

Open Gates

School Value Focus: PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Dear Parents

To launch our school value for the summer term, 'Protecting the Environment' and celebrate **Earth Day 2022**, our first day back was a **paper-free** day; the teachers planned creative learning across the curriculum around practical and outdoor activities, with a focus on children using and developing their **oracy skills** alongside. Please see the photos below; you can find out much more about Earth Day on their amazing website earthday.org

Year 4 even managed to combine Earth Day with a **Harry Potter-themed day** - as they are super excited to be starting their new class reader Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. It's beginning to look very magical in that part of school!



Year 5 spent a **character-building** three days on their residential visit to **Whitemoor Lakes** last week, challenging themselves to **face their fears and push through** in a range of exciting outdoor (and indoor) activities. I am extremely grateful to the **dedicated staff** who gave their time willingly to accompany the children and help them to overcome challenges and **make memories which will last a lifetime**.

You will be aware that the Department for Education has reinstated **statutory assessments** in schools this year, following the cancellation of these in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid 19. **Next week is KS2 (Y6) SAT's week**, when all Y6 pupils in England will sit tests in Mathematics and English in accordance with a national timetable. Our pupils are more than ready for these assessments and we wish them **the very best of luck**. Over the next few weeks, Year 2 pupils will be assessed as part of the KS1 statutory assessments. **Staff are experienced in the management and delivery of assessments and ensure that pupils' wellbeing is always the first and foremost consideration, so they approach them as 'just another part of the school experience'.**

We love to hear about and celebrate the **achievements of pupils who pursue activities to a high standard out of school**. Check out what Maddie, Alex and Olivia have each been up to below. We are so proud of their commitment and dedication to their chosen activities.

We wish **Mrs Hambly** a strong recovery following her hip replacement surgery last month. She left strict instructions regarding the watering of all the trees she planted with children to create our **Platinum Woodland Walk** - please don't worry Mrs Hambly, we've got it covered!



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.

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

Enjoy the sunny weekend,

Mrs Llewelyn-Cook

Love children, love learning!

LOOKING GOOOD!



Nursery enjoyed using the 5 frames and counters to practice counting accurately this morning

Playtimes are much more fun now we've had our markings refreshed



Year 5 have been using 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' to share their verbal feedback in English.

The children loved this strategy!

wonderful

MAGNIFICENT!



WOW ZERS!



Year 6 are enjoying their PE lesson! Can you stand up from this starting position?!

Can you guess which book Year 4 will be reading this term?
What an exciting way to celebrate Earth day with a visit to Kings Cross Station, the sorting hat and a herbology lesson!

Great

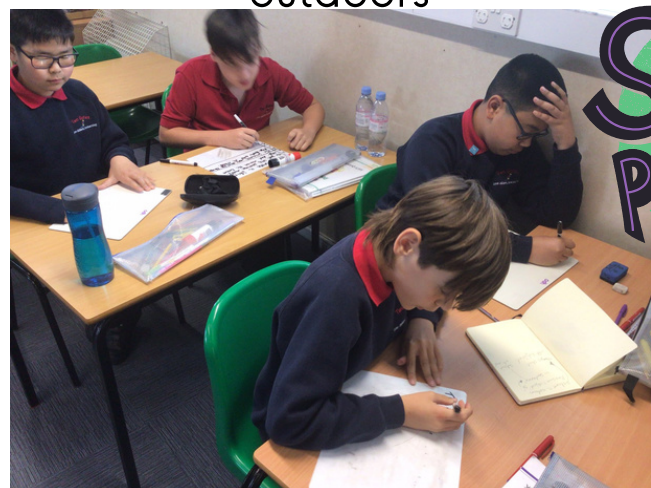


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Spending time in the Great outdoors

Celebrating Earth Day in Reception by going paper free

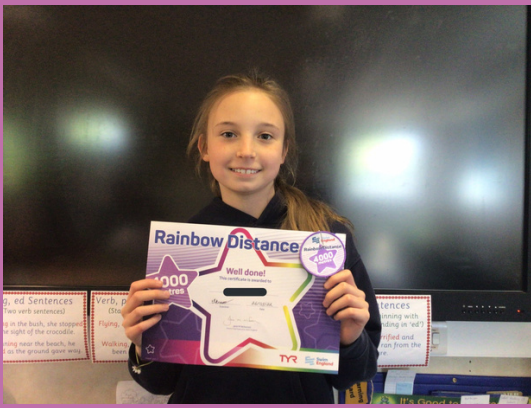


Happy Earth Day!
Year 6 have been completing their GPS revision tasks on whiteboards today!



