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## HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

This week I have had yet another complaint from local residents about how parents/carers are parking at school drop off and collection times. The complaint raises concern that parking on the grass verges outside school and the fact that the grass has been ruined. In a week where we also had a close call with a child and a car – as always, I would urge you all to show care and consideration for where and how you park.

In more cheerful news, this week has seen our annual Easter bonnet and decorated egg competitions. I was given the difficult task of choosing this year's winners. I have to say this is one of the hardest parts of my job and this year was made even more difficult due to the extremely high standard of entries. I have been blown away by the skill and creativity of the children (and parents) at Paget. As someone who is not artistic at all I sit in awe of all the wonderful creations seen this year - well done everyone and thank you for taking part! Look on X (Twitter) for photos of the two competitions.

In staffing news, after the holidays, we will say goodbye to Mrs Yaseen (teaching assistant). She will leave Paget at the end of the first week of the next term. I wish her all the best for the future.

I wish you all a happy Easter and I hope that you manage to spend some quality family time together. I look forward to seeing you all back safe and well on Tuesday the 9th of April.

Take care



Vicky Nussey

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

NURSERY: Olivia & Savannah RECEPTION: Adam, Sophia, Khaleel & Rayyan YEAR ONE: Kian, Simplice, Zeeshan & Nora-Mai YEAR TWO: Sophia, Lola, Charlotte & Eva YEAR THREE: Harry, Renad, Ibraheem & Aimilia YEAR FOUR: Hamza, Kaleem, Lola & Alfie M YEAR FIVE: Blossom, Henry, Ava & Mohammad YEAR SIX: Kyron, Mahdiya, Jax & Poppy PANTHERS & PUMAS: Kairo & Leon

### HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK'S TOTALS:

THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS: KS1: Reception KS2: 4H

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



BEST ATTENDANCE Class: 6B with 98.3%

## **INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**





20 March 2024 Dear Parents and Carers

Measles (MMR) Vaccine Reminder

There remains an increasing number of people with measles in Birmingham. Most of these are young children who have not had their MMR (measles) vaccine, although the numbers of adults getting measles is also increasing now too.

Measles is a highly infectious disease, which can be very serious. Two doses of the MMR vaccine is the best protection against measles. Over 80% of Birmingham children and adults have had the MMR vaccine. We need everyone protected.

The MMR vaccine is safe for every faith. There is a type of MMR vaccine that does not contain pork gelatine, so it can be used for people who do not touch any pork products. This vaccine is available at every GP practice, and it is free.

#### Please contact your GP to book an appointment for Measles (MMR) vaccine.

Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccines. Children should have the first dose at 1 year old and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months old. Two doses of the MMR can provide life-long immunity.

Up to a third to half of those with measles have been very ill and had to be admitted to hospital - this disrupts learning or work, and some people will suffer long-term effects from getting measles. Please ensure you and your loved ones are vaccinated this, Easter.

Yours sincerely,

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Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Division, Birmingham City Council For more information visit: <u>Measles - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u>

#### EASTER HOLIDAYS

Children break up today, Friday 22nd March. Children return on Tuesday 9th April.







# Spotlight on Safeguarding: Child Exploitation

Children and young people can be exploited in many ways, including being trafficked, sexually exploited and used to run drugs. All of these come under the banner or child exploitation. This is a very real issue in our local area!

### Definition of child exploitation:

Child exploitation is when someone uses a child for financial gain, sexual gratification, labour or personal advantage. Using cruel and violent treatment to force a child in such activities often leads to physical and emotional harm to the child, to the detriment of their physical and mental health, education, and moral or social development.

"The exploitation of children can take a number of different forms and perpetrators may subject children and young people to multiple forms of abuse at the same time, such as criminal exploitation (including county lines) and sexual exploitation." The Home Office (2022)

### Child Criminal Exploitation:

This 'occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into taking part in ...criminal activity, in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator and/or through violence or the threat of violence'. (Keeping Children Safe in Education)

### **County Lines**

County Lines are illegal drug dealing networks between large urban centres, small towns and rural locations. Children and young people are coerced, using intimidation, blackmail and violence to transport and sell drugs, cash and weapons across the country via dedicated mobile phone lines which may be referred to as deal lines.

