

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: Mrs. Nussey, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Spiers, Mrs. Ewbank or Mr. Merriman. Child Line Children if you need to talk to anyone, please email www.childline.co.uk

Or ring

0800 1111

HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

We have had yet another busy and successful week in school this week. Two different groups of children have represented the school in competitions against other schools. We have had the Steps to Success Festival where our children came third and yesterday our dance troupe took part in this year's Aston's Got Talent, coming second overall. Both great achievements! It is wonderful to see and hear the array of talent that our children have. I am pleased and proud to say that as usual, our children were fantastically behaved and great ambassadors for Paget.

Next week we celebrate Children's Mental Health Week in school and the children will engage in a range of activities to help them understand and manage their emotional well-being and given strategies to support good mental health. As part of this week, we will also celebrate Safer Internet Day on the 6th of February and be joined in school by a freestyle footballer on the 7th who will deliver a session to each class. The week will end with our Dress to Express Day on Friday, where the children can wear whatever, they like to school to expresses who they are or who they want to be. Look out for the photos on Twitter/X throughout the week.

Don't forget next Friday we break up for half term. The children finish at the usual time and will return on Monday 19th February.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you all back in school safe and sound on Monday morning at 8.45.

Vicky Nussey

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

NURSERY: Olivia & Umayra RECEPTION: Cealan, Sophia, Oriche & Noor YEAR ONE: Mustafa, Ilakkiya, Maryam & Eleonora YEAR TWO: Tristan, Matilda, Charlotte & Raya YEAR THREE: Jeramiah, Harry, Leelan & Vanessa YEAR FOUR: Subhan, Sunny, Thea & Alfie B YEAR FIVE: Ariah, Sofiyah, Filip & Ioanna YEAR SIX: Elysia-Grace, Taylor, Ilyes & Hajrah PANTHERS & PUMAS: Theo & Ivy

HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK'S TOTALS:

THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS: KS1: 2D KS2: 6B

> THIS WEEK'S WINNING HOUSE: KS1: Mercury KS2: Venus

BEST ATTENDANCE Class: 4H with 99%

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS



HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Remember we break up for half term on Friday 9th February. Pupils return to school on Monday 19th February.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Reminder:

We do not authorise any medical appointments unless:

1) we have seen proof of the appointment i.e., letter, text, email or appointment card from the medical setting

2) it is an emergency or hospital appointment.

Appointments we have not seen proof of will not be authorised along with non-emergency appointments i.e., dentist check-ups, routine opticians etc. as these can be arranged during the school holidays, weekends or after school.



Spotlight on Safeguarding





What are the signs of child abuse?

NSPCC

The signs of child abuse aren't always obvious, and a child might not feel able to tell anyone what's happening to them. Sometimes, children don't even realise that what is happening to them, is abuse.

There are different types of child abuse and the signs that a child is being abused may depend on the type. For example, the signs that a child is being neglected may be different from the signs that a child is being abused sexually.

Common Signs

Some common signs that there may be something concerning happening in a child's life include:

- unexplained changes in behaviour or personality
- becoming withdrawn
- seeming anxious
- becoming uncharacteristically aggressive
- lacks social skills and has few friends if any
- poor bond or relationship with a parent
- knowledge of adult issues inappropriate for their age
- running away or going missing
- always choosing to wear clothes which cover their body

These signs don't necessarily mean that a child is being abused, there could be other things happening in their life which are affecting their behaviour – but we can help you to assess the situation.

You may also notice some concerning behaviour from adults who you know have children in their care, which makes you concerned for the child/ children's safety and wellbeing.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/

Remember, if you have concerns that a child is at risk of harm, please either contact a school DSL or contact Birmingham CASS on 0121 303 1888

Spotlight on Reading: KS2

Hello everyone. I hope you are well and finding time to enjoy some books. Myself and Paget's Reading Champions are busy collecting ideas for World Book Day. Please keep a look out for further information. We love to hear about your reading at home and seeing the books that you are enjoying so keep updating twitter using **#getpagetreading**

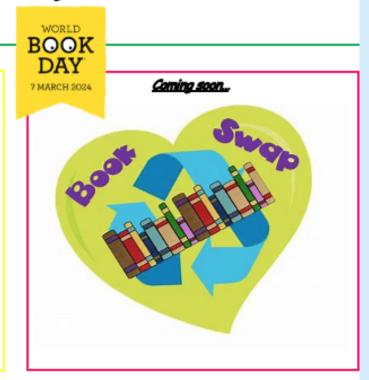
Miss V. Nevitt - KS2 English Lead

World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching. As usual, we will be holding our annual dress up day. We will be handing out prizes for the best home-made costumes in each class. Alongside this (and to promote vocabulary across the school) we are challenging you to come dressed as a 'word'. Maybe you could be a silhouette, be multicoloured or be illuminated?

And if you'd rather come as a character - then that's fine too!

More details to follow!



<u>Home Readers</u>

A little plea... please can you encourage your children to look after their home reader books. We have spent an awful lot of money renewing the scheme but unfortunately, we are getting more and more books returning that are damaged. If a book is lost or damaged, we will send home a letter asking for a donation to replace it. Thank you for your continued support!



Do you have unwanted children's comics or magazines?

If so, please hand in to your child's class teacher.



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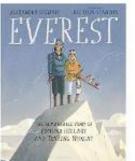
Reading Across the Curriculum

We love to read books that link to different areas of the curriculum. Here are some recommendations for some of the topics we are covering.









SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM: SCIENCE



This term has started off with some exciting topics for our Paget scientists! Some including Year 5 exploring forces, becoming aeronautical engineers and Year 6 studying living things and their habitats, by exploring ecosystems and the natural world around us.

It will be an exciting time over the next coming months for Year 1 and 2, who are studying materials. While Year 3 and 4 are learning all about animals including humans, discovering different functions of the body from organs to teeth. Make sure to ask your children about what they have been exploring!



Investigation you can try at home!

DIY Lava Lamp

Materials: Clear bottle, vegetable oil, diet coke, mentos.

Instructions: Fill the bottle $\frac{3}{4}$ full of vegetable oil and the rest with diet coke. Drop the mentos into the bottle and watch as bubbles carry coloured liquid to the top, creating a lava lamp effect. Try adding food colouring for a more vibrant effect!

When I grow up!

As always, the children are keen to learn new knowledge in science, try to ask your children what they have learnt using their scientific language and can they also explain why it happens?

Let's see who our next famous scientist might be! Ask your child what they want to be when they grow up. There are so many job roles they may aspire to achieve, see how many your child can spot on this page!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2024 Monday 5th February to Friday 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week * Friday 9th February – Dress to Express Day *

Friday 9th February - Last day of half term - children break up

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Monday 19th February - Children return to school Tuesday 12th March - Parents Evening Friday 22 March 2024- Last day of term - Break up for Easter holidays

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8 April 2024 - School Closed to children - Staff training Day Tuesday 9th April - Children return to school Thursday 18th-Friday19th April - Year Two Residential Thursday 2nd May - School closed to children - Elections Monday 6th May - School closed - May Day Bank Holiday Week commencing Monday 13th May - Year Six SATS Week Friday 24th May - Last day of term - Break up for half term · Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Monday 3rd June - Term starts

Week commencing Monday 3rd June - Year Four - Multiplication Check Week Week commencing 10th June - Year One - Phonics Screening Check week Week commencing Monday 1st July - Sports Week • Friday 19th July - Last day of term

(Please note there is one more teacher day for this academic year yet to be agreed with ATLP - these will be shared when finalised)

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

*Indicates newly added or changed items

