



PAGET NEWS

17th DECEMBER 2021



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Concerned About A Child's Safety?

Contact Birmingham CASS on 0121 303 1888. If you feel a child is at risk of immediate, significant harm then call 999 OR contact a DSL in school: *Miss Nussey, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Spiers, Mrs. Ali-Gobern, Mrs. Ewbank or Mr. Merriman.*

Child Line

Children if you need to talk to anyone please ring or email www.childline.co.uk

How to Contact Us...



Email:

enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk



Telephone:

0121 464 3902 or 07493838732



Twitter: @PagetPrimary

No problem





HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME



As I sit and write the final newsletter of 2021 I reflect upon all that has happened since we came back to school in September. In spite of us all still living with Covid I am pleased to say that his term has been a really busy and successful one for all of us in school. We have entered and won a whole range of sporting competitions including Dodgeball, Archery and of course football; re-established extra-curricular clubs and re-started whole class music lessons. It has also been wonderful to be able to get the children out and about on school trips again, especially the visit to the Garrick Theatre in Lichfield which was simply magical. Most of all I reflect, with pride, upon how well the children have returned to school and slipped straight back into learning routines and behaving well and getting along with others after so long of being isolated away from school friends.

I hope that as we return in the new year that we will be able to continue with all of the wonderful activities that we have been this term.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Take care and stay safe
Vicky Nussey

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION: All Tigers & All Leopards

YEAR ONE: Logan, Hadiya, Dylan, Aimilia

YEAR TWO: Daisy, Ioan, Eve & Lola

YEAR THREE: Blossom, Chloe, Freddie &
Chyna

YEAR FOUR: Leo, Edison, Anya & Liam C.P.

YEAR FIVE: Ezaan, Mihail, Micah & Hasnain

YEAR SIX: Neveah, Kyo, Lia & Mya

PANTHERS: Max & Joshua

HOUSEPOINTS

THIS WEEK'S TOTALS:

EY & KS1

VENUS: 44

MERCURY: 193

JUPITER: 117

SATURN: 150

KS2

VENUS: 349

MERCURY: 310

JUPITER: 189

SATURN: 413

THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS:

EY & KS1: 1E

KS2: 6B

BEST ATTENDANCE

Class: Tigers with 98.7%

Focus on Reading: KS2



KS2 Reading



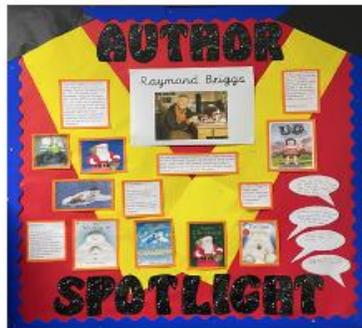
Hi everyone,

Merry Christmas! It's definitely my favourite time of the year. I hope you have a lovely break and take some time to enjoy some festive books over a mince pie. Your child will have brought home a 'Christmas Reading Bingo'. Please have a go at these family reading activities and sign when your child has completed it. You could even upload a photo to twitter using #getpagereading #pagetchristmasreadingbingo. All those that bring back a completed bingo card in January, will be entered into a book raffle. Happy festive reading!

Miss V. Nevitt - KS2 English Lead

Author Spotlight

Every month, we have an Author Spotlight. December, was chosen by Year 3, and is on Raymond Briggs. He is perhaps most famous for the book 'The Snowman'. Year 3, have been reading the books and using extracts to focus on their reading skills.



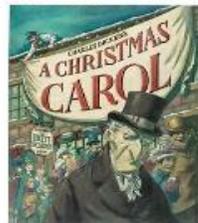
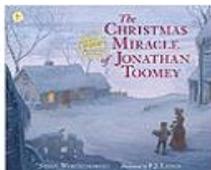
Lower Key Stage 2 Book Recommendations

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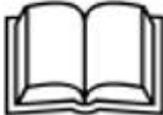
Upper Key Stage 2 Book Recommendations

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CHRISTMAS

Reading Bingo

Read beside the Christmas tree.	Read aloud to someone in your family. <small>Maybe on a video call!</small>	Read tucked up in bed.
Read by torchlight.	JUST READ! 	Read somewhere unusual.
Read in the comfiest chair you can find.	Read in your pyjamas.	Read in a cosy den you've made.

Christmas is coming, the weather is chilly and the holidays are nearly here so it's the perfect opportunity to snuggle up with a good book! Have a go at ticking off as many of these mini challenges as you can to help you keep up your daily 30 minutes of reading over the Christmas break

When you have completed an activity, get your adult to sign and date in the box. If you would like to upload any photos of yourself completing different parts of the challenge, we'd love to see you. Use twitter and [#getpagetreading](#) [#pagetchristmasreadingbingo](#).

Please bring back your completed sheets in January and hand to your teacher. The names of all those who complete the challenge will be entered into a draw to win a book!

