



Hello everyone

Firstly, let me say a huge thank you to everyone for making such a superb effort in school today to ensure **we celebrated Eid in style!** It was great to see everyone dressed in their finery and having fun. A special thank you to our catering team who rose brilliantly to the occasion and provided a delicious Eid menu today for the children who had a school meal—it truly was a whole school celebration!



On a slightly different note, hopefully, you will have received a letter from the **Parents' RSE Working Party** sent home jointly by us and Sladefield Infant School yesterday. This letter, which was sent via email as well as a paper copy, is also available on the front page of the school website if you haven't managed to see a copy yet. It explains the work the working party have been doing, as well as detailing the dates and times that parents and carers can join the school online session to find out more about the work planned for the children and the resources that will be used. To support the stability of these 'live' online sessions, we will be delivering these sessions a class at a time so please make sure you check the date and time for your child's class, thank you. We look forward to sharing all the hard work that has gone into producing a comprehensive, age-appropriate RSE curriculum with you at these meetings, and welcome any questions you may have. We would particularly like to say a big thank you to all the members of the RSE Parents' Working Party who have given, and continue to give, a considerable amount of time and energy to thoroughly and positively support both schools during this process. Login details for the online Microsoft Teams meetings will be emailed to you during the first week back after half-term (week commencing 7th June 2021) so please keep an eye out for them.

And finally, if you haven't managed to yet, I strongly encourage you to check out the **school's twitter account**, so that you can keep up to date with the fantastic work being done in school by our children, as well as take a look at any useful websites that are signposted in our tweets. We get super excited when you retweet our posts, so please spare a moment to take a look, thank you. There is a QR code link in the top right hand corner of the newsletter to support you in accessing our account quickly—we hope you enjoy browsing it.

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay dry!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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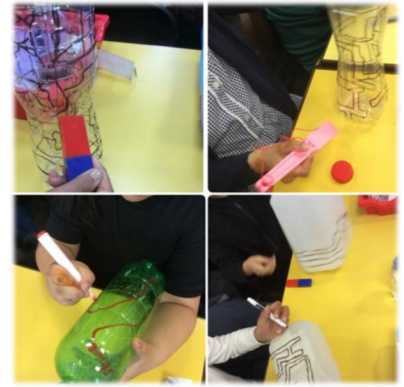
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Year 3

This week, Year 3 conducted a **Science investigation** to find out more about **magnets**. We used plastic bottles to create a maze, and then used a magnet to test different magnetic objects, by pulling them through the maze using a magnet.



In PSHE, we have been focusing on **UNICEF'S Rights of The Child**. We discussed the different rights and why they are important, before choosing an article and creating a poster to explain what that right means. We also discussed our responsibilities, and how they are different but just as important as our rights.

My Rights	My Responsibilities
have the right to a safe place to live. I have the right to play and relax.	I have a responsibility to not hurt others. I have responsibilities to take care of the environment. I have a responsibility to be nice and kind.
I have the right to read and pick a book.	
I have the right to work and learn.	
I have the right to feel happy and joyful.	



