

PAGET NEWS

4TH FEBRUARY 2022



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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

On Monday of this week, alongside a couple of other local Heads I represented Erdington constituency at the funeral of the late Erdington MP, Jack Dromey. It was a privilege to work alongside Jack over a number of years and I was proud to be part of his moving and fitting send off in London.

As a result of the sad news of Jack's death, I have now been informed that there will be a by-election that will take place on Thursday 3rd March and Paget has been designated as a polling station. As a result, for safeguarding reasons, we will be closed to children on this day. We will provide remote education via Teams for the day, just as we did during the last lockdown. Further details about what lessons and when will be distributed in due course. If you require support with a device to access the remote learning on 3rd March, please email Mrs. Thomas (d.thomas@paget.bham.sch.uk) or your child's class teacher and we will do all we can do to help.

Take care and stay safe
Vicky Nussey

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION: Muhammad, Charlotte, Sorayah & Aleesha

YEAR ONE: Carter, Aimilia, Jeramiah & Hadiya

YEAR TWO: Omar, Thomas, Chloe & Naiya

YEAR THREE: Emilie-Rose, Chyna, Ioanna & Chloe

YEAR FOUR: Mahdiya, K'Mari, Ilyes & Sonia

YEAR FIVE: Mehak, Lamees, Ali & Lexie-Leigh

YEAR SIX: Sharday, Marshall, Elijah & Giovanni

PANTHERS: James & Jenson

HOUSEPOINTS

THIS WEEK'S TOTALS:

EY & KS1

VENUS: 158

MERCURY: 184

JUPITER: 100

SATURN: 119

KS2

VENUS: 488

MERCURY: 572

JUPITER: 333

SATURN: 544

THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS:

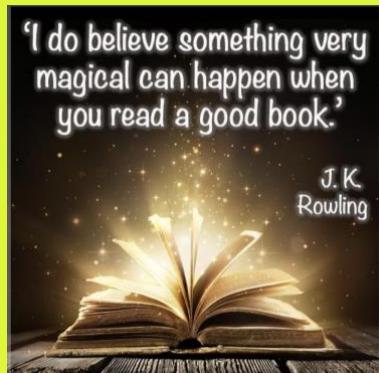
EY & KS1: 2HS

KS2: 5H

BEST ATTENDANCE

Class 4C with 97.9%

Focus on Reading: EYFS & KS1



Dear All,

The year seems to be whizzing past already and I can't quite believe its February already!



Did you know that this week is National Story Telling Week? The children have loved hearing stories in school but check out this link for you to support at home <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/world-book-day/z6nt47h>

National Storytelling Week is a week for celebrating storytelling and encouraging people to tell their own stories. We would love to see you and your children sharing a story - add your photos or videos to @PagetPrimary.

So what else has been going on in KS1 and EYFS????

- New RWI Groups started on the 24th January and I am pleased to see we now have 13 groups across EYFS and KS1, and with 2 groups in Panthers. This has allowed us to continue to ensure that your child is in the right group for their phonic knowledge.

It has been great to see the children settle so well to their new books and teachers. **Reminder:** please support us by hearing your child read 3 x per week and signing their books. Thank you to all those parents that are.





Pupil Voice - The children gave a big thumbs up to the RWI lessons - we gave the children a chance to have their say and it was great to see they are all enjoying with comments such as

- * we really enjoy learning a new sound
- * we love reading new books and using our special friends.

Our next step is to make sure that the writing is just as much fun so that every child enjoys every part of the RWI lessons.

 **Parent Voice** - thank you to those parents who have returned their parent survey. I am working hard to collate all the replies and look at our next steps to support you but I am very pleased to hear that so far parents are feeling that we keep you informed of your child's progress in reading. It really helps to know we are getting it right.

<https://play.edshed.com/en-gb>

Spellings - Since Christmas we have been celebrating those children using Spelling Shed and I am pleased to see the competition between the classes and the children to see who can be top of the league. 1W are definitely smashing it at the moment - the winning class gets a Paget Pound and the top child on the leader board a whopping 5 housepoints.



But if you don't have access to Spelling Shed? Reminder: Your child also has a spelling practise book and this should be completed each week and signed by the parents. Thank you to the parents who are supporting with this.

Helpful Tips to help you get your child to practise their spellings:

Speed words - see how many times your child can write the word in 30 seconds - can you beat the score? Remember only words spelt correctly will count.

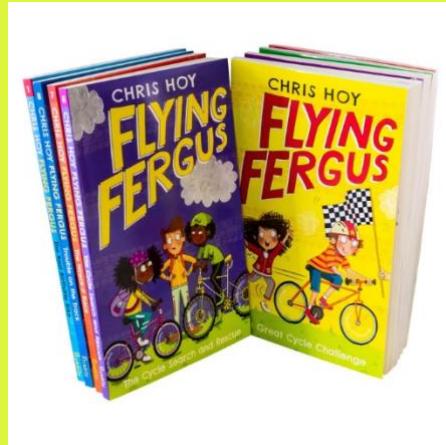
Scavenger Hunt - Hide words around your house to find, noting down the room they are in.