Happy reading!

Information and Reminders

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Parents and carers should now be able to access recordings of this year's Christmas performance on the Paget TV section of the school website. We hope that you enjoy them.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Remember, all before school, lunchtime and after school extra-curricular clubs all start again after Christmas from Monday 10th January 2022. They will not run in the first week back.

Breakfast Club and High Achievers After School Provision will run as normal.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Parents, Staff and friends of Paget for getting involved, offering help and your time, donating raffle prizes, and taking part in our activities this Christmas. We all made Paget's 12 days of Christmas a success. So much effort and time goes into the background of every fun activity we hold for the children at Paget and with more parents on board, the sky is the limit for the PTFA. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you will join us in an activity or two in the new year.

Sarah Hodgetts
PTFA Chair.

Are You Having a Difficult Time ?

Please come and talk to us — we can help with ...

Low Mood Struggling to Cope Mental Health Crisis Suicidal Thoughts

Our Crisis Café service offers a safe place, to come and chat with our Crisis Intervention Workers (With access to clinical staff if needed).

Evening

Crisis Café

Open to anyone in Birmingham & Solihull aged 18+

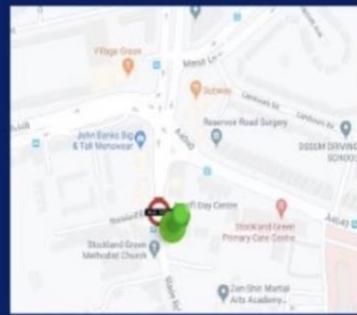
By appointment ONLY— 6pm or 8pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing, appointments will need to be booked in advance. Call us on:

0121 262 3555

to book your place.

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11c, 11a, 65, X64



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A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

FOCUS ON VALUES: BRITISH VALUES

Mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

Mutual respect and tolerance are vital for any peaceful and civilised community and are considered the key stones of British society.

All schools in the UK, including Paget are charged with the responsibility of supporting our pupils to become, 'valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background.' Furthermore, it is our statutory duty to ensure our children understand that the right to choose one's faith and beliefs is protected by British law. When any member of our school community, be it children, staff or parents, publicly express views contrary to this they will be appropriately challenged. For the majority of children much of our job is done. Paget is a diverse community, and our children naturally seem to take joy and pleasure in any other child, regardless of faith or beliefs. This is seen in what are sometimes considered (by adults), the most unlikely, yet positive and rewarding of friendships. Sadly, it is perhaps only as we become older and feel more threatened and fearful of those things that are unfamiliar and unknown that there are issues of disrespect and intolerance.

In school, we acknowledge that we all don't share the same beliefs and values and actively promote respect for the beliefs of others through our attitude and approach to teaching and learning, as well as through our formal and informal interactions with children and other members of our school community. However, we work hard to go one step further, promoting this diversity as something to be excited about, explored and celebrated. Much of this work is done through our assemblies, PSHE and RE lessons. During these times, we teach and learn about different faiths, beliefs, values, celebrations and places of worship and what it means to be tolerant and respectful. We encourage children of faith to be proud of their own beliefs, encouraging them to share their knowledge and experiences. And of course, there is nothing more that Paget enjoys than celebrating their special times alongside them.

Mrs Farrelly - PSHE Leader



SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM: MUSIC



"Ah, music,' he said, wiping his eyes. "A magic beyond all we do here!" - J.K. Rowling, [Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone](#).

Music at Paget Primary School is becoming more and more immersive, engaging and interesting. Music is the universal language of emotions and like the quote says it is magical. When taught correctly music can excite and inspire children and help develop a passion outside of Literacy and Numeracy. We are lucky enough to have music specialists from Services for Education teaching our children djembe, steel pans, violins and cornets and the rest of the children in school have teachers who are committed to teaching high quality lessons using a scheme of work from Charanga. Our journey in Music starts in Nursery and Reception, where we explore music in all different forms, this might be through nursery rhymes and songs or experimenting with sound and instruments. Our journey continues throughout Key Stage 1 where children are taught to play glockenspiels and recorders and concludes in Key Stage 2 where children are taught to play a variety of instruments with Services for Education. Music is a big part of this school and our continued efforts to improve the teaching of Music at Paget has been recognised by Music Mark.

Miss Bennett- Music Lead

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Who do I need to talk to if I am worried about a child?

At Paget, our Designated Safeguarding leads (DSLs) are:

Miss V Nussey - Head Teacher
Mrs D Thomas - Deputy Head Teacher
Miss G Spiers - Pastoral Manager
Mrs A Ali Govern - SENCO
Mrs C Ewbank - SEMH & Well-being Leader
Mr P Merriman - Family Support Worker

We all have a duty of care to look out for children who are at risk of abuse.

