

Open Gates

Our Summer 1 School Value is...

Protecting the Environment

'Team Two Gates knows it is our responsibility to act now to protect and preserve our world for the future.'

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another busy half-term at Two Gates, it is wonderful to be able to share some very good news with you...

Earlier this year, one of our reception pupils, Harry, was diagnosed with an extremely rare and life-threatening illness called aplastic anemia. Since the diagnosis, Harry has been cared for and treated at Birmingham Children's Hospital and has been in complete isolation for most of this time due to his lowered immune system after chemotherapy.

Harry desperately needed a bone marrow transplant and following a nationwide search it was discovered that his sister, Eva, who is in Year 4, was a perfect transplant match.



Eva immediately volunteered to undergo the procedure to donate her bone marrow to her little brother last month.

Since the transplant, Harry has been in hospital making steady progress. Last week, Harry was well enough to come home and yesterday, he got to 'ring the bell' to signal the end of his treatment. It was a very special occasion - with his family, friends and hospital staff cheering him on. We are so happy for Harry, Eva and their parents who have all shown so much courage and bravery throughout this time.

It was also a lovely surprise to see a former Two Gates pupil, Olivia there; she has recently graduated from Leeds as a playworker and now works supporting children like Harry on the wards at Birmingham Children's Hospital.



Junior Forester Award

One of our core school values at Two Gates is Protecting the Environment. Educating about our values is the reason why Forest School and outdoor education is carefully planned into the curriculum offer for all children at different times and seasons throughout their time at Two Gates.



We know that forest school and outdoor learning activities can have a significant impact on children's emotional and physical well-being too. Forest school activities encourage children to work together and to respect each other, so everyone is recognised as being individual and unique, learning at different rates and in different ways. The seasonal changes encourage skills of observation, listening, imagination and curiosity as new things are discovered in the natural cycle. Being close to nature is good for us!

This term, Year 4 pupils have been spending time in our woodland working towards the Royal Forestry Society Junior Forester Award with Mrs Hambly - our FS Lead. They have been:

- Finding, identifying and learning more about the plants and animals who inhabit our woodland
- using tools to manage the site
- making objects and artwork from natural materials
- learning about risks and how to assess and manage them safely
- working with others to use and respect the outdoor environment
- making links to other areas of learning like science and geography
- learning about conservation - planting trees, shrubs and bulbs; managing the plants
- visiting Tameside Nature reserve to explore different habitats



Here's what they have to say about it...

Archie: *"We had to make a new pond for Reception's tadpoles, because if we put them in the big pond the newts will eat them. They're safe now in the new pond".*

Annabel: *"The air is clean and I feel happy in the forest. We passed messages to each other in a bucket using pulleys".*

Lola: *"I found so many different bugs and animals under the logs and in the bug hotel"*

Jayden: *"I enjoyed branch shaking and caught all the bugs on white sheets so we could identify them".*



Levi: *"I was really proud of the den and shelter we built and I caught four newts when we were pond dipping".*

Miss Webb, who is in her first year of teaching at TG said *"it wonderful to see the children having this experience and developing their knowledge and skills"*

This morning, following an excellent showcase assembly sharing their experiences and learning this term at forest school and on their residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes, they were presented with their Junior Forestry Awards- congratulations Year 4!

Walk to School Week

We hope you have all enjoyed walking to school this week. It has been lovely to see so many children scooting and riding to school too! Being Healthy is the school value we will be focusing on in Summer 2, so we hope you will continue to enjoy your journey to school and see it as part of daily exercise- as well as keeping the roads around our school safer- and reducing pollution too!

'At Two Gates we make healthy choices for our bodies and minds'.

Many congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who gave their all during SATs week. They supported each other and took it all in their stride- great job!

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

Wishing all our families a lovely, relaxing half-term.

Mrs Llewelyn-Cook



Love children, love learning!



Congratulations, Year 4 - not only did you delight parents with all your knowledge and learning across the curriculum about our school value 'protecting the environment' in your showcase assembly this morning, but you have all now achieved your Royal Forestry Society Junior Forester Award !!

Congratulations!!





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Year 6 have been learning how to set up their own business by planning an enterprise project this week. They were given a budget of £10 and asked to plan and resource an activity/game that other children could then 'pay to play'.

