

Hello everyone

Following guidance from the Department for Education, the **School will be closed for the national Bank Holiday on Monday 19th September**, the day of **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral**. School we reopen on Tuesday 20th September at the normal time of 8.30am. All children must be in school by 8.45am.

This week, I am delighted to share some pictures of the children creative work in response to the whole school book we read during our first week back. **'The Extraordinary Gardener'**, by **Sam Boughton**, tells the uplifting and inspirational story of a young child's determination to bring beauty and happiness to his community by planting a single seed and then going on to grow beautiful plants and flowers to share. The children produced a range of imaginative work across the different year groups.



**Year 3** children were inspired by the extraordinary gardener to get creative and make their own **decorative plant pots**. They loved the way the plants added colour and joy to people's gardens and lives in the story, so the children came up with some colourful and vibrant designs for their own pots. They designed the pots, before moulding them out

of clay and finally painted them to add colour and joy!



**Year 4** children created their own large **collaborative pictures** inspired by the flourishing community in The Extraordinary Gardener. They explored mark making, observational drawing and drew themselves within an imagined space before collaging them together.



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**Year 5** have been busy creating their very own 'green spaces'. Just like the neighbors in the story, the children collaborated to produce a neighborhood which was full of life, colour and hope. They discussed how just one child with one tiny apple pip could kickstart a green revolution. This is a growth mindset personified!



**Year 6** have had the opportunity to create wonderful art work, inspired by the book 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. Pupils had the opportunity to use water colour paints to create their very own special garden, they used pastels to



produce a balcony scene and create leaflets that could inspire the wider community to become passionate about nature. Pupils used growth mindset quotes to encourage others to keep going and not give up on nature. Amazing work Year 6!

### Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be **ready, respectful and safe**. This week's word of the week is: '**prepared**'. To be prepared is to be ready. Readiness means being in the right place (school), at the right time (8:30am), with the right equipment (book bag, uniform), with the right people (teachers), with the necessary positive attitude.



### Calling all parents and carers!

We will be holding our first coffee morning this year on **Tuesday 4th October at 9am in the School Hall.**

Please join us for a chat about our school, meet our Senior Leadership Team and our Inclusion Team, and ask us any questions you may have about your child's education. We would love to see as many people as possible, and we are hoping the promise of a warming cup of tea and a tasty snack might tempt you to come and join us!



### Pakistan Flood Donation

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone for the **fantastic donations** we have received during our collection for the **floods in Pakistan**. Your generosity means that we are able to donate **£455.47**. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the floods during this terrible time.



### Traffic Safety

Please can both motorists and pedestrians take extra care on the roads around our school, particularly Thornton Road and St. Agatha's Road. By parking in a suitable place, by crossing the road carefully, and by keeping to the speed limit we can all play our part. Keeping our roads safe is something we are all responsible for, so let's work together to ensure everyone is safe.



