

Love Children

Summer 1
Week 3 20/05/2022

Love Learning

Open Gates



School Value Focus:



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Dear Parents

What an amazing experience our Two Gates Choir had yesterday performing at Birmingham's Resorts World Arena as part of the **Young Voices Massed Choir**. They sang their little hearts out and rocked all the dance moves, doing us all - and their family members in the audience so proud! A big **thank you** to Mr Murphy for all the rehearsals and also the school staff who attended yesterday. See our Twitter feed for some live video coverage - it was exhilarating and so much fun; **making life-long memories for our wonderful children!!**



Congratulations to our Year 6 Pupils who took last week's key stage two statutory assessments in their stride. Mrs Bishop and Miss Ford are **really proud of them** all for their commitment, resilience and good cheer. They were rewarded this week with a surprise visit from the **ice cream van** - on the hottest day of the year so far - great planning from the Y6 team as always!!



Governance News

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 received expressions of interest from current serving Governors for the 'Safeguarding', 'Support and Challenge' and Vulnerable Children Advocate roles, 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 of this week's news - and remember you can always follow news and events in real time on our Twitter page [@2gatesprimary](#)

Kind regards,



Mrs Llewelyn-Cook

Love children, love learning!

CELEBRATIONS

W/C 02/05/2022

Robins - Alfie
Kingfishers- Sebastian
Doves - Freya



Falcons -Olivia
Eagles - Florence
Swans - Harper
Kites - Ella
Buzzards - Frankie
Kestrels - Lily J



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SUPERSTAR

**TOP
ATTENDANCE
CLASSES**



KS1

Doves - 95.06%

KS2

Kestrels - 99.52%

We are so proud of you -



**WELL
DONE**

CELEBRATIONS

W/C 09/05/2022

Robins - Kyomi
Kingfishers - Lily-Rose
Doves - Mila



Falcons - Larna
Eagles - Phoebe
Swans - Sicily
Kites - Samuel R
Buzzards - Oliver S
Kestrels - Sam M



**TOP
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CLASSES**



KS1

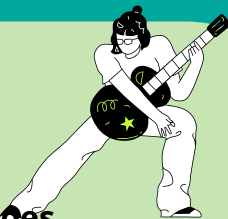
Kingfishers - 96.80%

KS2

Kestrels - 99.38%

SUPERSTAR

**TIMETABLES
ROCKSTARS**



Weekly Heroes

Studio Speed- Seconds per question

Year 3 Ava- 1.04 secs

Year 4 Alwyn- 0.72 secs

Year 5 Dylan-Cole- 1.72 secs

Year 6 Alfred- 1.5 secs

**Next week's weekly heroes: Accuracy- %
increase in accuracy in last 7 days
If you don't know your TTRS log in, please
contact the office or your teacher via
Seesaw.**

Let's Rock!

**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.

On the first Monday back after half term, Monday 6th June, Year 3 children are invited to dress up as characters from the Gangsta Granny book.



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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 30th May till Friday 3rd June
HALF TERM

Monday 6th June
School re-opens

Friday 1st July
SCHOOL CLOSED - Training Day

Monday 4th July
Year 4 Trip to Harry Potter World

Monday 11th July
Year 6 PROM

Thursday 21st July
Last Day of School



They also explored the water area outside and used mathematical language to discuss the difference between full and empty.



Nursery enjoyed developing their balancing skills in P.E.



wonderful

Nursery children helped to take care of their well-being by discussing their worries and made suggestions to help each other overcome them.

'Together we are stronger'

Well-being

PIC-COLLEGE



**In Nursery, we
had fun
enjoying some
practical
science
activities.**



**We made gloop, our own
playdoh and mixed
primary colours to make
secondary colours.**



Sensory science



PIC-COLLAGE



PIC-COLLAGE

**Reception have had an exciting couple
of weeks looking after and observing
caterpillars transforming into
butterflies.**

**It was time to release them and say
goodbye but before they left us, they
got up close and personal.**



PIC-COLLAGE



PIC-COLLAGE



**Reception children have been busy finding out about what
life is like in the Jungle. They used the iPads to draw a
jungle picture, how amazing are these?**



Wow Layla!
What a super front
cover inspired by our
class text
'The Explorer' by
Katherine Rundell.



F
A
B



Year 5/6 have enjoyed investigating
circuits!

What happens to the brightness of
the bulb when we increase the
voltage?



Wow! More reading plus success! Congratulations Leo and
Olivia you're making fantastic progress!

**Swans have really enjoyed
their gymnastics lesson!**



PIC•COLLAGE

WELL DONE!



PIC•COLLAGE

**Year 3 have been investigating the rate at which ice cubes melt.
They had to make predictions about what they thought would
happen to the red and yellow ice cube after 10 minutes.**



**Can you make it rain in the
classroom? Year 3 can! They
have been learning about the
water cycle.**



amazing

Year 6 enjoyed their SATs breakfast!

We are so proud of this fantastic group of young people; such resilience, determination and focus during their SATs week.

Well done Year 6!

**WELL
DONE**



DELICIOUS



I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! The ice cream van made a special trip to Two Gates to reward our Year 6's for their hard work before and during SATs. Miss Ford and Mrs Bishop want to know if he can visit every day!





