that involved alternating two up and one down. Tilly's attention to detail and dedication to getting it right really shone through. Her effort and skill in Art shows she's got a knack for craftsmanship and a great eye for design. She totally deserves this recognition for putting in the effort and creating something really special!

Remi-Mae- Remi-Mae has been chosen for a behaviour certificate due to her consistently helpful and kind demeanour. She's known for lending a hand to her classmates and making everyone feel included. Her willingness to assist others and her thoughtful gestures have been very gratefully received as we head into a very busy few weeks. Remi-Mae's cheerful spirit, often evidenced by a cheeky glint in her eye, brings a sense of joy and camaraderie to the classroom atmosphere. Her kindness and humour make her a great example for others, showing how being thoughtful and friendly can make school a better place for everyone.

Year 3- I am thrilled to award the whole of Year 3 a certificate for their exemplary behaviour during our Roman day last week. The class were not only excited about the event but also consistently remembered to adhere to our manners and behaviour expectations. The workshop provider was particularly impressed with how attentively they listened, the knowledge they demonstrated and the insightful questions they asked about Roman history. Furthermore, their outstanding conduct continued the following day during our sports day. Their patience while waiting between events and their sportsmanship in supporting one another truly impressed me, making me incredibly proud to be their teacher.

Year 4

Sid- I have chosen Sid not only because he shows such amazing behaviour and manners but also because of his step-up in resilience, positivity and maturity this year. Sid has been noticed recently for his positive attitude on the playground and in the classroom whereby he is now quick to problem solve any issues and resolve them in a calm and caring manner. Sid has become more resilient and independent in dealing with small issues which means he and others around him can approach school in a more positive and independent way. This calm and confident approach will do you well next year Sid, keep it up!

Taiya- Taiya I have chosen Taiya for her amazing achievements and effort in assessment week. Taiya's scores were certainly something she should be super proud of but what I am even more impressed with was the effort and drive she showed to get these scores. In Taiya's tests, there was working shown next to nearly every single question! I can clearly see how she has taken her time to break down the questions, read them carefully and make sure she hasn't fallen for any silly mistakes. This was such a super role model for others and after showing the class her effort, lots of other children followed suit! Keep this up, Taiya!

Jessica S – I have chosen Jessica this week for her calm, supportive and mature approach in the classroom. Jessica has shone all year round for her fantastic behaviour and manners but I have spotted in particular her caring nature towards others this term. When completing a team task last week, I noticed how Jessica was ensuring everyone on her table was heard. She was encouraging others to discuss their ideas, even if they were nervous or quieter, by asking them what they think and what they wanted to do. This inclusive, mature and calm nature will get you far, Jessica. Well done!

Darcy - Darcy has just blown me away with the improvement I have seen in her maths work this Summer Term. Maths is not something Darcy has always been super confident in but I have loved seeing her enthusiasm and ability grow with every lesson she does. She has showcased this ability in shape using mathematical vocabulary like 'right angle', '2D' and 'quarter turn'. Not only has Darcy's ability and confidence increased this year but she is also completing lots more questions in the lesson time – a target she set herself at the start of the year. Keep this up, Darcy!

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Year 5

Emily- Emily has been awarded the effort and attainment certificate - she's really impressed me this year! Emily consistently puts in so much effort in all her work and her learning behaviours are spot on. Her progress, especially in writing, has been exceptional. I must mention her outstanding Greek Myth - it's a brilliant read! Not only is it well-written, but it also incorporates all the grammar and punctuation skills we've covered. She's even thrown in some ambitious vocabulary for good measure. Emily truly deserves this recognition!

George- I'd like to nominate George for the Behaviour and Manners Certificate. He truly embodies exemplary manners, always being well-mannered and polite to everyone around him. George consistently treats his peers and teachers with respect, showing kindness and consideration to all. His excellent learning behaviours and positive attitude towards learning are truly commendable. George consistently puts in his best effort in completing tasks, and his dedication to improving his handwriting and presentation skills is evident in his work, which continues to improve day by day

Elsa- I have chosen Elsa for behaviour and manners because she not only has a great moral compass but an amazing work ethic too, where she strives to do her best in all that she does. Elsa is also a brilliant mediator in the classroom, always helping to resolve things for the better. Elsa goes out of her way to help others and she treats everyone fairly and with kindness; she really is a fantastic role model for others. And to top all this off, Elsa is super helpful and tidy too! She loves organising and tidying our classroom. Thank you Elsa.

Year 6

Mia – Mia has worked her socks off since we started working on our production. She has shown perseverance – repeatedly practising her lines, saying them in different ways to decide on the best tone and which words to emphasise. She's shown kindness – going out of her way to practise other people's scenes with them and help them prepare and she's shown initiative – suggesting ways we can edit scenes or change music. No matter how many times we practise, she smiles and gives it her all. It's so lovely to see her have such a positive attitude and be so passionate about what we're doing! Keep it up, Mia!