Child exploitation is when someone uses a child for financial aain. sexual **Spotting the Signs of Child Exploitation:** 

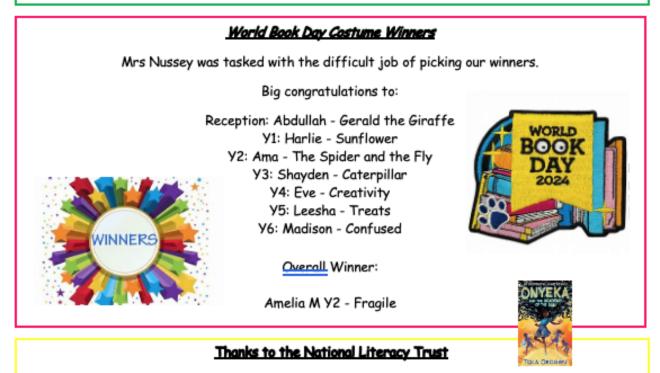
A child/young person who is being exploited might exhibit some of these signs...

- Persistently going missing from school or home, or being found out of area
- Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones
- Receiving texts or phone calls
- Relationships with controlling, older individuals or gang association
- Leaving home without explanation
- Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault, or unexplained injuries
- Parental concerns
- Significant changes in emotional wellbeing
- Significant decline in school performance

### Spotlight on Reading: KS2

Hello everyone. Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for a wonderful World Book Day. It was great to see so many of the children dressed up as words and characters. Please read on to see who our winners are. I'd also like to thank Paget's Reading Champion, who did a great job at setting up the book swap. 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



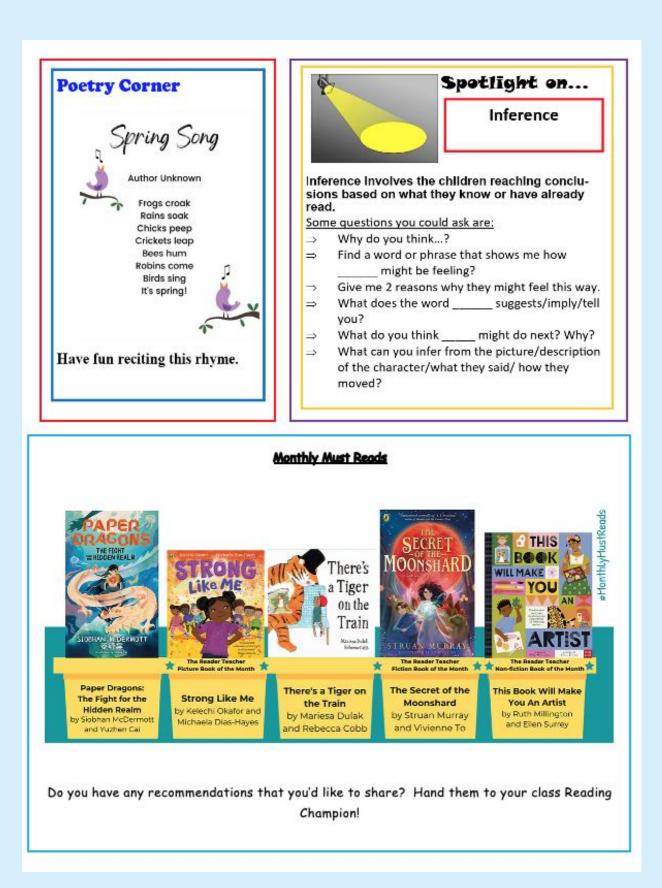
The National Literacy Trust have kindly gifted each of our Year 5's with a brand-new book: Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun by Tola Okogwu. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the book and are excited to see the film adaption when it is released on Netflix!