Year 5 and 6 in the 'create' stage of their D&T sessions, building a mechanical toy!





Karina improved her score by 20% this week! Testament to her hard work and positive learning attitude. We are very proud of you.

A huge congratulations to Maddie, for achieving a fantastic 4km distance badge in swimming. Well done, Maddie!

Olivia's skating her way around the country with Solihull Barons Well done on being player of the match at Peterborough. She even got to train with Team GB and stood for the National Anthem with Team Denmark!



Amazing

WELL DONE!



What a lovely way to celebrate fantastic progress this term! New levels mastered and thousands of words read! Mrs Hodgetts is proud of you all!

We couldn't be more proud of these very worthy Above & Beyond winners from Upper Key Stage Two.



PIC•COLLAGE

Check out our WOW homework winners!

We are so proud of the effort that our children put in to their learning in and out of school.

**super
duper**

Should we be contacting Guinness Word Records?

Dylan's average speed to answer a TTRockstars question is 1 min 72sec and Dom's average speed is 1 min 49 sec! AMAZING!

AWESOME!



PIC•COLLAGE

Look at how many amazing swimmers we have in Upper Key Stage Two!

All these children received their badges in our celebration assembly.

We are so proud.

GOALS



WHITEMOOR LAKES 2022

YEAR 5 HAD AN
AWESOME FEW
DAYS...



'YOU'RE
doing
Great'

BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF



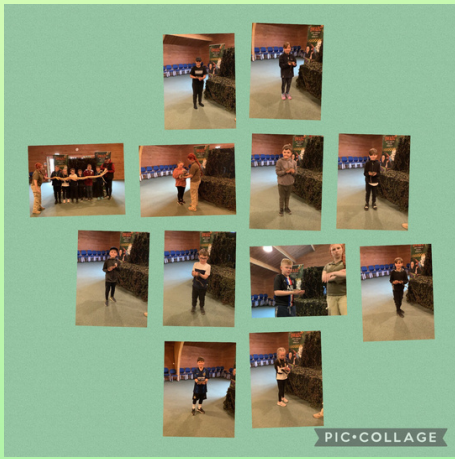


TEAM
WORK
MAKES THE
DREAM
WORK!



I can do this







I am amazing



AMAZING

WELL DONE



AWESOME!



WELL DONE!



you're amazing



GOALS





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a Blue Peter
Badge
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Alex
represented
Tamworth AC
and won the
long jump with
3.33m Then he
went on to
come 2nd in the
600m and 3rd
in the 75m
races

**WELL
DONE**

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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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

Monday 9th till Friday 13th May

Year 6 SATS week

Monday 30th May till Friday 3rd June

HALF TERM

Monday 6th June

School re-opens

Friday 1st July

SCHOOL CLOSED - Training Day

Monday 11th July

Year 6 PROM

Thursday 21st July

Last Day of School



Woodland
Wanderers

FREE, FLEXIBLE, ONLINE FAMILY LEARNING

10 week course starting Wednesday 4th May. For parents and carers with children aged 5-11.

Support your child's development in the core subjects and beyond, through fun, outdoor focused activities. Inspire their curiosity, spark their joy for learning, nurture a love of nature. For more info contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 / communityforestservices@gmail.com.

Inspired by the Forest School ethos, this online course provides a variety of nature based activities to support children's development. Each week we provide an email pack with ideas to try at times to suit you. We cover maths, science and literacy, as well as the arts and practical skills to raise confidence and build resilience. Families are also introduced to activities to help their mental health and wellbeing. And there's lots of help along the way from two experienced tutors.

All families will be invited to an end of course celebration event, to receive a certificate of achievement and a free plant to support wildlife in their garden.