Word Hunt - Choose 3-4 of your spellings and see how many times you can find them in a book, newspaper or magazine

Rainbow Writing - Choose a word to practise and go over the word in a different colour crayon each time or write them out with each letter in a different colour.

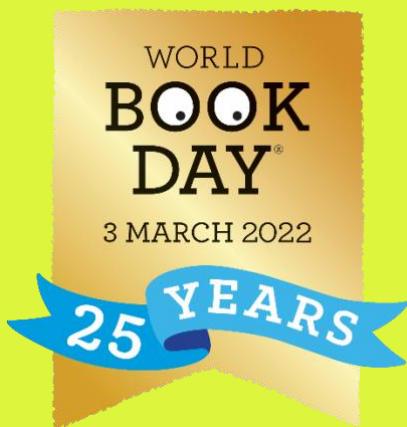
Recommended Reads

Check out our Author Spotlight for this month - some great suggestions for books to read by the Author Sir Chris Hoy - Flying Fergus.



Thank you for your continued support and if you have any queries drop g.styles@paget.bham.sch.uk or your class teacher an email or speak to us on the playground.

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Due to the by-election Paget will celebrate World Book Day on Wednesday 2nd March where children will be invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Information and Reminders

PATHWAY TO PODIUM: GOLD AWARD

Paget has been awarded the Sport Birmingham Pathway to Podium gold award for our commitment to getting our children active in and out of school. A huge thank you to Miss Spiers, Mr Cobbs and Mr Bagshaw, who along with all of our children and staff that take part in and lead PE lessons, after school clubs, lunchtime challenges, Lockdown Twitter challenges and sporting competitions, have lead us to this great achievement.



FOREST SCHOOLS

Do you have any old pots, pans and kitchen utensils you are about to get rid of? If so, please send them in our direction as they can be used in our Forest School area that is currently under development. Please pass on any items to any member of school staff and they will pass them on to Miss Holmes and Mrs Harrison.



CLIMBING FRAME CARE

If parents wish to allow their children on the climbing frame in the KS1 playground after school, please ensure they are supervised accordingly. We are seeing increasing numbers of children on here unsupervised after school and we do not want any accidents.



4C - Crazy Hair Day

Before Christmas, Jake in 4C won a raffle prize. It means that 4C have the opportunity to have a crazy hair day! The children in 4C will be able to come to school on Friday the 18th February with the craziest hair possible. We can't wait to see who is the most creative.

The children will still be in full uniform, but we can fill Paget with the best hair styles ever!

Mrs Connaughton

THIS WEEK'S LUNCHTIME CHALLENGE



How many star jumps can each class do in 4 days? Who will be the individual winner from each class?

Prizes will be given out to a child from each class who get the most individual star jumps.

5 Paget Pounds will be given to the class who get the highest score.

SPOTLIGHT ON VALUES: Honesty

Every parent wants to raise kids who tell the truth. However, as your child grows in independence and develops a mind of their own, you may notice that they start telling little white lies or even big whoppers. Beginning at the age of two, your child develops the cognitive ability to weave stories that fit what they want or need.

Some kids lie to avoid getting in trouble. Others fabricate lies to get something they want. You may be troubled by this dishonesty, but it's important to know that lying is normal for young children. In fact, all kids lie. That doesn't mean, however, that you should let it slide. Honesty is a core value that you can instill into your child at a very young age.

No matter how little your child may be, here are seven ways to begin teaching your children to be honest.

1. MAKE HONESTY A POSITIVE FOCUS IN YOUR FAMILY

While they're still young, you can begin to tell and show your children that honesty is an important value to your family. By using age-appropriate language, let them know explicitly that lying breaks trust and that families need to be able to believe what they tell each other is true.

2. SET AN EXAMPLE OF HONESTY

To teach honesty, you must set an example of honesty. While it can be difficult, especially with sensitive topics, avoid lying to your child. It's better to let them know that some things are hard to talk about — such as death, illness or divorce — than to try to cover these topics up. You are your child's primary role model, so you can't expect them to tell the truth if you're not honest with them. That said, you need to keep your answer child-appropriate, and it's okay to create appropriate boundaries around private matters.

3. DON'T ASK QUESTIONS WHEN YOU KNOW THE ANSWER

One way to deter lying is not setting your child up to lie. If you know they haven't picked up their toys in their room, there's no need to ask if they've cleaned up. Preschool-aged kids especially often lie out of a desire to avoid getting in trouble. Instead, let them know that you already know the truth — they haven't picked up. This step avoids putting them in a position in which they feel the need to lie.

4. AVOID LABELLING

It's never a good idea to call your child a liar. In the short term, it puts them on the defensive. Over time, they may start to believe that they're a liar and continue acting on that misinformation.

Instead, help your child understand that you don't like their lies, but you love them. If something sounds untrue, let them know that you feel they may be speaking dishonestly, and give them the opportunity to explain why they lied.

