

Open Gates



Autumn 1 School Value - sense of belonging
'Team Two Gates includes everyone. We can be ourselves and know we are safe and valued in our school community'.

Dear Parents

We hope you are enjoying following your children's learning activities and having more frequent and current information about their school life on ClassDojo and Showbie. We aim to ensure that you are kept fully informed about school, but know that sometimes, with the best will in the world, things do get missed.

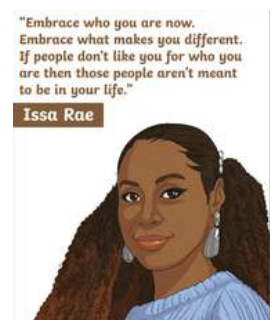
We will still use the texting system to relay whole school messages and will also keep our website updated with general information, any letters we have sent and key school policies and procedures.

Please give us your feedback- positive or negative about communication so far this term. Please remember that if you want to talk to a member of staff you can arrange a telephone call or meeting by contacting the school office. We will make every effort to respond to your requests in good time.

After the half-term break you will be invited to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their learning and well-being at a parents' consultation evening. A text will be sent out with details of how to book.

October is Black History Month; the theme for 2023 is 'Celebrating our Sisters'. History lessons have focused on learning about inspirational black women and how their efforts have influenced our lives directly. In lessons, children have also been exploring the works of black musicians.

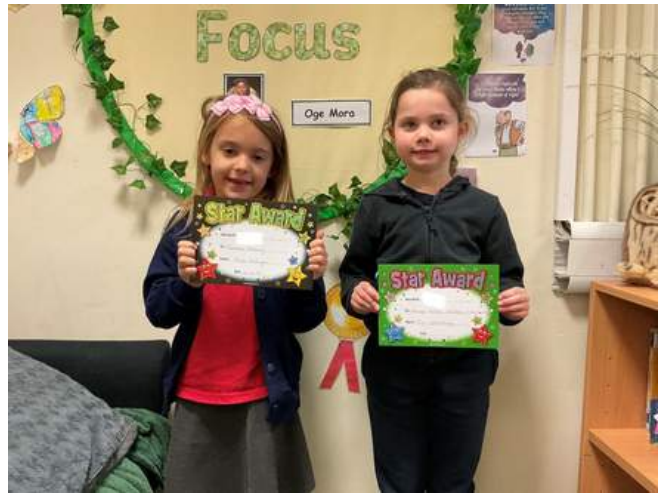
Congratulations to the year 4 pupils who took part in the Tamworth Sports Partnership Y4 Cross Country tournament last week. Mrs McConnell and Miss Webb were blown away by their stamina, energy and all-round team spirit!



Year 2 had a spooktacular time in the forest this week... As part of their English learning, based on the book 'Orion and the Dark,' the children dressed up in Halloween costumes and enjoyed a variety of autumn and Halloween themed activities in the forest including trick or treating, pumpkin picking and a spooky walk around the school grounds. They will draw on this experience and all the new vocabulary they have learnt to write a recount of what they did. We can't wait to read them!

AMAZING

The standard of writing in Key Stage 1 is amazing already, with two children being awarded Star Awards this week for their effort and progress in writing...



WOW

The Y6 well-being mentors met for a stay and play with their mentees this week. It was a lovely session full of smiles and great conversations. They are looking forward to working together over the coming weeks.

WELL DONE



Next week will be the last week of this half term. The children have settled into their new classes and learning routines so well; we are very proud of them all. Our school value of 'sense of belonging' has been a key theme throughout the half-term. We aim for all children to feel safe and secure in their surroundings.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please remember that we are here for you; just call the office on [01827 213855](tel:01827213855) or e-mail office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk

Mrs Llewelyn- Cook

Love children, love learning!

STAR AWARD

Robins - Harley
Doves - Pola / William
Buzzards - Kyomi
Kingfishers - Darcie
Swans - Ava
Kites - Presley
Falcons - Scarlett
Kestrels - Bailey-Jay



TOP ATTENDANCE CLASSES



KS1

Doves
98.3%

KS2

Kingfishers
99%

BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR BREAKFAST

Robins - Khalysi
Doves - Andrada
Buzzards - Harry
Kingfishers - Joseph
Swans - Charlie
Kites - Kacie
Falcons - Monai
Kestrels - Caiden



STAR AWARD

Robins - Archer
Buzzards - Fleur
Kingfishers - Jake
Swans - Mila
Kites - Joseph
Falcons - Alwyn
Kestrels - Lexie