They had to consider using their budget wisely and think about profit and loss- with regard to how much they would charge per go and how much their prizes would cost .

All money collected will go to our PTA and the team who make the most profit will get £10 to spend on food to share. This morning, children in every class have been enjoying spending their money and having a go at a wide range of games available at the year 6 event.



Well done Year 6- I'm hoping to see some of you on The Apprentice in Years to come!!



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Diary Dates

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

HALF TERM

Monday 10th June

Year 2 - Tamworth Castle

Friday 21st June

Teacher Training Day - School not open to pupils

Monday 24th June

Non School Uniform- PTA - £1 donation

Health and Well-Being Week - 25th - 27th June

Tuesday 25th June

KS2 Sports Day - 9:15am till 11:15am

KS1 Sports Day - 2pm till 3pm

Wednesday 26th June

EYFS Sports Day - 2pm till 3pm

Thursday 27th June

Year 4 - Ukulele Concert 2:15pm, The Coton Centre

Tickets can be booked on 'TryBooking' <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DIMN>

Academy Photos - Nursery and Year 6 Graduation

Sunday 30th June

PTA Summer Fayre - 11am till 3pm

Thursday 4th July

Election Day - School not open to pupils

Friday 5th July

Teacher Training Day - School not open to pupils

Friday 12th July

Year 1 - Tamworth Castle

Monday 15th July

Year 6 - Prom, Drayton Manor

Tuesday 16th July

Year 6 Graduation and chip supper - 3:30 till 5pm

Wednesday 17th July

Year 6 Production - 9am - 10am

Thursday 18th July

Year 3 - Tamworth Castle

Friday 19th July

Last Day of Term for Pupils

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September

Teacher Training Days - School not open to pupils

DON'T FORGET

CONGRATULATIONS

W/C 13th May

STAR AWARD

Robins - Amelia
Doves - Louie
Kingfishers - Ellie
Swans - Alfie
Kites - Joseph
Falcons - Whole of Year 6
Kestrels - Whole of Year 6

YOU'RE 
doing
Great

Attendance

KS1
Robins
94.87%

KS2
Falcons
100%

Brilliant Behaviour

Breakfast

Robins - Samuel
Doves - Connie
Kingfishers - Jake
Swans - Levi
Kites - Olivia
Falcons - Gracie
Kestrels - Mila

YOU'RE

BRILLIANT



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



The Year 6's have

An amazing week of effort,
concentration and resilience from our
amazing Year 6 pupils this week. SATs
are done and dusted!!

We are so proud of you all!! 🥰



finished SATS



Well Done!



AMAZING

Smiles and high fives for star awards and pen passes!
Well done- and keep being brilliant!

CONGRATS!

WOW!





YEAR 4 BUSH TUCKER TRIAL



Are you brave enough to eat an edible insect?

Well that's exactly what some of our adventurous Year 4's did this week. They had their very own Bush Tucker trial- tasting crickets, grasshoppers, mealworms and buffaloworms!

This was part of their learning about the increasing issues around global food supplies and potential alternatives to what we eat now. In many countries, insects are part of an every day diet and in a few years' time, we may well be eating them regularly too! 🐛🦋 Bon appetit!



A successful visit to Tameside!

The Year 4 children walked through long reeds, crossed a board walk, tried net sweeping and tree shaking.

They have all worked so hard to achieve their Forestry Awards



Year 4 - Forest School





In maths today, Year 5 created angle makers and used them to make and measure angles around a point.



Year 5 have had an exciting, new computing afternoon, programming their own micro:bits!



A few minutes sharing books in the sun, following a very busy history lesson!





May 2024

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding the pricing of school meals, which will take effect from September 2024.

Over the past few years, we have seen a steady increase in the costs associated with providing nutritious and balanced meals to our pupils. Factors such as rising food prices, inflation and operational expenses have put a strain on our budget allocated for school meals. Despite our best efforts to maintain the current pricing, it has become increasingly challenging to cover these costs without compromising on the quality of the meals we serve.

Therefore, after careful consideration and evaluation, we have made the decision to increase the price of school meals. This adjustment is necessary to ensure that we can continue to provide nutritious and balanced meals to our pupils, whilst also maintaining the quality and sustainability of our school meals.