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun tells the story of Onyeka a Nigerian born girl living in London. She doesn't feel like she fits in. Her afro hair seems to have a mind of its own and just won't be tamed to let her fit in with her peers.

When her best friend Cheyenne has a freak accident at the pool not even Onyeka can explain what happened. Her mother knows and knows it's time they must return to Nigeria, even with the danger this poses. They must find Onyeka's father.

Back in Nigeria Onyeka begins to understand and embrace her own identity as she learns of the superpowers of the Solari. Yet there are dark forces at work who will stop at nothing to build their army and destroy those who get in their way.

### Spotlight on Reading: KS2 (Continued)



## SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM: COMPUTING

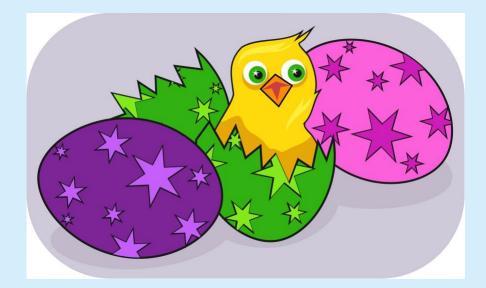
Dear parents,

I wanted to give you all a quick insight to what your children will be doing in their Computing lessons after the Easter break. As Computing lead, it has been lovely to see the work the children have done over the Spring term.

- Year 1 Create Simple Programs
- Year 2 Create a topic-based e-book
- Year 3 Write a program
- Year 4 Scratch programming
- Year 5 Scratch programming
- Year 6 Scratch programming

If you have any queries or questions about the Computing curriculum, please don't hesitate to come and see me as always 🙂

Many thanks, Mr Harris



## SPORTS REPORT 1: SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

# All Birmingham final (again!!)

Is there nothing our year 5&6 students (oh and a very talented year 3 girl!) cannot do? For the third year running we attended the All-Birmingham Sportshall Athletics finals at Billesley Tennis Centre.

The Paget Team came an incredible 4<sup>th</sup> out of 22 schools in Birmingham! Only missing the bronze medal by 26 points! This was the highest Place Paget had ever come before.

Even though we did not come back with a medal, Paget did all they could, and Mr Cobbs and Mrs Spiers could not be prouder.

Paget did absolutely amazing!

The children took part in a number of events including the obstacle course, where both the boys and girls came first. The children rotated between activities and took part in both track and field events.

Track events included both sprint races, long distance and obstacle races where agility was key. Field events included, javelin, chest pass, triple jump, long jump, speed bounce and vertical jump.

Paget was amazing. The people who participated included Kara, Elysia-Grace, Chyna, Nayimah, Kaiah, Olivia, Leesha, Liam C, Milad, Theo, Hayden, Khalil, Logan H, Cameron, and Zaiviar.







### **SPORTS REPORT 2: Boys' Football**

### Paget 2 Boldmere 5

The opening exchanges were frantic with both sides looking to land an early blow, but defences kept their goals intact and despite the terrific pace of the game, chances were at a premium.

Paget took the lead first through some fantastic skill by Paget's No9 to beat two defenders and then blasted the ball into the net to make it 1-0.

Not long after that the Paget made it 2-0 as a low shot from a narrow angle went under the Boldmere keeper.

Boldmere then upped the ante and with only 2 minutes until half time struck twice to make it 2-2 at half time.

Second half, and Paget pushed and pushed but came up against an inspired Boldmere goalkeeper to keep them out.

Boldmere took full advantage and scored 3 long range efforts to win the game 5-2. Onto the league next for the mighty Paget.



### **SPORTS REPORT 3: Girls' Football**

#### CHAMPIONS!!!!

On Wednesday, Paget girls football team made up of Elysia-Grace, Kara, Benetta, Ameera, Blossom, Kaiah and Taylor-May travelled to Yardley Fives for their final games of the season.

And what a finish to the season it was!!

We knew that we were up against some tough teams for these final games.