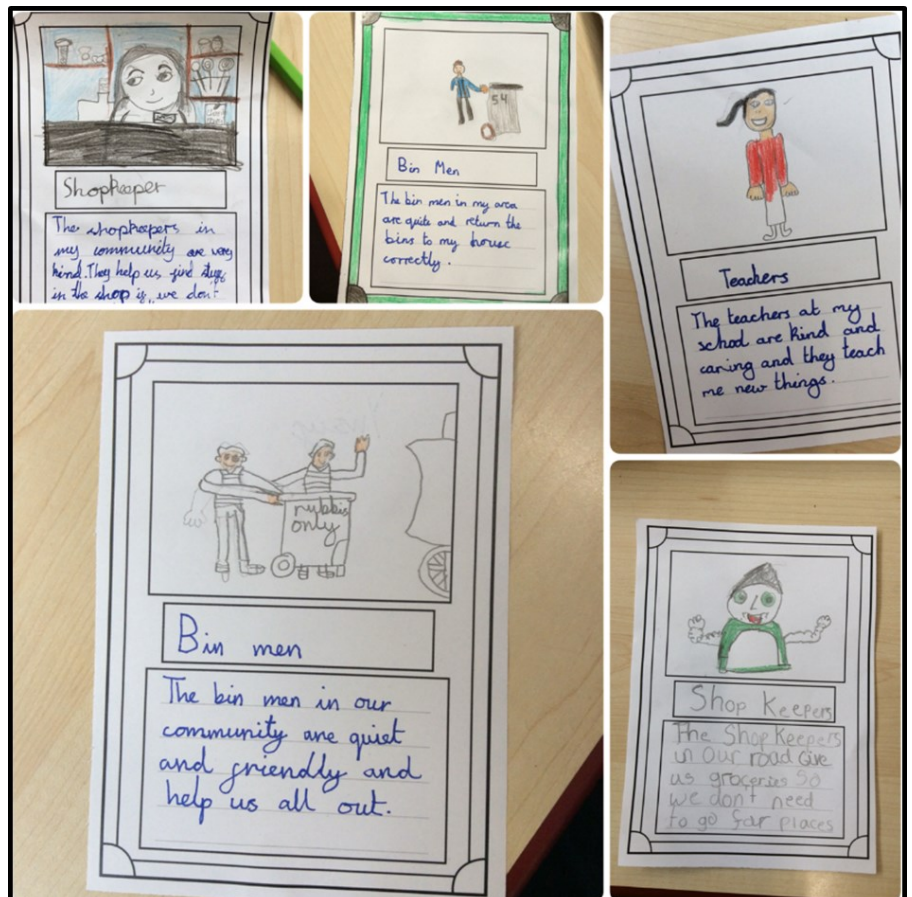
Year 4

Year 4 this week have been learning about **communities**.

We looked at what communities are and the different people we notice in our community that makes us proud and happy to live there.

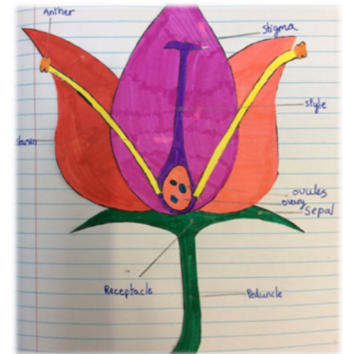
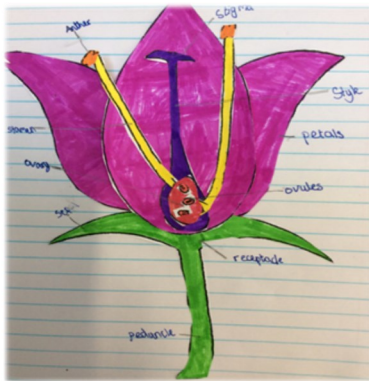
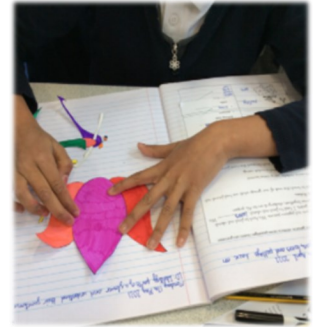
These can be people with official job titles or not! We described the things that people do around us that make things better for everyone.

Please take a look at some of the amazing community cards year 4 children created. Thank you.



Year 5

In Year 5 we are learning about the **life cycle of a flower**. We had fun creating a 3D flower to help us to identify the different parts of a flower and to understand their functions. We also understood the importance of pollination in the creation of new plants.



