

Swimming Gala Success!

Last Thursday a team of children represented our school at the Tamworth Schools Swimming Gala Finals. They had already gained their places by competing in the first round last month.

Well, we were blown away by their commitment, determination and focus in the individual races and relays - they really gave their absolute best!

Individual event high placings were:

Dexter - 1st in Year 5 boys' front crawl Clayton - 2nd in Year 6 boys' backstroke Gracie - 2nd Year 3 girls' breaststroke and front crawl Harry - 2nd in Year 3 boys' backstroke and 3rd in breaststroke Abbie - 2nd in girls' butterfly and 3rd in girls individual medley Lola - 3rd in Year 4 girls' front crawl Lexi - 3rd in Year 3 girls' backstroke Archie - 6th in boys' individual medley Boys' relay 3rd in 3 x 1 medley and 3rd in 4 x 1 front crawl Girls' relay 6th in 4 x 1 front crawl





Overall, out of the 17 schools in the competition, we came in 2nd place. This is our highest place ever in this event!!

Amazing Team Two Gates!



Residential News

We are so proud of the Year 4 pupils who recently attended their first residential school visit at Whitemoor Lakes. The children took part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities – sailing, canoeing, zip-wire, buggy building, team games, campfire and high ropes. It is wonderful to see the children adapt to the challenges of each activity and to witness them facing and overcoming fears and nerves; their encouragement and support of each other is so heartwarming. There is no doubt that they have all gained confidence and transferable life skills from this amazing experience...



'Protecting the Environment' is a Two Gates school value and the one we are currently focusing on in our curriculum and wider school offer.

Planet Earth is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive!

Each year since 1970, on April 22nd more than a billion people celebrate **Earth Day** to raise awareness that we need to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live.

This year's theme is **Planet vs Plastic** and <u>http://www.earthday.org</u> are campaigning and working towards a 60% reduction in plastic production by 2040. The children have learnt about the harmful impact of plastics on living things and our planet and that if we all make small changes in our behaviours, we can make a big difference e.g. not buying/using single-use plastic products; recycling all our plastics and using reusable bags when we go shopping. What will you do differently?



We have also been learning about the 'Wonderful World of Water' with Lucy from Severn Trent Water. She taught us about the water cycle and how Severn Trent ensures we have clean water in our taps every day and our wastewater gets taken away to be cleaned and reused. Lucy also shared some interesting facts about how much water we use in everyday activities, as well as how we can reduce the amount we use by changing our behaviour.

Don't keep the tap running while you are brushing your teeth

Congratulations to the children below who have risen to the **Reading Bingo** challenge and have been awarded bronze, silver or gold certificates for the spring term. The summer term challenge is up and running- so keep reading!!



See more photos below



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Please see more news, photos and information below and remember that you can follow us on X @2gatesprimary. Class and school information will also be posted on ClassDojo and messages will be sent via our text messaging service.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please remember that we are here for you; just call the office on 01827 213855 or email officetgs@twogates.staffs.sch.uk

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook

Love children, love learning!

W/C 8th April 2024

CONGRATULATIONS

STAR AWARD

Robins - Bradley Buzzards - Jake Kites - Nicola Falcons - Oscar Kestrels - Corey

Brilliant Behaviour

Breakfast

Robins - Taryn Doves - Jenson Buzzards - Gracie Kites - Ava-Jo Falcons - Scarlett Kestrels - Lexie

Attendance

KS1 Doves 96.2%

KS2 Kites 96.9%

W/C 15th April 2024

CONGRATULATIONS

STAR AWARD

Robins - Alex

Doves - Harley Kingfishers - Joseph/Bobby Swans - Bradley / Amelia Falcons - Louie

Brilliant Behaviour

Breakfast

Robins - Billy Doves - Josie Buzzards - Zain Kingfishers - Chloe Swans - Troy / Lily-Rose Kites - Isla-Bel Falcons - Clayton Kestrels - Olivia

Attendance V

KS1 Doves 96.1%

KS2 Kestrels 96.6%

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please see our exciting 3 week rolling menu for the Summer Term

Going forward all dinners must be pre-ordered at home by clicking on the following link: https://tinyurl.com/2pzatt7z

> to view a letter from ATLP in reference to this click: https://tinyurl.com/vfdtrkkm



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Choose from	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Tomato Pasta Side	Chicken & Rice by Adela of Osborne School to go with BBQ Baked Beans, Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey & Stuffing to go with Gravy, Broccoll, carrots & peas, Roast Potatoes	Beef Meatballs with Marinara Sauce to go with Wholemeal Penne Pasta, Green Beans	Battered Fish to go with Mushy Peas, Baked Beans, Chips
Vegetarian	Quorn Burritos to go with Tomato Pasta Side	Vegetarian Hotdog to go with Half Jacket Potato, BBQ Baked Beans	Quorn Fillet to go with Gravy, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Broccoli, carrots & peas, Roast Potatoes	Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta to go with Mixed Salad	Veggie Nuggets to go with Mushy Peas, Baked Beans, Chips
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and to finish!	Orange & Mango	🖉 Blueberry Blondie	Yogurt & Berry Eton Mess	Peach Slice	Chocolate Brownie to go with Custard
Bread and Salad will be	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Bar, Chees and Biscuits, Jelly

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<u>Thursday 2nd May</u> Local Elections - School Closed

<u>Monday 6th May</u> May Bank Holiday - School Closed

<u>Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May</u> Year 6 SATS week

<u>Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May</u> HALF TERM

> <u>Friday 21st June</u> Teacher Training Day School not open to pupils

> <u>Friday 5th July</u> Teacher Training Day School not open to pupils

> <u>Friday 19th July</u> Last Day of Term for Pupil

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Teacher Training Days School not open to pupils





We have secured Monday 15th July at Drayton Manor for the Year 6 Prom.