Starting from the beginning of the 2024/25 school year in September, there will be a modest increase in the price of school meals, with the price increasing to £2.70.

We understand that any change in pricing may impact our families and we want to assure you that we have taken this decision very seriously. We remain committed to providing affordable meal options for our pupils and we will continue to offer support to families who may face financial difficulties as a result of this change.

We believe that investing in the nutritional wellbeing of our pupils is essential for their growth, development and academic success. By maintaining the quality of our school meals, we can continue to support their learning journey and contribute to a positive school environment.

We encourage you to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this change. Our school administration and support staff are here to assist you.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter. We appreciate your continued support as we work to ensure the wellbeing of our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Llewelyn-Cook
Headteacher
Two Gates Primary School



to view a letter from ATLP in reference to this click:

<https://tinyurl.com/vfdtrkkm>

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view atl.p.relishop.com for Allergen Information.

Week commencing 15/04/2024,
06/05/2024, 03/06/2024, 24/06/2024,

WEEK 2

STEP 1 Choose from...

Main

Vegetarian

Combo



STEP 2 ...and to finish!

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

15/07/2024

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

to go with

Tomato Pasta Side

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Vegetable Tikka Masala

to go with

Steamed Rice, Naan Bread

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Raspberry Ripple Arctic Roll

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

TUESDAY

Chinese Roast Chicken

to go with

Sunshine Rice, Broccoli

Cheese & Bean Wrap

to go with

Sunshine Rice, Broccoli

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Fruity Shortbread

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Pork Sausage

to go with

Mashed potato, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Cabbage & Carrots

Vegetarian Sausage

to go with

Mashed potato, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Cabbage & Carrots

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Strawberry Yoghurt Cheesecake

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

THURSDAY

Beef Burger

to go with

Corn on the Cob, Potato Wedges

Jerk Quorn Fillet

to go with

Corn on the Cob, Potato Wedges

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Banana and Honey Cake

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers

to go with

Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

Veggie Burger

to go with

Baked Beans, Chips, Peas

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Chocolate Crunch

to go with

Custard

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view atlp.relishop.com for Allergen Information.

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Week commencing 22/04/2024, 13/05/2024,
03/06/2024, 10/06/2024, 01/07/2024

WEEK 3

STEP 1 Choose from...

Main

Vegetarian

Combo



STEP 2 ...and to finish!

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

MONDAY

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

to go with

Tomato Pasta Side

Quorn Burritos

to go with

Tomato Pasta Side

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Orange & Mango Ice Smoothie

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

TUESDAY

Chicken & Rice by Adela of Osborne School

to go with

BBQ Baked Beans, Garlic Bread

Vegetarian Hotdog

to go with

Half Jacket Potato, BBQ Baked Beans

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Blueberry Blondie

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey & Stuffing

to go with

Gravy, Broccoli, carrots & peas, Roast Potatoes

Quorn Fillet

to go with

Gravy, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Broccoli, carrots & peas, Roast Potatoes

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Yogurt & Berry Eton Mess

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

THURSDAY

Beef Meatballs with Marinara Sauce

to go with

Wholemeal Penne Pasta, Green Beans

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Falafel in Tomato Sauce

to go with

Wholemeal Penne Pasta, Green Beans

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Peach Slice

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

FRIDAY

Battered Fish

to go with

Mushy Peas, Baked Beans, Chips

Veggie Nuggets

to go with

Mushy Peas, Baked Beans, Chips

Tomato & Spring Green Vegetable Pasta

to go with

Mixed Salad

Jacket Potato

to go with

Coleslaw

with choice of fillings

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans

Sandwich - combo

to go with

Tortilla chips

with choice of fillings

Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo

Chocolate Brownie

to go with

Custard

Fresh Fruit Bar, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

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TWO GATES PTA WILL BE HOLDING OUR

Summer Fayre

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE
11AM TO 3PM



NEW
DATE!



