

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first full week back in school has meant a lot of Big Bangs as year groups launch their new Learning Units. Big Bangs are designed to capture our children's imagination and hook them into their new learning with a fun and creative approach.

Ant and Dec were in Y4 to launch the new learning unit – Globetrotters, in which children investigate the rainforest. They set challenging tasks so that the children could earn themselves two stars for each task. The emphasis was on team work as children had to cross a 'river', transport fish guts (it certainly looked like fish guts), move equipment through tubes around the learning room and undertake an obstacle course blindfolded.



Y6 delved into the world of Perishing Poles, led by the humanities team from Pool Hayes. They wrote postcards from the North Pole and prepared a news bulletin that they performed to the class. Y6 have also visited Pool Hayes this week to explore the world of animation. They compared and contrasted different kinds of animation styles, used the Apple Macs and experimented with photography software.



This week has also seen the start of two new after school clubs that continue the learning journey. German club has started for our Y5 children this half term run by Mr West, my only worry is that I won't know what our children are saying! Y6 booster club for Maths and English has also started. Well done to all the 30 Y6 children that attended. This demonstrates the commitment that our children have to their learning.



Sporting success is also a 'running' theme this week. A small group of children were invited to a mini-gala at Willenhall as they opened their brand new changing facilities. Well done to our children who looked very



smart in our new 'Woodland' swimming caps and they won all their races! Wow! Our swimmers are in training for a larger swimming gala on 9th February. All the children in Y5 and Y6 have been asked to sign up if they are interested, 16 spaces are available. I also have wonderful news to share about our football team – we scored our first goal.

HURRAY! Congratulations to Alfie Owen who scored the goal and to the team as a whole, including Sam Broomhall-Tighe who stepped in at the last moment to defend our goal. The team achieved a draw against Bentley West B team. Wonderful.



Wrap up warm for the weekend, Mrs Newton

CD Roms

Y6 Families: CD Roms containing photographs of the exciting week at **Bryntysilio** can be pre-ordered. Please send in £3.50 in an envelope labelled with your child's name and class.

Nativity Performance recordings are being checked, more news next week.

Dates for the diary

- 20.1.16 10:20 Class Assembly: 4R
- 25.1.16 4:00 – 6:00 Y2/Y6 Parent consultation
- 26.1.16 4:00 – 6:00 Y2/Y6 Parent consultation
- 27.1.16 2:30 Y2 Parent mtg SATs
- 27.1.16 10:20 Class Assembly: 6E
- 3.1.16 10:20 Class Assembly: 5T
- 8.2.16 Chinese New Year lunch for KS2
- 1.2.16 Y6 Parent mtg SATs
- 9.2.16 National e-safety day
- 9.2.16 Swimming gala
- 10.2.16 10:20 Class Assembly: RR
- 12.2.16 School closes for half term
- 22.2.16 School opens for children
- 26.2.16 Evening charity show
- 3.3.16 World Book day (Time to dress in PJs)
- 7.3.16 Y1 visit off site
- 11.3.16 Parent reports arrive home
- 11.3.16 Red Nose Day (Non uniform)
- 15.3.16 4:00 – 6:00 Parent Consultation
- 16.3.16 4:00 – 6:00 Parent Consultation
- 16.3.16 10:20 Class Assembly: 2A
- 18.3.16 Y2 visit off site
- 21.3.16 Explore and Discovery Week...
- 24.3.16 School closes for Easter
- 11.4.16 School opens for Summer Term



Congratulations to two very motivated children. They go running on Sunday mornings AND took part in a race whilst on holiday in Lanzarote. They are wearing their medals with pride.
Well done to Bradley and Millie Ross.

Have you changed your mobile number?



Please ensure we have your current telephone number. We have had some children this week who have been unwell and we couldn't get in touch with the families. Data checking sheets with all your details are being sent out shortly, please check we have the correct information.

Learning to learn...

Word of the week to reflect upon: **Motivated**

Question to share at home:

How do we know when we are learning?



Every Monday we celebrate the achievements of our children in our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly'. There is always a lot to celebrate and we can't share all the certificate winners, but these children earned: **Star Of The Week**.

Class	Name	Reason
RE	Zachary Reece Tiegan Cooper	Super learning about space, including gravity! For a super story map and retell of our story 'Whatever Next'.
RR	Spencer Cooper Oliver Mills	For amazing Fred talk using our new whispering technique and a brilliant retell of the story 'Whatever Next'. For demonstrating excellent problem solving skills in Maths and moving up an RML group.
1G	Phebe Lowe Ruby Gartshore	Using excellent expression when orally retelling the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Well done Phebe! Fantastic drama skills when acting out the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Well done Ruby!
1H	Daniel Delaney Lacey Stanley	Being a magical mathemation using his number bond knowledge to work out related facts! Being a magical mathemation using her knowledge to work out other addition facts!
2S	Morten Bickley Elias Speed	Not giving up with your joining up and showing a resilient attitude. For being our plural whizz kid!
2A	Ciara Hitchcock Ryan Walton	Working hard to identifying and using plurals in English and applying her knowledge. Great work! Working hard creating a super bat for our 'Things that go bump in the night' display. Ryan followed instruction really carefully.
3P		Miss Webb was absent
3CP	Ethan Holloway Ryan Perry	For persevering with finding fractions of an amount. A fantastic opening phrase for his Christmas recount.
4N		At Forest School
4R	Jasmine Benton Kacey Gott	Always having a positive attitude and putting in 100% effort. Persevering with her maths using CPA approach.
5C	Lewis Copeland Jack Bennett	For beginning to work independently and sensibly during Maths and English.
5T		Teacher Absent
6E	Daisy Cross Isabelle Watkins	Excellent effort applying her understanding of how to calculate the mean to a context of a word problem. Excellent effort applying her understanding of how to calculate the mean to a context of a word problem.
6P	Cain Stone Maxwell Vaughan	His motivation to try new things, sampling foods he didn't like during taste time with an open mind. Demonstrating a very positive attitude towards his learning, keen to share his ideas and recalled knowledge.