5. TELL THEM HOW HAPPY HONESTY MAKES YOU

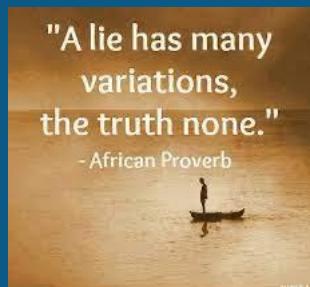
Most little children are extremely motivated to please their parents and other authority figures. When you let them know that telling the truth makes you happy, your child may be more likely to practice honesty. It will also help them feel good about being trustworthy.

6. PRACTISE CALM DISCIPLINE

While it may be difficult to keep your cool if you catch your child in a lie, some children are dishonest because they're afraid their parents will have a big emotional reaction. If you tend to be harsh and punitive, they may learn to avoid telling you the truth. Instead, approach the situation calmly when your child lies, even if that means taking a few moments to cool off. They need to know that it's okay for them to come forward with the truth. That doesn't mean you shouldn't discipline your kids — just make sure it's done in a calm and loving manner.

7. PRAISE HONESTY

Telling the truth takes a lot of courage, especially when a child is afraid of punishment. When your little one comes to you with the truth, reward them with praise. This reaction will help your child feel great about their honesty, particularly in situations where a lie would have been easier.



SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM: Curriculum Development

We are really excited about the developments that we have made with our non-core and Science curriculum for Key Stages 1 and 2. In January, we launched our new Paget curriculum across all classes and for all children.

This curriculum will be taught through a range of teaching and learning styles and approaches and embeds the National Curriculum.

We have new schemes that subject leaders have written for History and Geography that enable children to develop their knowledge and skills through topics, also including exploring and investigating our local area. For other subjects, our children will have access to a new range of schemes through online teaching resources which support their learning.

At Paget, our curriculum is broad, balanced and meaningful for our children. This engaging and exciting curriculum gives them opportunities to build on and progress their skills and knowledge of the content taught in all areas.

The children are excited about their learning: you will have seen on Twitter the range of learning opportunities that your child has taken part in. Please ask them about their learning. We would love to see your comments on Twitter.

If you have any questions about the curriculum, please speak to Miss Robinson, Curriculum Development Lead.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING: Online Safety

Hello everyone, Mr Harris here with some more tips on online safety. I am sure that you all are aware of the game Fortnite so thought that I would attach some information about the game.

Is your child playing Fortnite?

It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to 100 players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

- Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Find out more about parental controls here:

<https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls>. Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on as well.

Thank you all again in your cooperation in keeping all of the children at Paget as safe as we can possibly make them :)

Mr Harris - Computing Lead



Looking after our children's wellbeing at Paget...

Children's Mental Health Week 7th February - 11th February 2022

Next week, we will be celebrating 'Children's Mental Health Week'. The staff are planning a brilliant week of short activities based on the theme of 'Growing Together'. The children will enjoy Yoga sessions, mindfulness and discussion times to name a few. We will be continuing to embrace the importance of having positive mental health during the week. Year 3 and 4 children will receive a mental health workshop based on 'Growing Together' and Year 5 and 6 children will be receiving a visit from an author who has written a book about mental health and well being and looking at friendships as the children grow up.

The children will enjoy a creative writing workshop based on Wellbeing. The author will be available for a book signing and the chance for your child to purchase the book on Monday 7th February evening straight after school for anyone interested, see below for more information.

Children in Year 1 and 2, Reception and Panthers will look forward to receiving a 'Kind Time' Workshop over the next few weeks. Every child will receive a workshop to encourage positive mental health and wellbeing.

Finally, on Friday we will be having a 'Dress to Express' day, the children can dress however they please for a donation of £1, which will be shared between our school and the charity 'Place 2 be'. See below for more information.

Faythe And The Fearstone
created by Lucy Cole

OUT NOW on amazon

Faythe and the Fearstone
Best Frenemies
Written by Roland Moore
Created by Lucy Cole
Roland Moore & Marcy Nanan
KINGBEE Animation

Wellbeing Workshops in Schools
(Key Stage 2) enquire for more details

Faythe Feelings Club Journal
(includes activities to help children manage anxiety & encourages them to talk & express their feelings). Also available on Amazon!

www.FaytheandtheFearstone.com
hello@FaytheandtheFearstone.co.uk

Lucy Cole the creator, also offers coaching programmes for children/teenagers Please visit her website for more details -
www.lovelife coaching-events.co.uk

Lucy Cole the author of 'Faythe and the Fearstone' will be available to sign copies of her book when purchased after school on Monday 7th February. Her book costs £8.99. She also has a journal available to purchase too.

We will be working with 'Cherished' for our Mental Health and Kind Time sessions. We can't wait!



It's back! The children are invited to dress in anything they wish to for a donation of £1.

DRESS TO EXPRESS
THIS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

What clothes will you wear? Will it be your favourite football strip? Your favourite colours or will you dress up as a famous superhero?

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 7 - 13 FEBRUARY 2022

PPS

Friday 11th February

WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

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Dates for Your Diary

7th – 11th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 11th February – Dress To Express Day *

Friday 18th February – Break Up for half term

Monday 28th February – Term begins

Wednesday 2nd March – Paget World Book Day *

Tuesday 15th March and Thursday 17th March – Parents Evening

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*