Year 6

In Year 6, as part of our topic on **Victorians**, we have been looking at the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child. The children first analysed a passionate speech by Greta Thunberg, and this inspired them to write their own. Before they could craft their speech, the children took part in a mind map rotation exercise, sharing the facts they had collated from a range of sources. They were shocked by the way the poor Victorian children were treated and this spurred them to write a very passionate speech of their own. The purpose of their speech was to persuade the politicians to put an end to child labour and to protect the rights of the child. The children had already explored the meaning of a range of vocabulary linked to the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child during their Shared Reading lessons. They were able to state that the politicians are Duty Bearers and that the children are Right Holders. Their speeches certainly made us sit up and listen! Here are some fantastic examples. Our Year 6 children have certainly shown us that they have a voice and that they want others to listen to their opinions!



At least have mercy on the poor children working in the cotton mills. Look at how greedy you are only employing children because you don't have to pay them as much. As they climb under machines, their limbs get caught and their limbs often need to be removed. How about the coal miners? Every breath is poison for them. They develop twisted limbs and may die in horrible explosions. These innocent children have to sit in cold, wet tunnels. Open your eyes. You are duty bearers.

The chimney sweep's apprentice's job is even worse. The children have to climb up chimneys and clean them. Imagine that! If they work too slow, the master will light a fire below them to encourage them to pick the pace. That is dangerous and they inhale smoke. Some of these gases are poisonous and smoke can take up the space of oxygen in their bodies.

You are duty bearers, and your job is to make sure all children get the same treatment and that they fulfil their rights. Children's rights are inherent, inalienable and indivisible. Turn your brain on and open your eyes!

Celebrating Autumn Term Attendance

We are excited to finally be able to celebrate the children's Autumn Term Attendance on **Friday 28th May** for the children who achieved the following attendance initiatives:



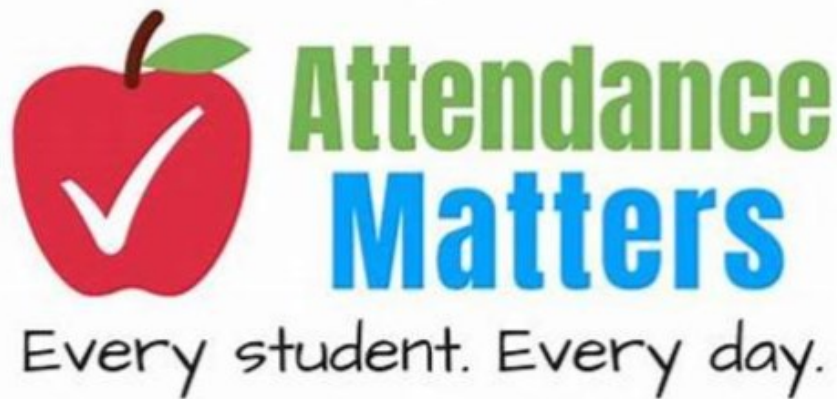
- * **Golden Ticket Attendance Bronze Award**
- * **Magic 20 Raising Attendance**
- * **Magic 20 Raising Punctuality**



On **Friday 28th May**, the winning children will get extra playtime and popcorn!

(An alternative snack will be provided for children who are allergic to popcorn.)

The children who have qualified for the **Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Award** will also get a small prize as a reward.



Spring Term and Summer Term Attendance Rewards

All the children who have achieved 98% and above in attendance will receive a Golden Ticket Attendance Silver award! Please look out for more information to follow. next term!

100% Attendance for the whole academic year

Mrs Grace is currently planning an exciting prize for all the children that have achieved 100% attendance this year. These children will qualify for our fantastic Golden Ticket Attendance **GOLD** award

Please look out for more information to follow next term!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



Allotment Visit

As part of our ongoing allotment project, some of the year 6 students had the opportunity to visit St Margaret's Road allotment. We planted spinach, beetroot, potatoes and transplanted peas! It was very informative and we learnt new things. Visiting the allotment also supported our current unit of work and helped reinforce our understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Romeesa: "I learnt that when a potato begins to sprout then you can plant it in the ground- you must remember to place it with the sprout facing upwards and approximately 4 inches apart."



