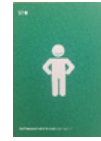


Open Gates



School Value Focus: 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

To launch our school value for the summer term, 'Protecting the Environment' and to celebrate **Earth Day 2023**, the teachers planned a day of creative learning activities around this year's theme 'Invest In Our Planet'. Please see the photos below; you can find out much more about Earth Day on their amazing website earthday.org

Year 4 loved their **Harry Potter themed day** this week and are excited to be starting their new class reader Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

The reading and writing curriculum each term is **planned around the quality texts** we carefully select for each year group. You can see which texts your child's class will be using this term if you look in the Summer 1 column (Cycle B) of the [Curriculum Overview](#) on the website.

Attendance Awards

Today we gave out certificates and special pencils to pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the spring term. These children will be hoping for a silver certificate at the end of the summer term.

We also awarded silver certificates and pens to children who have not had a day off yet this school year **AMAZING!!!** They are all determined to achieve their Gold Award at the end of this term.

We hope we will have many more pupils attaining their Bronze 100% attendance for the summer term too.



We are incredibly proud of Sam who has been growing his hair for the last few years so he could eventually have it cut and donate it to the Little Princess Trust. The day for the 'big cut' arrived during the Easter holiday! Sam donated his cut hair and also raised £150 for the charity as well.

We welcomed Mrs McNerlin to the staff team this week - please see her introduction below.

If you have any concerns or questions or need help with anything please remember that we are here for you; just call the office on [01827 213855](tel:01827213855) or email: office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk

You can also follow news and events in real-time on our Twitter page [@2gatesprimary](https://twitter.com/@2gatesprimary)

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook



Love children, love learning!

Hi Parents and children

My name is Mrs McNerlin and I am really looking forward to spending the Summer term here at Two Gates, where I will be leading teaching and learning in Reception and working alongside the team as Assistant Head Teacher, responsible for Nursery, Reception and KS1.



I have worked at William MacGregor Primary School for the past 13 years as their Early Years and PE Lead. I have been a member of the Senior Leadership Team for 5 years and a DSL for the past 3. Before that, I worked in Sutton Coldfield and Lichfield in Key Stages 1 and 2.

I absolutely love teaching and working with children and their families and definitely see it as more than a job. I am keen to get involved in all the school has to offer and want to help to make everyone's primary school years an amazing experience. Eight years ago I was surprised to find myself teaching in Reception, but I immediately fell in love with working with younger children, helping to shape their lives and start them off on their education journey. I've continued to work there and in year 1 ever since.

As for my home life, I am a mum of three, now grown-up children, my eldest has recently become an Early Years teacher at a school in the partnership, so it's non-stop school talk in our house. I am married and although my children come and go from home as they work their way through higher education and their first jobs, we are all still very close. I enjoy being active and having fun, my favourite hobby being skiing, which I look forward to doing with the family every year.

I also love reading and enjoying books. My favourite children's book from when I was young is 'The Faraway Tree', by Enid Blyton, which I would encourage everyone to read, if you haven't already done so! I have shared so many books with children over the years and have a growing list of favourites e.g. 'Some Dogs Do' and 'Billy's Bucket', but as I read a new one, the list keeps growing!

I have met the children in Reception, visited some of the classes and aim to properly meet as many parents and children as I can during my first few weeks. I hope to be saying hello to you all very soon.

Two Gates Coronation Celebration – Friday 5th May 2023



To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III we are holding a Coronation Picnic and an Art Exhibition

Join us on the afternoon on Friday 5th May to celebrate ahead of the coronation of King Charles III. Please bring a picnic to share with your child/ren

Year 5 and 6 parents arrive at the office at **1.15pm**

Year 2, 3 and 4 parents arrive at the office at **1.25pm**

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Parents – arrive at the school office at **1.35pm**

(Parents with more than one child at school – please arrive at the time specified for you eldest child)



Events:

Coronation Art exhibition – an opportunity to view your child's coronation artwork in their classroom.



Bring a picnic to share on the field with your child/ren. Bring a blanket to sit on if you have one.

Two Gates PTA will be selling refreshments

Music



Games

Children can dress up as a King or Queen on this day or wear red, white and blue (no football shirts/kits)

The afternoon will finish around 2.50pm when you are welcome to take your children home with you.