# Let me introduce staff you will meet on the school gates....

## The Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Grace,  
Headteacher



Mr Mason,  
Deputy Headteacher & Lead DSL



Mrs Biddle-Rawbone,  
Assistant Headteacher &  
Strategic Lead for Years 3 & 4



Mrs Mazar,  
Assistant Headteacher &  
Strategic Lead for Years 5 & 6



Mrs Ahmed,  
School Business Manager

## The Inclusion Team



Mrs Shaheen,  
Inclusion Manager & SENDCo



Miss Devi,  
Pastoral Manager



Miss Wilcox,  
SEND Teaching Assistant



Mr McAlinden,  
SEND Teaching Assistant



Mr Bates,  
Sports Coach



Miss Pegg,  
School Nurse

**Please come and say 'hello' and ask us any questions you may have, we are always happy to talk!**



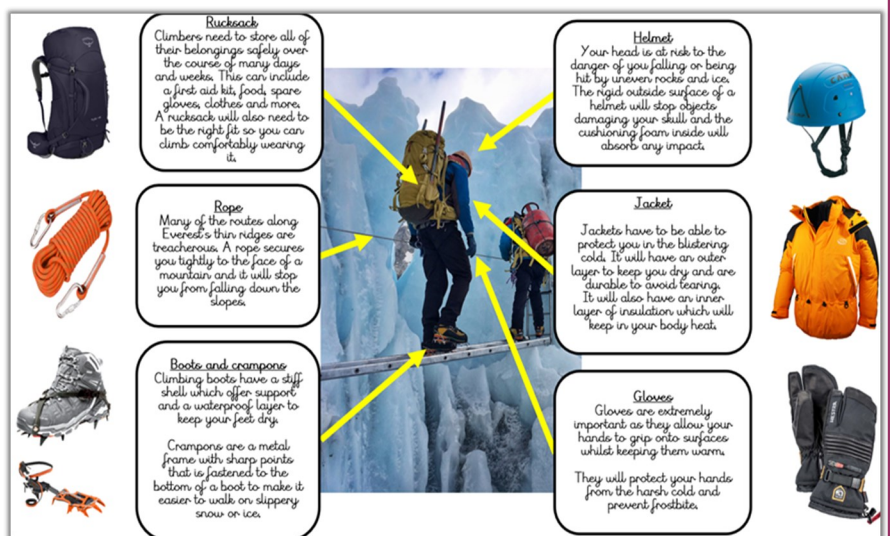
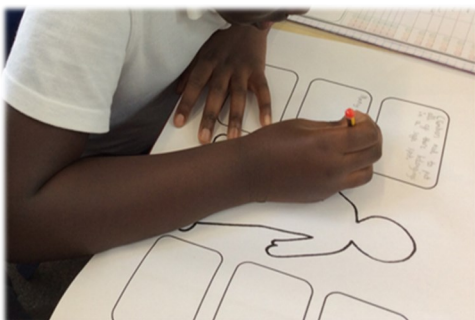
## Year 3

To begin our new **Stone Age** topic, Year 3 explored pictures of cave paintings to find out what Stone Age life might have been like. They looked closely at the pictures to unpick the different animals and weapons that may have been used, as well as trying to work out the meanings behind different marks. Year 3 were then inspired to have a go at creating their own cave painting style art!



## Year 4

To start our topic ‘**Misty Mountains, Windy Rivers**’ the children worked collaboratively in table groups. One person came to the front of the class and had one minute to look at the poster before returning to their team. Then they had to draw and write down key information they had retrieved from the poster. At the end of the lesson, each group was able to explain the different mountain equipment that experienced climbers would need to take on a journey.





## Year 5

**Year 5** have started the Autumn term with the **Science topic Stargazers**. They spent a fun filled afternoon creating the Solar System based on the Heliocentric theory .



## Year 6

This week **Year 6** have started their new topic, **The Victorians**. The children have participated in Victorian styled lessons. The teachers took on the role of strict Victorian teachers and pupils experienced how lessons such as arithmetic, handwriting and P.E. were delivered. Some children were also expected to learn poetry and were then ask to recite this in front of their peers. When asked about their experiences some of the children they quite enjoyed the strict Victorian classroom, whereas others much preferred the modern-day classroom!

1	x	4	=	4		
2	x	4	=	8		
3	x	4	=	12		
4	x	4	=	16		
5	x	4	=	20		
6	x	4	=	24		
7	x	4	=	28		
8	x	4	=	32		
9	x	4	=	36		
10	x	4	=	40		

### Little Things

Little drops of water  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean  
And the pleasant land.

And the little moments  
Humble though they be,  
Make the mighty ages  
Of eternity.

Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,  
Make the Earth an Eden  
Like the heaven above.

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Board School



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Manners maketh Man.  
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Hello, Parents & Guardians! We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Birmingham City Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyles support for families across Birmingham.

**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FAMILY TO BE HEALTHIER? SIGN UP FOR FREE!**

Just go to [beezeebodies.com/families](https://beezeebodies.com/families) (or scan the QR code!) and enter your details. We'll give you a call back to have a quick chat and enrol your family on to your preferred BeeZee Families group!



**NEW COURSES START W/C 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022 FOR 12 WEEKS**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>KINGS NORTON SOUTH</b> Kings Norton Boys School 17:30 - 19:30	<b>BORDERSLEY &amp; HIGHGATE</b> Saltley Wellbeing Centre 17:00 - 19:00	<b>HODGE HILL</b> Welcome Change Community Centre 17:00 - 19:00	<b>ERDINGTON</b> St Edmund Campion 17:30 - 19:30
<b>CASTLE VALE</b> The Sanctuary 18:00 - 20:00	<b>HANDSWORTH</b> Handsworth Leisure Centre 17:00 - 19:00	<b>SPARKBROOK</b> The Concord Centre 17:00 - 19:00	<b>SMALL HEATH</b> St Cyprians Memorial Hall 17:00 - 19:00
<b>ONLINE</b> age 5-8 17:30 - 18:15	<b>ONLINE</b> age 5-8 16:30 - 17:15		
<b>ONLINE</b> age 9-12 18:30 - 19:15	<b>ONLINE</b> age 9-12 17:00 - 17:45	<b>ONLINE</b> age 9-12 17:00 - 17:45	

\*to be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Birmingham and include one child who is age 5-15 and above their ideal healthy weight.