Olivia – Olivia has been chosen for the huge effort she's made to learn her lines for our production. She has a lot of words to remember and yet she has been one of the first children to know what she has to say off by heart and crucially when she needs to say it. She's also projecting her voice well and really getting in to character – I've been so impressed with her dedication and professional attitude! Well done, Olivia – you're going to shine on that stage!

MILLIONAIRE READERS

NEW MILLIONAIRE READERS

Year 4- Taiya and Josh and Tilly, well done for reading one million words since September.

Year 5-Amelia C and Theo, well done for reading one million words since September.

MULTI-MILLIONAIRE READERS

Amelia J Year 5 has read 2 million words– we will dedicate a book from the library, in her name.

Imogen J has read 2 million words.

Well done to all!

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SUMMER TERM

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 8th July Home Learning in
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 Tuesday 9th July Home Learning gallery 8.30am
 Tuesday 9th July Reception Beach Day
 Wednesday 10th July Class Move up morning
 Friday 12th July Shine Day, children may wear non-school uniform
 Friday 12th July School Disco
 2.00-3.00 Reception and Year 1
 3.15-4.30 Years 2,3,4 & 5
 5.00-7.00 Year 6 Leavers Disco
 Monday 15th July Year 6 Production 1.30pm
 Tuesday 16th July Year 6 Production 6.30pm
 Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers Service in Church
 Friday 19th July School Breaks up for Summer Holiday

Monday 2nd September Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed
 Tuesday 3rd September School and Nursery open for Autumn Term
 Thursday 24th October Break up for half-term
 Friday 25th October School and Nursery closed Teacher Training
 Monday 4th November School and Nursery open for Autumn 2
 Friday 20th December School and Nursery break up for Christmas

24-25 Teacher Training Days School & Nursery Closed

Monday 2nd September
 Friday 25th October
 Monday 6th January
 Monday 2nd June
 Friday 21st July

HOLIDAY DATES 2024-2025

The calendar below is for holiday dates 24-25. Please remember that the regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers shall not grant any Leave of Absence during term time unless they consider there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Further information can be found on our website.

WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25

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School Holiday
 Public Holiday
 Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

Secondary School Induction Day



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TANWORTH PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to everybody for their generous donations for the summer fete and for supporting us last Friday! It was a lovely day with a great atmosphere!

We are proud to share our current total is £4624.02 of our £5k target! Thank you so much!

Once we hit our £5k target this also means we can register for charity status, so thank you to everybody for the support!

Before term ends we have the end of year Summer Discos on Friday 12th July in the school hall.

- Reception & Year 1 - 2pm-3pm £2
- Year 2 ,3,4 & 5 3.15-4.30pm £3

Please can children bring their money to school for payment on the door. We will also be selling refreshments for parents outside.

Then on Friday 19th July we have our last Friday Treat Day before the summer holidays.

- Fri 19th July— Treat Friday— Ice lollies / cans £1

Thank you for continuing to help us reach our target!



We have something exciting to share! We now have our own gin and wanted to exclusively share it for pre-order to our parents before we send to the rest of Tanworth in Arden! It'll be on pre-order and arrive in time for Christmas making the perfect gift and what's more by purchasing it all profits will go into the PTA to help reach our target of £5k for our improved library space! We can't wait to hear your thoughts! Please use our QR code to order!



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MALAWI CONTAINER 2024



The above photo shows our friends from our linked parish of South Lunzu in Malawi receiving the clothes, school bags, books and other items you all generously donated last year. Many of you will also remember meeting Agnes Mkoko in a school assembly when she visited from South Lunzu. Once again, there will be a container to take items to them which will genuinely improve their lives, education and well-being. The container will leave in September so there is plenty of time to add your donations. Here is the list of what our friends in Malawi especially need this year:

School stationery:

- exercise books/ paper
- pencils
- rubbers
- pencil sharpeners
- colouring pencils

Children's books:

- reading
- educational

Clothing and footwear:

- babies to teens
- adults - lightweight summer clothes
- children's school shoes and trainers

Children's backpacks/ bags for school

Educational toys

Please leave your items in Church and thank you very much for your generous help - it is so much appreciated. For more information, please contact Margaret Keighley: 01564 742903

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JOIN US
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TANWORTH FESTIVAL

Sat 13th July

- LIVE MUSIC • ICE CREAM •
- PIMMS • FACE PAINTING •
- HOG ROAST • GAMES •
- CAKE COMPETITION •
- CHILLI EATING CONTEST •

VILLAGE GREEN
11AM - 4PM

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