If you are unable to attend please send your child in with a disposable plate of picnic style food to eat during the afternoon.



**WELL
DONE**

Year 6 are marking Mrs Bishop's arithmetic test as part of their SATs revision. So far they are not impressed with the silly mistakes she has made



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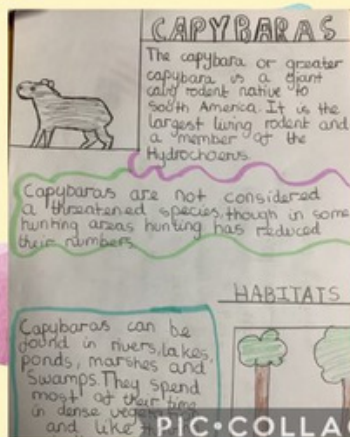
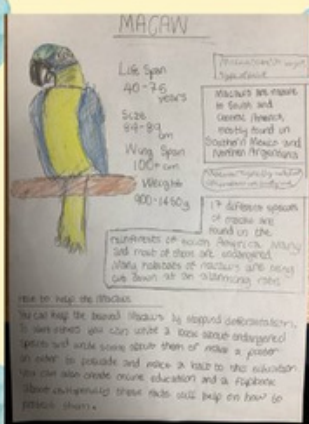
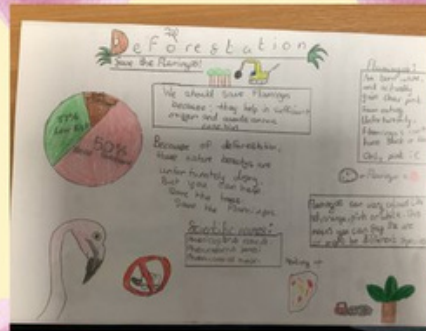
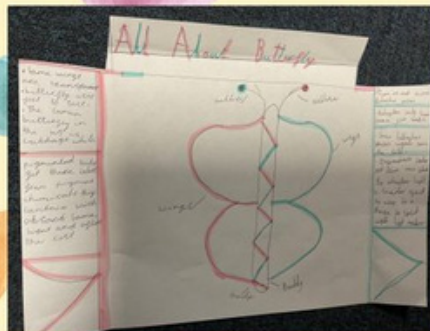
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EARTH DAY



you're doing great!

Invest in our planet

@EarthDay

We are learning about the environmental challenges our planet faces and how we can come together and take action to help protect the Earth

EARTH DAY

We looked at where in the world our food comes from.



Then we planted our own carrots, peas and lettuce.



Year 2 'Investing in the Planet'

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We are going to be sharing many more
pictures

and videos of the work we are completing

Diary Dates

DON'T FORGET

Friday 28th April

Year 3 Class Assembly

Monday 1st May

BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed

Thursday 4th May

Local Elections - School Closed

Friday 5th May

Coronation Celebration Day in School

Monday 8th May

BANK HOLIDAY - Kings Coronation - School Closed

Tuesday 9th - 12th May

Year 6 SATS Week

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

HALF TERM

Monday 5th June

BACK TO SCHOOL



TWO GATES PTA ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE WE WILL BE HOSTING

OUR FIRST

SUITCASE

SALE

ON

MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023

FROM 3.15PM



WHAT IS A SUITCASE SALE?

CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO SELL ANY OF THEIR UNWANTED TOYS, GAMES OR BOOKS FROM A SUITCASE OR BAG ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FROM 3.15PM.

YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE A £5.00 CONTRIBUTION TO THE PTA TO SELL YOUR ITEMS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE PTA FUND.

CHILDREN WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUITCASE SALE WILL BE COLLECTED AT 3PM FROM SCHOOL RECEPTION.
ONLY PARENTS CAN COLLECT.

PARENTS WILL BRING THE SUITCASE TO THE RECEPTION AT 3PM.
CHILDREN ARE NOT TO BRING INTO SCHOOL

PARENT AND CHILD WILL THEN SET UP THEIR CASE ON THE TOP PLAYGROUND READY TO SELL ITEMS ONCE ALL CHILDREN HAVE BEEN COLLECTED.

THE PTA WILL ALSO BE SELLING REFRESHMENTS