We have been asked to share the following survey on behalf of the Early Education & Childcare Sufficiency Data Officer

Good Morning,

I am currently running a parents survey which is aimed at parents of early years children and those expecting a baby.

As part of the sufficiency duty we are required to engage with parents to find out their experiences of childcare and what they need in future. This is particularly important at this time with the new entitlements coming in and we know that providers are struggling mainly due to funding rates and difficulties with staffing needs.

Please could you share the below links with your parents and any other groups as appropriate so that we can get as wide a range of views as possible. The survey closes on the 12th May 2024. Once the results are analysed I will share the results with you.

https://letstalk.staffordshire.gov.uk/embeds/projects/24643/survey-tools/34940

https://shorturl.at/LUW18



TAMWORTH DISTRICT

GROUPWORK COURSES



FREE TO BOOK ON TERM TIME ONLY

10 week, FREE courses for families and their children. Fun activities and learning to support your child's development.

STARTING MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2024 TAMWORTH FAMILY HUB SIMPLY PLAY 1PM - 3PM



A FACE TO FACE COURSE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 0-4 YEARS

> STARTING THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024 LEYFIELDS FAMILY HUB SIMPLY PLAY 12.30PM - 2.30PM A FACE TO FACE COURSE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 0-4 YEARS

TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL

GROUPWORK@STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK

Staffordshire County Council TO BOOK: Send an email to groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk including your name, email, course preference and contact number.



FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

We understand that parenting is hard at times and can be overwhelming.

10 FREE Sessions

Term Time Only



A course to help support you with behaviour management and child development.

PRE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Virtual Course Dates Starting:

Monday 22nd April 2024 10am -12pm

<u>Tuesday 23rd April 2024</u> 10 am - 12pm 12:30pm – 2:30pm 5:15pm – 7:15pm

<u>Thursday 25th 2024</u> 9:30am – 11:30am

Friday 26th April 2024 10am – 12pm 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Face to Face Course Dates Starting:

Monday 22nd April 2024 9:30am to 11:30am

Glascote Heath Family Hub Hawksworth Glascote Heath B77 2ER (by the shops and library)



MAY HALF TERM Soccer Schools



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ASTON VII

Locations: Aston (Aston Villa Inner City Academy) Harborne (Lordswood Girls School) Tamworth (Bodymoor Heath Training Ground)

Time: 9:30 - 15:30

Age: 5-12 years old Give rugby a try with us



Rugby for all Ladies and Girls. No experience necessary Contact Rich on 07534 403450



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Join us on Friday 31st May for a girls FREE rugby camp 8:30 - 15:30 Open to all girls in school years 4 - 10 No rugby experience necessary

Scan the QR code and complete the from to register. Alternatively contact Shelley for more details 07739 815008



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Throughout the month of June we will also be hosting taster sessions -

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Think Measles!

What is measles?

Measles is a very infectious virus, which spreads quickly if people are not protected against it. Measles is currently continuing to spread across the West Midlands. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) are needed for maximum protection.

A version of MMR is available which does NOT contain pork ingredients. Many rigorous scientific studies have confirmed there is no link between MMR and autism.

Measles can cause severe illness in people who are not protected, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death.

Preventing and Controlling infections

Measles is highly infectious: 9 out of 10 unprotected individuals contract the illness when exposed to it. Anyone that is not protected and exposed to measles may be asked to stay at home for a number of days. There is no specific treatment for measles.

The best protection is through two doses of the MMR vaccine. The MMR can be given at any time after a child turns 13 months and parents can book via their GP. The best way to protect babies under 1 is to ensure everyone around them is immunised.

Measles is a notifiable disease

In the event of an outbreak, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will support in the risk assessment and advise on actions that need to be taken.

If in doubt, follow the '<u>Think Measles guidance</u>' and ensure that your report a case of measles to the UKHSA West Midlands Health Protection team.

Call: 0344 225 3560 (option 2) Email: wmmeaslescell@ukhsa.gov.uk

What are the symptoms of measles?

- Cold-like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, sneezing and cough
- Red, sore watery eyes
- High temperature (fever) which may reach around 40C / 104F
- A non-itchy, red-brown rash usually appears 3-5 days later (sometimes starts around the ears), spots may be raised and join to form blotchy patches – which may be harder to see on darker skin tones.

What to do if someone has measles symptoms?

If someone has symptoms of measles, please advise them to stay at home and not attend any setting where it could be spread to others.

If someone thinks they have measles, they should call their GP or 111. People should not go to their GP practice or any other healthcare provider without calling in advance - they should phone their GP or 111 for advice and say it could be measles.

If an early years setting is experiencing an outbreak of cases of infectious disease (2 or more cases), the setting should call the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on 0344 225 3560 (option 2).

Advice is also available on the <u>NHS</u> website and <u>UKHSA</u> webpages.

If your setting needs any further support, UKHSA will work in partnership with your local council's Public Health team and the local NHS.

For more information, scan:



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