PIC•COLLAGE

Year 2 have been making Rock Cakes. They will be writing their own instructional recipes so that others can bake these delicious cakes! Is there a future Star Baker in here somewhere...?

**WOW!
ZERS!**



AWESOME!

Congratulations to our Platinum Jubilee Card Winners!



We are very proud to be sending your cards to Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace.



**You're
BRILLIANT**

Wow! Ava has blown us away with her art work.



PIC•COLLAGE

**Miss Parson's class have enjoyed a computing morning.
What a great set up in class!**

WELL DONE!

Our mission was to get Ted (our class bear) from one side of the playground to the other, using any equipment from our outdoor area.

**We split into two teams and worked together.
Go team reception!**

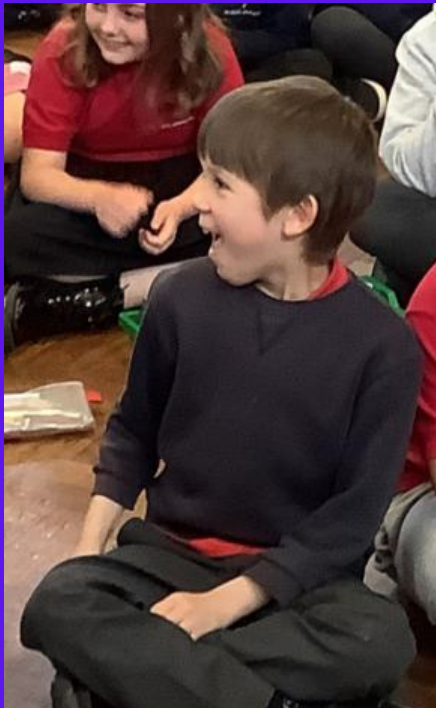


MAGNIFICENT!

A very special delivery has arrived for Y4,
what could it be?



Special Delivery through Owl Post!
Year 4 are going to Harry Potter World!



Great

YOUNG VOICES 2022



**WE HAVE ARRIVED! SOME VERY EXCITED CHILDREN , AND
GROWN UPS, HERE!**



LIVING OUR BEST LIFE!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There have been confirmed cases of unexplained hepatitis in children in England since January 2022.

Hepatitis Inflammation of the liver

The risks to individual children is very low, however, parents and schools can:

- Be alert to the signs of hepatitis, the most obvious sign is jaundice, which is a yellowing of the skin and eyes. Parents who are concerned can call 111 or their GP**
- Encourage good hygiene measures, including making sure children wash their hands properly, to reduce to spread of many common infections.**
- Keep children off school if they have vomiting and have diarrhoea should stay at home until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.**

Further information can be found online - [CLICK HERE](#)



Chartwells

So much more than Fantastic Food

JUBILEE DAY!

Friday 27th May

MAINS

A selection of
scrumptious sandwiches
with your favourite fillings
Pizza whirl, mini sausage roll, potato wedges,
carrot and
cucumber sticks and coleslaw

DESSERTS

Cheddar cheese and biscuits
Soft cheese and biscuits
Jubilee cup cake



**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS
IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION
SIGN UP TODAY!**

ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

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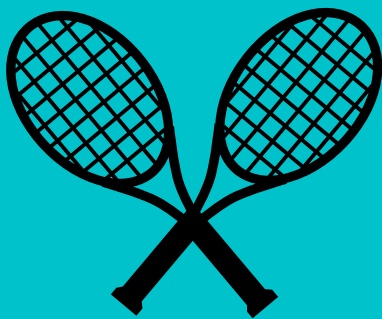


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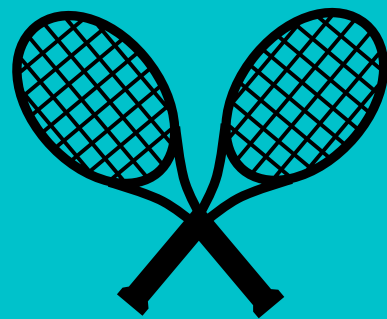


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We are excited to provide you with an exclusive 5% discount code to use when booking onto the upcoming Whitsun Half Term Camp at Spital Tennis Club

Please see details on the camp below

Whitsun Half Term Tennis Camp 2022

Venue:
Spital Tennis Club
Wigginton Road
Tamworth
B79 8RH

Time:
9am to 12pm

Dates:
Monday 30th May
Tuesday 31st May
Wednesday 1st June

Age:
4 to 16



Book Now - <https://microsportsltd.co.uk/tamworth-spital-tennis-club/p/spital-february-half-term-camp-9cnbd>

5% discount code - SCHATAM22

***Children that attend the Whitsun Half Term Camp will be able to receive a 5% discount when booking onto this years Summer Camp (details will be out soon)**



Aston Villa Foundation

Whitsun 2022 | Soccer School



Date: Mon 30th May – Wed 1st June 2022 (3 DAYS)



Location: Tamworth (Aston Villa FC Training Ground – Bodymoor Heath)
Aston (Villa Park, Academy Building)
Harborne (Lordswood Girls Academy)
Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Coldfield Town FC)



Cost: £50 (3 – day course)
£60 (3 – day course; Bodymoor Heath Training Ground)



Age: 5 – 12 years old



Times: 09:30 – 3:30pm



Equipment: Packed lunch,
football boots, drinks bottle

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