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THE FAMILY NEWS

POOL HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

This half term seems to have flown by! It feels like only a few days since we were welcoming the children back after the summer break.

Thank you to all of you who donated to our Harvest Festival. Staff members took food to the Chart Centre in Willenhall who asked us to pass on their thanks, saying that there is currently a greater need for food than usual and that there have been people queuing to access their help. Your generosity has already made a difference. Thank you.

To those of you who celebrated Diwali this week, I hope it was as special for you and your family as you wished. Your children were keen to share their experiences with people at school and it was lovely to listen to their excitement beforehand and the next day!

It was a pleasure to see so many of you attend our Parents' Evenings this week. Staff have many positive things to say about your children. Those of you who are reading with them regularly and ensuring they complete their homework are helping them to make progress in their lessons at school. Thank you.

It's half term next week. The clocks go back on Sunday morning and the mornings will seem darker than usual. We've spoken to the children about staying safe over the holiday and ensuring a trusted adult knows where they are and who they are playing with, whether this is online or out and about.

I hope all of you have a wonderful week together. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 3rd November.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Kelly Vaughan

Salus populi suprema lex - "The welfare of the people is the highest law"

Attendance for This Week

Whole School Attendance

96.1%

Whole School Attendance from September

95.6%

Highest Attendance this Week

96.8%
Orange Class

Help us by ensuring your child comes to school as long as they are well enough to attend.

Mobile Library Bus



The library bus visits school every Wednesday for children from Y1 to Y6 to select from a wider range of books than we have at school. The week after half term is the turn of **Y5** and **Y6**.

Any families who have children from Y1 - Y6 without a library card can get an application form from the school office

The library cards can be used in any Walsall library.

Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Fri 24th Oct - School closes for half term - 3:15
Mon 3rd Nov - Children return to school
Thurs 6th Nov - Individual school photographs
Mon 10th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day
Mon 17th Nov - Attendance Focus Week
Fri 21st Nov - Children in Need (non-uniform) donations via Scopay
Tues 9th Dec - EYFS Christmas Performance - 9:30am
Wed 10th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance - 9:30am
Thurs 11th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance - 14:15
Fri 12th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day (non uniform) and Christmas Lunch Day
Tues 16th Dec - KS1 Christmas Party
Wed 17th Dec - PHP Christmas Fayre from 3pm
Thurs 18th Dec - KS2 Christmas Parties
Fri 19th Dec - End of term
Mon 5th Jan - Children return to school

Absences

Please report your child's absence to school using Professor Attendance on Class Dojo or contacting the school office. You can use Class Dojo or the school absence line. This is part of our attendance and safeguarding procedure.



We are an official Class Dojo school!

Look out for the latest news on Class Dojo. Contact Mrs Vaughan with any out of school achievements you want to share with the PHP family. Please include any photos and let us know whether you want us to anonymise the pictures or to publish them as they are. We love sharing and celebrating your children's achievements with everyone.

Walsall Family Hubs

Did you know about all of the activities, advice and information available to families who have children up to the age of 19? Have a look at some of the resources available through Walsall Council for children, young people and families using the link below.

If you feel we can share more information with you, please contact Mrs. Davis and she will speak to you confidentially to share the most appropriate resources.

PHP Menu [Walsall Family Hubs](#)

Remember to check our termly menu to choose a daily meal. There are lots of healthy options each day. Scan this QR code to download a copy.



Any child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal. In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, if your child is entitled to a free school meal they can also have one at no cost. Paid meals cost £2.15.



Contact Details

Please contact the office with new contact details if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. This is a legal requirement.

P.E. Stars Of The Week



Our P.E Stars of The Week are as follows;

Nursery

Myla

For amazing pedalling skills on a bike

Reception

Wren

For great listening in PE

Year 1

Aarav

For demonstrating control when throwing a ball

Year 2

Logan

For working with enthusiasm and energy

Year 3

Vihaan

For some very impressive throws in dodgeball

Year 4

All of Year 4

For their fantastic teamwork this half term when playing basketball and creating Bollywood dance routines

Year 5

Chase

For his sportsmanship and great resilience

Year 6

Cody M

For super skills in basketball

PHP's TT Rockstars and Maths Stars

Nursery

Japnoor

For recognising how to sort items

Reception

Teddy

For great work on 3D shapes

Year 1

Akshbir

For showing deeper thinking when finding the missing number in his number sentences

Year 2

Aishmeet

For working hard in Maths when adding across a 10

Year 3

Isla

For her amazing maths work on subtraction using exchanges

Year 4

Lana

For always working hard in our Maths lessons and being a great learning partner

Year 5

Nancee

For working hard and supporting other students where she can

Year 6

Jake

For super progress in maths

Kindness Champion Awards

Our team of Kindness Champions have been out and about spotting acts of kindness

Saanjh

For for being helpful and kind

Willow

For always being kind to others

Mikhail and Leah

For being kind and respectful to other pupils



Stars of The Week Rainbow Writer

Our Stars of The Week are as follows;

Nursery
Hendrix

For remembering the Diwali story

Reception
Hope

For working hard to learn her sounds

Year 1
Amisha

For always showing that she is ready to learn

Year 2
Liv

For being an excellent role model and an enthusiastic learner

Year 3
Toby

For his wonderful attitude to learning. He always works hard and puts 100% effort into everything he does

Year 4
All of Year 4

For a wonderful Harvest Festival, brilliant attitude during our practice sessions and working as a team

Year 5
Romero

For his amazing attitude all week

Year 6
Jayden

For trying really hard in class

Our Rainbow Writers for this week are as follows;