We always try our best to promote Article 24. We believe that having a school allotment plot supports article 24 as gardening and taking part in the allotment improves our mental health.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 24 – Health care ensures that every child has the right to the best possible health

Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



Our Planet Now

Get excited because it's time for a new Blue Peter competition! Do you love the environment and want to do everything you can to protect it? Now's your chance to write an inspiring poem or short story that makes people want to protect 'Our Planet Now'. Blue Peter's Our Planet Now competition is giving YOU the chance to write a poem or story which will be turned into an animation by the award-winning Aardman Studios, which will premiere at COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November 2021 – setting the scene for World Leaders to make decisions for our planet. This is YOUR chance to write a poem or short story in no more than 250 words, that will captivate the imagination of people all over the globe in the UK's year of climate action.

For more information check out the following weblink:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-competition?>

or scan the QR Code. **Deadline for the competition is 25th of May 2021.**



'From Birmingham with love' is a suite of help for all families and children in Birmingham. It includes help with food, finances, parenting, drug and alcohol abuse, bereavement, domestic violence, and mental health.

You can get in touch with your local team who can help you to find the support you need.

Hodge Hill- Family Action

Named lead: Alice Bath

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The Grammar Schools in Birmingham- Admissions 2022

Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

We write to advise that parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before **4pm on 30th June 2021**. The test will take place on **11th September 2021**.

We would be grateful if you could advise parents of current **Year 5** children. To register, parents need to visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Thank you

Admissions

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham
Foundation Office, Edgbaston Park Road
Birmingham, B15 2UD

Website: www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Email: admissions@ske.uk.net



Healthy Packed Lunch

Please ensure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch consisting of a
Healthy Sandwich
Piece of Fruit
A yogurt
A healthy drink



Please ensure all snacks provided are nut free as we are a nut free school.

Thank you for your support.



CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners and a big **WELL DONE** to all the children who participated in the competition.

Top 3 Highest Scoring Rockstar Bands in School		
1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
6HB	6HJ	6NI

Top 3 Most Valuable Players in School		
1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Hizar A 6HB	Hafsa A 6HJ	Aamina J 6HB

Top 3 Most Valuable Players in Each Class			
Class	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
3AH	Muhammad R	Umaiza L	Safa A
3EB	Ibraheem M	Zain A	Inam R
3MJ	Haala B	Isa W	Maira I
3SQ	Hafsa K	Aliyah J	Amelia K
4AB	Yusuf M	Owais W	Aamina K
4DR	Laiba M	Abdul S	Taha A
4GJ	Danniyal S	Laaibah K	Ayub S
4SH	Ehsen M	Haaziq I	Inaaya A
4TW	Meerab M	Umar H	Amaan B
5BA	Aisha A	Rayhan A	Mohammed A
5NG	Husain P	Jean-Christian- P	Alina B
5ST	Isa K	Nicholas F	Amna R
5TR	Duwa H	Najwa A	Aisha U
5ZY	Ibrahim R	Armaan A	Dawud S
6HB	Hizar A	Aamina J	Zinedine M
6HJ	Hafsa A	Laiba M	Halimah H
6MF	Hussain S	Haider N	Eesah Z
6NI	Zakariya M	Aisha E	Na'im A
6ZB	Zimal K	Haaziq K	Natasha T

PE TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 24/05/2021

Monday 24th May

Year 4

Tuesday 25th May

Year 6

Wednesday 26th May

Year 3

Thursday 27th May

Year 5



Term Dates

Summer Term 1 2021

Term Ends: Friday 28 May 2021

May Half Term Holiday

Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Summer Term 2 2021

Term Starts: Monday 7 June 2021

Term Ends: Tuesday 20 July 2021

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21 July 2021



Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.

Please give school as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please request a call back from Miss Pegg.

Thank you for your support.



Please ring the school office on
0121 327 0824 our lines open from 8am .

School Meals

If you would like to change your child's meal option mid term, please remember this can only be changed at the start of each term. **You must contact the school office prior to doing so.**

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office .

Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.

Breakfast Club must be paid in advance and is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.

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Chair of Governors—Mr Amjid Ali
Vice-Chair of Governors—Mr Johur Uddin



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