Two Gates
Primary School



SUMMER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE - Supporting Healthy Sleep FREE - Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	27 JUN 30 JUL
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	16 MAY, 11 JUL, 8 AUG
Understanding the Teenage Brain	20 MAY, 15 JUL
Raising Self-Esteem	21 MAY, 16 JUL
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 MAY, 20 JUN, 18 JUL, 15 AUG
Anxiety Explained	30 MAY, 25 JUL, 22 AUG
Understanding Anger	3 JUN, 29 JUL, 26 AUG
Introduction to OCD	11 JUN, 6 AUG
Improving Family Communication	17 JUN, 12 AUG
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG
What is ACT?	9 JUL
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG
Today's Teens & Drugs	27 AUG

A Guide for Parents and Carers on Knife Harm

Facts to help you feel more confident when talking to your child about knife harm, as well as practical help, guidance and where to find support.

In 2023, the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Violence Reduction Alliance (VRA) engaged with parents and carers to better understand their views around community safety and help and support available to them on keeping their child safe. The survey highlighted that 70% of respondents did not feel confident in starting a conversation with their child around knife crime and that guidance would help to make them feel more confident.

This guide was produced in collaboration between the Ben Kinsella Trust and the VRA.



The **Ben Kinsella** Trust



**Violence
Reduction
Alliance**
Stoke-on-Trent
and Staffordshire

MAY HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS



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



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8:30 - 15:30

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Alternatively contact Shelley

for more details 07739 815008



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

- ★ Sunday 9th June 11 - 12
- ★ Sunday 16th June 11 - 12
- ★ Sunday 23rd June 11 - 12
- ★ Sunday 30th June 11 - 12

Tamworth Rugby Club
Wigginton Lodge
Wigginton Park
Tamworth
B79 8ED



FUN - FITNESS - FRIENDSHIP



Child Safety Week 3 - 9 June 2024

Child Safety Week is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's (CAPT) annual community education campaign, acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide.

CAPT help families build confidence and skills in managing the real risks to children's safety, wanting all children to have the freedom to grow and learn, safe from serious harm.

This year's theme is

Safety. Sorted!

Sign up for free resources at [Child Safety Week | Child Accident Prevention Trust | capt.org.uk](https://capt.org.uk)

Free from falls

"A preventable accident ends up with a shattered family. And that's just very tragic."

Paediatric Neurologist to doctor who specialises in child brain injury

Scrapes and bruises are a part of growing up. But even a fall from a highchair can cause a bad head injury. That's because babies' heads are much heavier than their bodies, which makes them top-heavy. And when they land, their head takes much of the impact. Stop serious falls....

Windows – what's that I can see?

- Small children are curious, but have no real understanding of danger.
- Do not put furniture in front of windows, especially in children's rooms
- Get safety catches or locks fitted if you can

Cots, beds and changing tables

- Even small babies can wriggle off beds and changing tables, so change nappies on the floor
- Remove toys from cots so your baby can't stand on them to get out of the cot

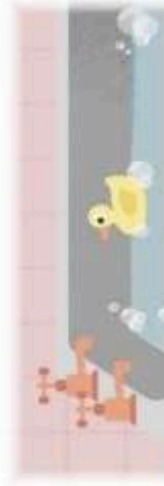
Watch out in water



"This has highlighted the dangers posed when a child is left unsupervised for a short period of time and even in the shallowest of water."

Coroner's report, bath seat drowning of 7-month-old

Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help.



Babies and small children

Get everything you need ready before bath time. Stay with your baby or child all the time they are in the bath.

- Don't rely on siblings to keep an eye on each other, they are too young to understand the danger.

Out and about



- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards.
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water, including strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can't see.
- Empty the paddling pool out after you've used it.
- Turn a pond into a sandpit, or fence it in or cover it while your children are little
- Make sure your child can't get to the neighbour's pond.
- Be alert to ponds, pools or hot tubs when visiting other people's homes.

Safe around roads



"One act of bad driving robbed the world of a beautiful, intelligent and caring young person. Our lives have been turned upside down by our daughter's death."

Bereaved Dad whose daughter was killed in a car accident

It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Go to [Child Safety Week | Child Accident Prevention Trust | capt.org.uk](https://capt.org.uk) for simple advice for pedestrians, travelling in the car, cycling and driving.



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DATE
TUESDAY 28TH TO
FRIDAY 31ST MAY

TIME
9AM TO 12PM

AGES
4 TO 16



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