First up was St Bernadette's. They gave us a tough test, but we managed to come away from that game 2-0 winners thanks to goals from Elysia-Grace and Kara.

Next, we faced Parkfield who had just beaten Hillstone in the first game. We made easy work of this fixture and came away worthy 3-0 winners thanks to a brace from Kara and a goal from Elysia-Grace. Their keeper made some outstanding saves at the death otherwise this result could have been more.

We then had a little break from the league games by playing a friendly against St Peter & Paul. We continued our winning streak. A goal from Kara and an absolute stunning goal from Ameera making us worthy 2-0 winners.

It was then back to the league games; we had 2 left to play. We were currently top of the league, but we knew if we lost one game, we would be relying on other results to go our way.

Next up was Hillstone. They started the game brightly and we found ourselves 0-1 down. It was time to dig deep and make sure we got something out of the game. We battled hard and managed to claw one back with a goal from Elysia-Grace. That's how this tie ended we hadn't lost but we knew it was all to play for in the final game.

Finally, we played St Thomas More the team snapping at our heels. One slip up here and we would find ourselves finishing in second place.

Another great strike from Ameera gave Paget the lead but St Thomas More weren't going to give this up without a fight. They grabbed a goal back so now at 1-1 both teams were battling hard for that top spot.

As the ref blew the whistle, we waited for confirmation that we had done it. All our hard work and dedication paid off. Paget were winners of the league!!

What an incredible achievement by our players and our coaches Mrs Spiers and Mr Cobbs. This is the first time Paget Girls have won this title. Let's hope it will be the first of many for our girls' team.

### **SPORTS REPORT 4: DANCE FINALS**

### All Birmingham Dance Finals

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March a group of 14 children, Mrs Spiers and Mrs Ewbank attended the All-Birmingham Dance Final. Having previously placed a very close second (a one-point difference) in the area dance competition, we were excited to visit the Birmingham Hippodrome. We left school early to ensure we were at the venue on time and joined around 10 other primary schools from across Birmingham.

We were so excited to perform again and went onto the stage third and gave it our all. We all loved performing together again as a Dance Troupe. In between some of the performances we were treated to solo performances from the Dance Judges who demonstrated contemporary and modern styles of dance. We loved seeing the judges perform. We waited patiently after the performances to find out who had won. Although we didn't place in the top three, we did really well and were the best that we could be.













Our huge congratulations to all the children that took part in our Easter competitions this week. A chocolate treat was given out to all that took part. Around half of all our pupils created bonnets or decorated eggs. Our judge, Mrs. Nussey found it really difficult to choose the winners in each of our classes.

Mrs. Nussey and Mrs. Ewbank would like to give a special mention to the children in Classes 4H and 4C, where many of you took part and it really was difficult to choose in these classes, your egg creations were absolutely fantastic, and it really was difficult to choose winners! A super effort, well done!

Well done to the following:

Nursery – Autumn	3C - Emilia
Leopards – Caelan	3S - Truly
Tigers – Ayra	4H - Thea
1W – Jason	4C - Eve
1P – Cameron	5B – Logan H
2D – Zylah	5E - Amelie
2W - Logan	6R - Liam
Pumas – Leon	6B – Catherine
Panthers - Ethan	

Overall EYFS Winner - Kemora

Overall KS1 Winner – La'Sharn

Overall KS2 Winner - Kyron

Look on 'X' for photos of our children in their bonnets or for children with their eggs.

A great time was had by all!

Finally, a big thank you to you parents for supporting your children to take part in our Easter activities. Thank you!

What a team we make!



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Spring Term 2024

Friday 22nd March 2024- Last day of term - Break up for Easter holidays

#### Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April 2024 - School Closed to children - Staff training Day Tuesday 9th April - Children return to school
Thursday 18th-Friday 19th April - Year Two Residential Monday 22nd April - Nursery trip to the farm \*
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 17th May - Year 6 Parents Meeting re residential \*
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 - this will be shared when finalised)

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

\*Indicates newly added or changed items

