

# Open Gates



## School Value Focus:



**Being Healthy: we will be teaching the children how to keep themselves mentally and physically healthy through a range of curriculum and enrichment learning activities.**

Dear Parents

Last week started off with an unexpected school closure due to a significant flood which necessitated turning off the water supply to the whole school. Thankfully only one area of our school was affected and we were able to create temporary classrooms for the classes located there and open again the following day. **I am extremely grateful to the staff and the ATLP Operations & Estates team for their support in managing the aftermath of the flood and trying to save school equipment and resources.**

The Year 4 wing of the school has been substantially damaged and will need a complete restoration to be ready for September. Work is already underway, with contractors on site this week. The area is fully sealed off from the rest of the school. Although this is a very unfortunate setback and not what we needed at all, we are looking forward to the work being completed and reopening a freshly refurbished and modernised teaching area.

**Despite all this, there has been no further disruption to the children's schooling, with all planned learning and activities continuing.**

Here are nursery exploring shadows and reception harvesting potatoes to **deepen their knowledge and understanding of the world this week:**



Next week we are **closed to pupils on Friday** for staff training. Miss Bracy and I will be visiting a school in Birmingham for some **oracy training with Voice 21**. Subject leaders will be working together at school putting the final touches to our curriculum for next year, ensuring **progression in knowledge within each subject** and making meaningful links between subjects. They will also be looking at **enrichment opportunities to enhance learning**. Mrs Pugh will be working with support staff on **aspects of safeguarding**.

**Staff training days are always focused on staff development linked to current school improvement priorities. We want to be the best workforce – your children deserve it!**

## Governance News- a reminder... **TWO GATES NEEDS YOU- PLEASE READ BELOW, THANK YOU**

Local Governance at all schools within the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership is changing.

The Trust Board's objective is to find a new way to maintain **strong, meaningful links with ATLP schools and their communities**. The new governance structure to be adopted in the 2022-23 Academic year supports this ethos with the introduction of the Governance and Consultation Network alongside the **introduction of local School Advocates, who will provide specialist and targeted support in an advisory capacity to their school/group of schools and the Trust as a whole**.

Each ATLP school/group of schools will be supported by **4 talented individuals**, each of whom will provide advice and assistance in one of the specific areas listed below:

- Safeguarding
- Vulnerable Children
- Community engagement
- Support and Challenge

Two Gates School is currently seeking people to work with us as our school advocates. We are looking for people who are excited to help us deliver the very best for our children, their families and our community. Advocates will be appointed for a term of 4 years and work closely with the school leadership to advance the opportunities for students and their schools and help ensure the school is as strong as it can be. **The roles require a time commitment of approximately 30-40 hours per year, broken down into meeting attendance, preparation, email/telephone communications and training.**

We have filled the 'Safeguarding', 'Support and Challenge' and 'Vulnerable Children' Advocate roles with serving Governors, but we are **actively seeking individuals interested in the 'community engagement' advocate role.**

Please click this link to the Governor page of our school website for more details about the role and how to apply. [New Governance Structure Information](#) I look forward to hearing from you.

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 office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk**

Please scroll down for more - and remember you can always follow news and events in real-time on our Twitter page [@2gatesprimary](#)

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook 

Love children, love learning!



Robins - Ayden  
Kingfishers - Maja  
Doves - Chloe

Falcons - Isla-Bel  
Eagles - Lexie  
Swans - Annabel  
Kites - J'Nayha  
Buzzards - Dylan  
Kestrels - Darion



## BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR BREAKFAST

Robins - Emily  
Kingfishers - Olivia  
Doves - Annabelle  
Falcons - Kacie  
Eagles - Caiden  
Swans - James  
Kites - Isabelle  
Buzzards - Bella  
Kestrels - Dominik

## TOP ATTENDANCE CLASSES



KS1  
Robins  
99.2%

KS2  
Falcons  
96.7%





Robins - Jake  
Kingfishers - Graceigh-Mae  
Doves - Elsie-Ann

Falcons - Stanley  
Eagles - Abbie  
Swans - Scarlett  
Kites - Hattie-Mae  
Buzzards - Alex  
Kestrels - Nieve



## BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR BREAKFAST

Robins - Cayden  
Kingfishers - Alfie  
Doves - Mason  
Falcons - Olivia  
Eagles - Louisa  
Swans - Corey  
Kites - Joseph  
Buzzards - Evie  
Kestrels - Sophie

## TOP ATTENDANCE CLASSES



KS1  
Swallows  
93.9%

KS2  
Kestrels  
94.9%

## TIME TABLES ROCKSTARS



Current overall leaderboard:

1. Rojus Y5 Studio speed 0.63 seconds per question
2. Alwyn Y6 Studio speed 0.72 seconds per questions
3. Jack Y4 Studio speed 0.94 seconds per questions

Next week- Battle of the Bands results for Y4 and Y5

**Let's Rock!**



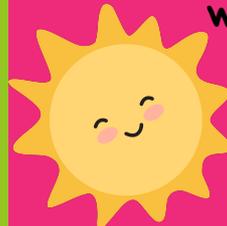
**REMINDER: In line with the current Government guidelines - children should try to stay at home if they have respiratory symptoms and/or a high temperature and are unwell.**

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**DON'T FORGET**

With the arrival of some lovely sunny weather, it is really important that children wear sun hats



Sun cream should be applied before coming to school.