If you have any concerns about any child's safety outside of school hours call 999 if the child is at immediate risk of serious harm or contact CASS on 0121 303 1888.

Safeguarding Governor

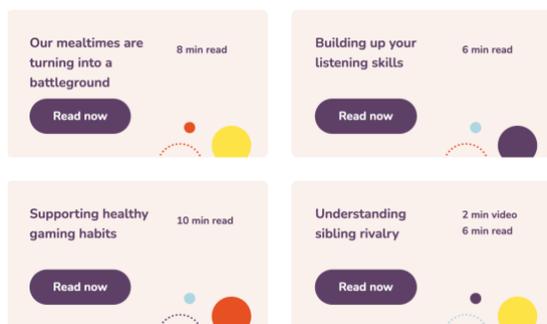
Our safeguarding Governor is Mrs Fiona Etheridge and she can be contacted via the main school office.

The safeguarding governor's responsibilities include:

- Behaviour and recruitment of both staff and volunteers
- Ensuring the school is following safe recruitment procedures and reviewing all activity and policy relating to the physical and emotional well-being of all children
- Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a productive and safe environment for all.

Parenting Smart

Place2Be have launched a fantastic new free resource which aims to give parents support and advice with a range of common parenting issues. It is split into various sections (see image to help to easily navigate to the correct place).



USEFUL NUMBERS

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Samaritans: 116 123

Women's Aid: 0808 800 0028

CASS: 0121 303 1888

Emergency Services: 999

Dodge Ball At St. Barnabas

By Aden

On Tuesday afternoon, Paget went to St. Barnabas School with boys and girls from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 that were chosen to go and play some dodgeball games. Paget played two practice games before we went ahead and played a mini league. The coaches decided that if someone catches the ball, the people who are out in their team at that time can come back in to play. The teams were split equally with Year 3 and 4 together as well as Year 5 and 6 together. So, in total there were 2 Paget teams and 2 St. Barnabas teams.



All teams threw Dodgeballs balls at each other and tried their very best. Neither team were shy about catching any of the balls that were thrown at them. Paget always won the ball from the middle of the court. Everyone had a great time and Paget went home as dodgeball winners!



Dates for Your Diary

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 4th January – Teacher Day – school closed to children

Wednesday 5th January – Children in Reception to Year 6 return to school (not Nursery)

Monday 10th January – Children in Nursery return to school

Friday 18th February – Break Up for half term

Monday 28th February – Term begins

Friday 8th April – Break up for Easter

Monday 25th April – Term begins

Monday 2nd May – School closed for May Day – Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May – School Closed for local elections

Friday 27th May – Break up for half term

Monday 6th June – Term begins

Wednesday 20th July – Children break up for the summer

Thursday 21st July – School Closed Teacher Training Day

Friday 22nd July – School Closed – Bank Holiday Queens Jubilee in lieu of day in May half term

This section will be regularly updated once new dates are known and confirmed.

**Indicates newly added or changed items*



HEALTHY START SCHEME

If you're under 18, or on benefits, you may be entitled to **FREE** Healthy Start vitamins and food vouchers to use in local shops towards fruit, vegetables, milk, and formula milk. Healthy Start vitamins contain the appropriate amount of recommended vitamins A, C and D for children aged from six months to four years, and folic acid, vitamins C and D for pregnant and breastfeeding women. They are suitable for vegetarians and free from wheat, fish, egg, salt. They have no colours, flavours or preservatives and no gluten containing ingredients.

**Each Healthy Start Voucher entitles the user to £4.25 of free food per week.
Babies receive £8.50 per week up to their 1st birthday**

For further information ask your Midwife, Health Visitor or Children Centre. You can request an application form from the Healthy Start website [How to apply](#) or Telephone 0345 607 6823.



The screenshot shows a Facebook post from the page 'bcchealthybrum'. The post features a banner with a baby eating a carrot, the text 'HEALTHY START Families on certain benefits can receive FREE fruit, veg, milk and vitamins.', and the NHS logo with the slogan 'Give Your Family a Healthy Start'. Below the banner are icons for 'View Insights' and 'Promote'. The main text of the post reads: 'bcchealthybrum Women who are 10 weeks pregnant and families with children under four, who receive benefits and tax credits are eligible to receive vouchers to spend on fruit, veg, milk and vitamins 🍎🥛'. A comment below says: '🍎 To give your family a healthy start, visit their website to see if you qualify.' The post is timestamped '3 minutes ago'.

Healthy Start is a government scheme to improve the health of low-income pregnant women and families. Women who are 10 weeks pregnant and families with children under four years old qualify if they are on benefits and tax credits. The scheme offers eligible women and families, **FREE** vouchers worth £4.25 (or £8.50 for a baby in the first year) to spend on milk, fruit, vegetables and first stage infant formula milk. In addition, families also receive Healthy Start vitamin vouchers.