## BUILD A BALANCED LUNCHBOX!

SEND 'EM BACK TO SCHOOL THIS SEPTEMBER WITH A PERFECTLY PACKED, HEALTHY LUNCH! YUM!

### CHOOSE YOUR CARBOHYDRATES

Bread • Tortilla wraps • Chapattis • Pitta  
• Pasta • Rice • Potatoes • Cassava • Naan

### PACK SOME PLANTS

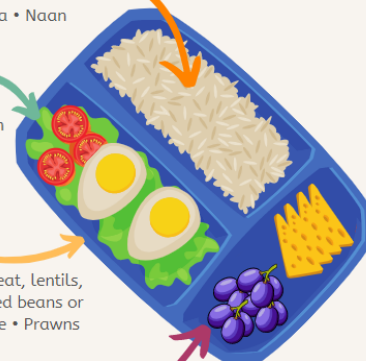
Frozen, tinned or fresh fruit & veg • Hide peppers, sweetcorn & peppers in tuna mayo! • Disguise onions and tomatoes in a curry/stew • Celery or carrot sticks with their favourite dip.

### PICK YOUR PROTEINS

Leftover protein from dinner (e.g. meat, lentils, tofu or paneer) • Eggs • Tuna • Tinned beans or low sugar/salt baked beans • Cheese • Prawns

### SELECT A SNACK

Cheese slices • Yogurt (try low fat and low sugar options) • Popcorn • Pita/carrots with hummus • Grapes • Pepper slices • Raisins • Crackers  
Mix and match these to get all those nutrients in!



## Healthy Packed Lunch

Please ensure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch made up of a:

- **Healthy Sandwich**
- **Piece of Fruit**
- **Yogurt**
- **Healthy drink (no fizzy/energy drinks!)**



## Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, **nut free** snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies.** Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates. **Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! Thank you for your support.**



## Gardening

Our wheelbarrow has been busy growing over the summer and we have been able to harvest chilli peppers, tomatoes, bell peppers, red cabbage and sweetcorn. Thank you to the site team who have been watering the wheelbarrow over the summer break as a fitting tribute to our dearly missed member of staff, Mr. Norval Watkis.



## Medical Notice

We have a fully qualified nurse in school, **Miss Pegg**, who can administer medication prescribed by the GP or purchased over the counter. Please can you make sure the medication is clearly labelled with the name and the class of your child. Also, you will need to complete a form which is available from reception or alternatively medical forms are available on our school website under the parents tab. You can print the prescribed medication form or over the counter form at home and bring it to school completed with medication. **Thank you for your support with this to ensure all medication is given safely to children as prescribed.**

## School Attendance



### 100% Class attendance

**Congratulations** to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week: Mrs Grace did a surprise visit and awarded the class a £25 gift voucher to spend on a VIP experience or new class resources.

#### Year 3

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#### Year 4

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Our school attendance last week was  
**93.2%**



### Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2023

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2023 are now live on the following website: [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school admissions](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions)

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



### PE TIMETABLE

Monday 19th September

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 20th September  
Year 4

Wednesday 21st September  
Year 3

Thursday 22nd September  
Year 5

Friday 23rd September

Swimming for classes

4ZY-Children will need to be  
in school for 8.25  
& 5BA

### Parent Pay

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance Via Parent Pay. Dinner money is **£2.50 per day** and **£12.50 per week**. Breakfast Club is **£1 per day** and **50p for any siblings**. **After school club is £2 per day** and **£1 for any siblings**. Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast, Afterschool clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week .



### ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

#### Autumn Term 2022

**Bank Holiday: Monday 19th September**

Term 1 Ends: Friday 21st October

**Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**

Term 2 Starts: Monday 31st October

Term 2 Ends: Friday 16th December

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January**



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