Nursery
Eden

For drawing a lovely whale picture

Reception
Lila

For becoming more confident at letter writing

Year 1
Sarah

For Fred talking her words and making sure that they make sense independently

Year 2
Skye-Rose

For trying hard to improve her handwriting in RWI

Year 3
Gurtaj

For his beautiful handwriting in all subjects and taking pride with his work

Year 4
Ava

For making a great start writing her friendship leaflet, using relative clauses

Year 5
Rhea

For her lovely biography, based on Roald Dahl

Year 6
Taly

For an excellent spooky narrative

Lunchtime Stars Of The Week

Reception
Shanaya

For following the golden rules at all times

Year 1
Lacey

For being very kind to her friends

Year 2
Manav

For listening to instructions and having great playtimes

Year 3
All of year 3

For always showing a fantastic attitude towards lunchtime

Year 4
Jenson

For following the golden rules

Year 5
Dolcie

For settling in well to our class and following the golden rules

Year 6
Ida

For always being polite and helping our younger children

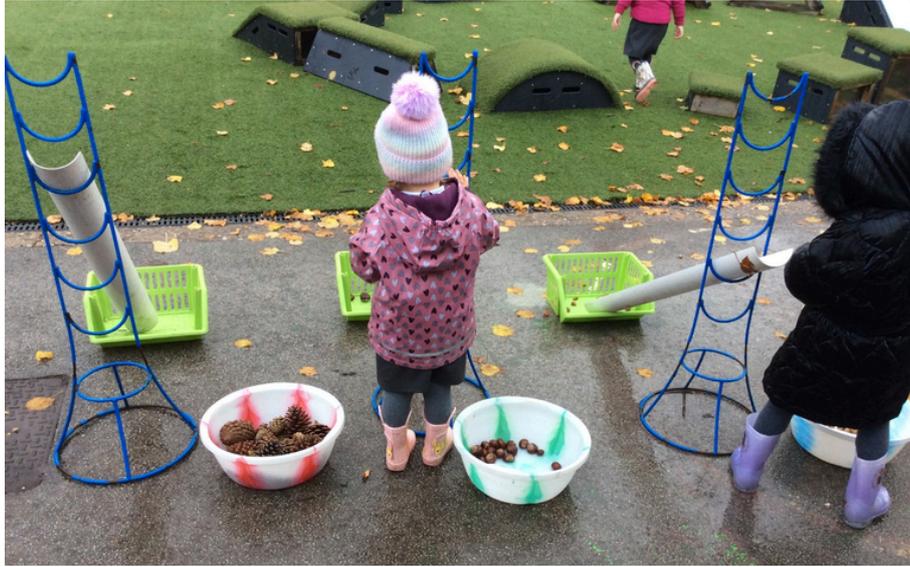
Mr Carter's Star Pupil of The Week

Maisy

For excellent effort across all areas of school life

Samples of This Week's Work

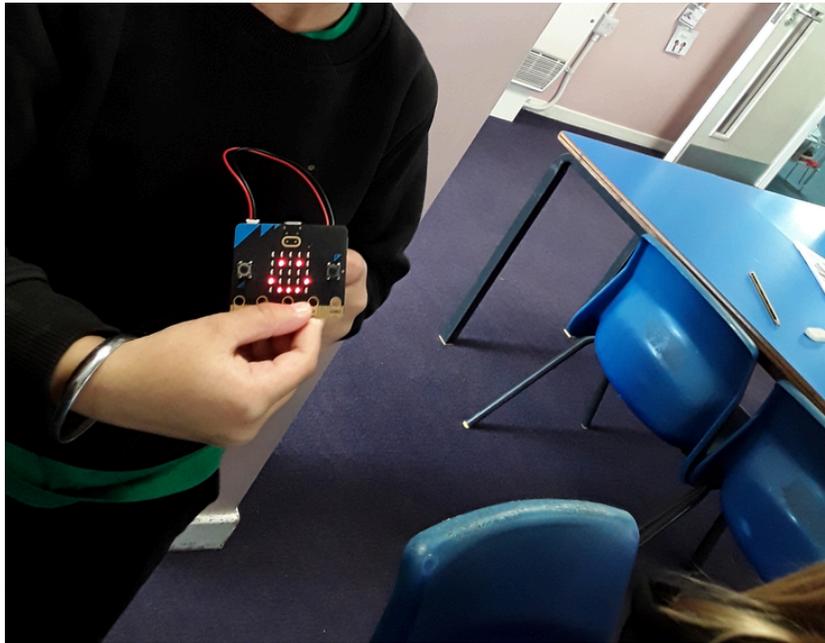
The children have been inspired, challenged and have definitely been learning!



Our Nursery children have been investigating rolling using their autumn objects. They found out what rolled the fastest and what would slide instead of roll down the ramp.



Our reception children have been exploring Diwali this week. They particularly liked making their own mehndi patterns using cotton buds and black paint on hand templates.



Our Year 1 children have been given the challenge to use algorithms to make their Micro:bit display a smiley face this week. They were amazing at this and were able to complete their challenge all by themselves!



Our Year 2 children have been making mandala patterns in art this week.



Our Year 3 and 4 children have worked tremendously hard on their Harvest Assembly. They all sang beautifully and used loud, clear voices to say their lines! Well done to both classes.

Our Year 5 children have .



At the end of a unit comparing Sikhism and Hinduism, our year 6 children have been learning about Diwali and here are a some photos of the Diwa lamps which Sana brought in, to share her personal experience of the festival.