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KS1

Robins
98%

KS2

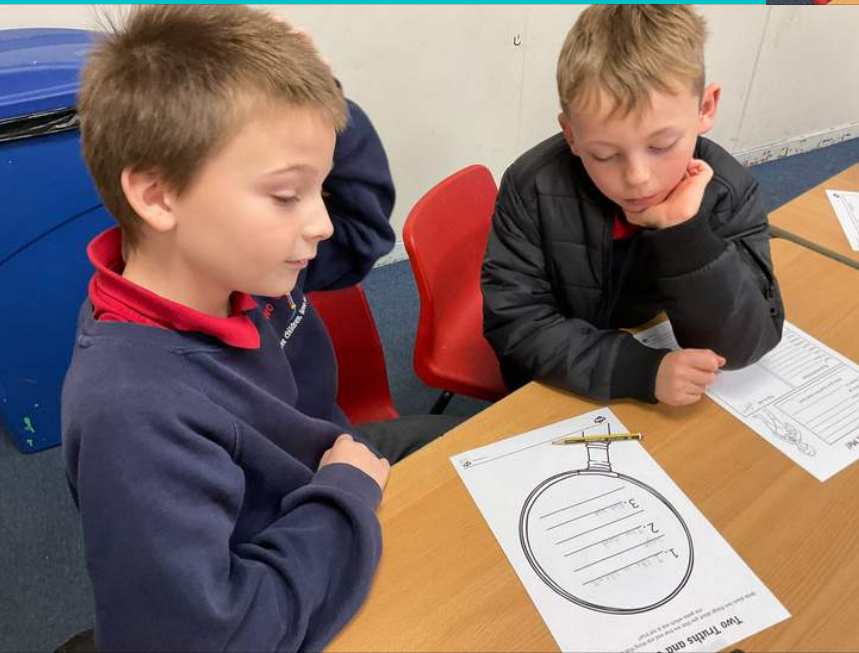
Kestrels
99.5%

BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR BREAKFAST

Robins - Sam
Buzzards - Bentley
Kingfishers - Evie
Swans - Ceejay
Kites - Rayyan
Falcons - Oscar
Kestrels - Evie



WELLBEING MENTOR STAY AND PLAY



' I feel good about
being a mentor
because I get to
help other
children'

Owen Y4 said he is
happy to have a
mentor because 'if I
feel upset or I am
finding work tricky
I have someone to
go to'



Diary Dates

DON'T FORGET

Thursday 26th October

Academy Photographs
Class Groups, Family, Siblings and individual photos

Monday 30th October till Friday 3rd November

Half Term

Friday 17th November

Children In Need - Non-school uniform for £1 donation

Friday 1st December

Teacher Training Day - School Closed

Monday 25th December till Friday 5th January 2024

Christmas Holidays

Monday 8th January

Teacher Training Day - School Closed

**HOLIDAYS MUST NOT BE BOOKED
DURING THESE PERIODS**

IMPORTANT

YEAR 2 TEST PERIOD WILL BE IN MAY 2024.

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK FOR YEAR 1 AND
RETAKES FOR YEAR 2 WILL TAKE PLACE W/C
MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024.

THE YEAR 6 SATS WEEK WILL TAKE PLACE FROM
MON 13TH TILL THURS 16TH MAY 2024.

THE MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK FOR YEAR 4
WILL BEGIN ON 3RD JUNE FOR 2 WEEKS.



School photos will be conducted on

Thursday 26th October 2023

At this session we will be photographing

Whole School

Families
(Starting at 8:30am)

Siblings

Individuals

Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image
and the option to make a purchase.

HOHOHO!HOHOH

Save
the Date

Monday 11th December

Year 3 Christmas Craft Parent Event - 2:15pm till 3:15pm

Tuesday 12th December

Year 4 Christmas Craft Parent Event - 2:15pm till 3:15pm

Wednesday 13th December

Year 5 Christmas Craft Parent Event - 2:15pm till 3:15pm

Thursday 14th December

Year 6 Christmas Craft Parent Event - 2:15pm till 3:15pm

Friday 15th December

Christmas Songs with KS1 - 2:15pm till 3:00pm

Monday 18th December

Reception Christmas Stay and Play Christmas Crafts
&

Nursery Christmas Stay and Play Christmas Crafts

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 22nd December

Christmas Party Day
we finish for the
Christmas Holidays

Back to School

Tuesday 9th January 2024

HOHOHO!HO



NEXT WEEK'S MENU



WEEK 2

STEP 1 Choose from...

Main

Vegetarian

Combo



STEP 2 ...and to finish!



Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza to go with Herby Diced Potatoes, Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad	Chicken Balti Curry to go with Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread	Roast Turkey NR to go with Roast New Potatoes with Rosemary, Honey Roast Parsnips, Gravy, Carrots, Sage & Onion Stuffing	Piri Piri Chicken Burger to go with Coleslaw, Peas, Sweet Potato Wedges	Fish Finger to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
Hotdog to go with Herby Diced Potatoes, Tomato Rocket & Onion Salad	Cauliflower, lentil & Spinach Curry to go with Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread	Quorn Roast to go with Roast New Potatoes with Rosemary, Honey Roast Parsnips, Gravy, Carrots, Sage & Onion Stuffing	Cheese & Bean Wrap to go with Coleslaw, Peas, Sweet Potato Wedges	Vegan Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Pork Pie - Cheese, Turkey, Baked Beans, Mixed Cheese, Tuna Mayo</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Pork Pie - Cheese, Turkey, Baked Beans, Mixed Cheese, Tuna Mayo</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Mixed Salad with choice of fillings <small>Pork Pie - Cheese, Turkey, Baked Beans, Mixed Cheese, Tuna Mayo</small>
Pasta with choice of fillings Pasta King - Chinese Veg Curry	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with choice of fillings Pasta King's Chicken Italiano	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with choice of fillings Pasta King - Italian Meatballs
Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Sandwich - combo with choice of fillings Ham, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo
Raspberry Ripple Arctic Roll	Apple & Banana Crisp	Palmiers Love Heart biscuits & peaches	Fruity Shortbread	Glazed Doughnut
Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fresh Fruit Pot, Homemade Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Please check in a member of the Catering Team at your next welcome session for further information

DELICIOUS



HALLOWEEN

Come and join us all for a
terrifyingly spooky
Halloween Treat

THURSDAY
26TH

OCTOBER

MUHAHAHAHA

HALLOWEEN

Meaty Witches Cauldron
or
Severed Finger Roll

With
Herby Diced Potatoes

Snoz Balls

Spider Web Cake

Pustard

or

S-Lime Jelly