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school each day. These should only contain water, not squash



If your child is absent from school with COVID, work will be available on Seesaw for them to complete should they feel well enough.

# Diary Dates

**DON'T FORGET**

**Thursday 30th June**

Academy Photos  
Class, Leavers and Graduation

**Friday 1st July**

SCHOOL CLOSED - Training Day

**Monday 4th July**

Year 4 Trip to Harry Potter World

**Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th July**

Transition - Children to spend time in new classes

**Monday 11 - Friday 15th July**

Health and Wellbeing Week

**Monday 11th July**

Year 6 PROM

**Thursday 14th July**

EYFS Sports Days - 9:30am - 10:30am  
KS1 Sports Day - 1:30pm - 2:30pm

**Friday 15th July**

KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm - 3:00pm

**Friday 15th July**

School reports sent home to parents

**Monday 18th July**

Post Report Drop-in (book via the school office)

**Tuesday 19th July**

Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm

**Thursday 21st July**

Last Day of School

**Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September**

INSET DAYS

**Wednesday 7th September**

SCHOOL OPENS

We have potatoes!  
 Reception are  
 looking forward to  
 giving these a taste  
 after growing and  
 caring for them for  
 such a long time!

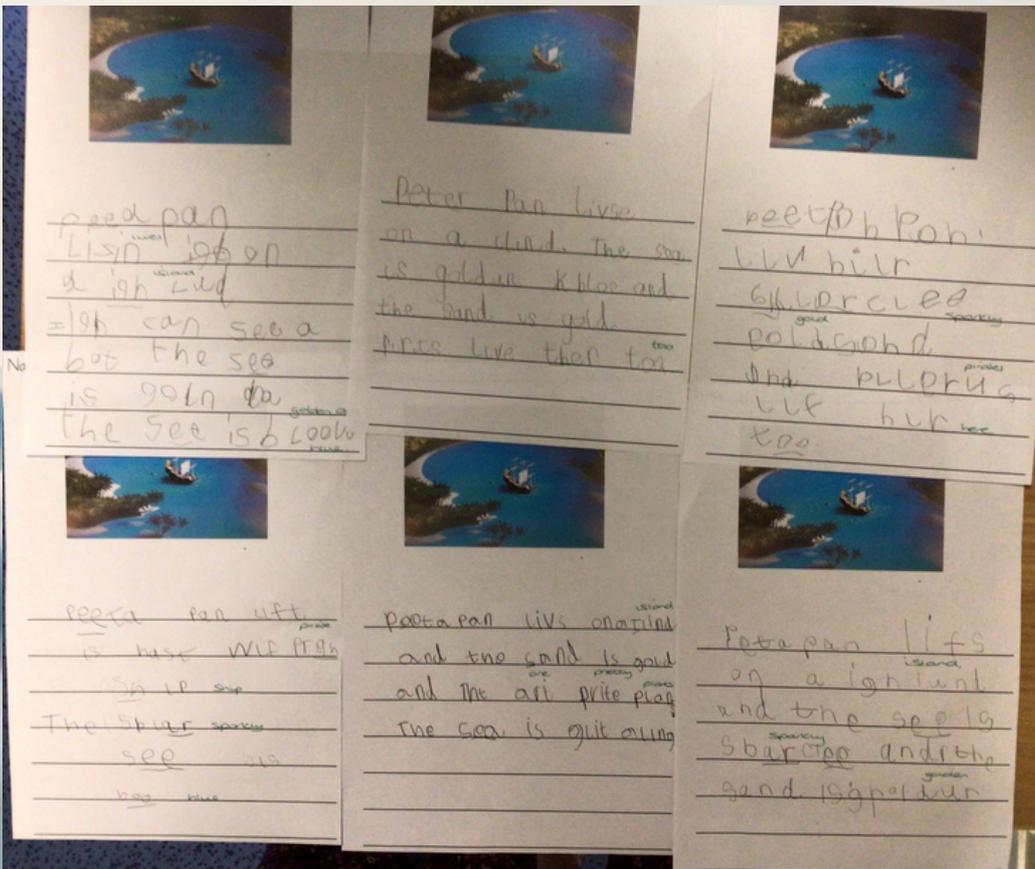


**LOOKING!  
 GOOOOOD!**

Just look at some of Reception's fantastic Peter Pan writing.

**Wow!**

The children have been enthralled with our  
 "We're going on an adventure"  
 theme so far this half term and enjoyed describing  
 the setting for Peter Pan.



**SUPER  
 DUPER**



**Year 5 and 6 have taken their Geography learning outside.**

**They are using atlases to find out the countries and cities in North and South America!**



**Year 6 are enjoying bikeability!!**



**Year 5 and 6 testing their reactions in Science!**



# Year 6 Enterprise Project



**WELL DONE**



**AWESOME!**



Year 6 have been working hard on their Enterprise Projects! They have learnt about supply and demand, profit, budgeting and advertising.



**WOW ZERS!**

Year 6 ready and waiting on their stalls!



**LOOKING GOOOD!**

Great advertising style, Ethan!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 Enterprise project.

**WELL DONE!**

In total, we raised £286.62 for the PTA.

Congratulations also to the winning team!



# Boat race!

The children in Reception have planned, designed, created and raced boats!



Boats ready to set sail

The excitement has been infectious and what amazing boats they made!

# AMAZING

Nursery have enjoyed exploring shadows and light, we made shadow puppets.

# GOOD

