



Paganel Newsletter

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This half term has gone so fast, I cannot believe that we are only a week away from half term. During the past week I have been spending time in classrooms seeing what the children are learning and looking at the progress made. It is one of my favourite parts of my job. The children are making good progress and enjoying the different opportunities they are getting in class. We have had a busy fortnight with the fire service visiting nursery in their fire engine, the animal man visiting years 3 and 4 and PC Ledwith discussing how to keep safe on the internet with years 5 and 6. Next half term we are really looking forward to our Science fortnight and will have visitors coming in to work with children across school. Watch this space.

Mrs Gingell

A Polite Reminder about Driving to School:

Please think carefully when parking your car; not to obstruct the footpath and be particularly careful when opening your car doors.

Remember that the road is narrow and gets busy so please take extra care to drive sensibly and be aware of other road users, including pedestrians who may be crossing nearby. We have been notified of 3 near misses since Christmas and we advise those who witness dangerous driving to report it to the police.

E Safety Update:

On Monday Year 5 and 6 had a visit from the police to discuss ways of keeping safe when on line. As parents it is a never ending job of ensuring that our children are safe when they are on their devices at home. Check out www.internetmatters.org for further advice.

We have sent an email with a number of safety guides from the police about keeping safe online. Hard copies can be obtained from the office.

Ideas please:

I hope you have now all seen our fabulous new map in the reception area, with some local landmarks identified. In the spring we are hoping to have a world map on the outside wall by the entrance to school, with landmarks from different countries. Please share with us any landmarks you feel should be on the world map.

Attendance Matters:

You will all have received an attendance letter sent out from Birmingham City Council outlining the importance of your children attending school regularly and what can be considered 'Authorised' absence. Those with persistent absence or lateness will be contacted by our attendance officer

Once again a huge well done to all those attendance is above the national target of 96%.

Attendance Figures

REG	This fortnight	Year to date	REG	This fortnight	Year to date
RL	88.5%	90.2%	3K	96.2%	95.4%
RK	91.2%	90.5%	3Y	90.2%	95.3%
1J	91.3%	93.1%	4C	94.1%	96.2%
1L	93.3%	93.3%	4B	94.3%	93.5%
2M	94.5%	92.8%	5T	96.3%	95.6%
2D	96.1%	95.6%	5B	97.5%	96.9%
Pod	84.3%	91.1%	6H	94.8%	94.6%

Uniform:

In the last week we have noticed some children coming to school in trainers and remaining in them throughout the day; please can children wear black shoes to school; trainers can be worn at play and lunch times and for PE lessons.

NEW LOGO:

You may have noticed our School Councillors have their new jumpers, which feature the new Paganel badge. We will be phasing in this badge for our school jumpers from September. A letter with further details will be sent out soon. For now there is a sale on the current jumpers & cardigans at Kids Essentials in Northfield: **£5 each while stocks last!**



Stars of Paganel!:

We love to celebrate the achievements of Paganel's children both in school and outside of school.

Milly (6H) recently auditioned along with 15 girls for her dance company, 'Dance Odyssey' and was selected. She has since completed dance performances at Dormston Theatre and Dudley Town Hall.

Eboni (2D) is part of the Jordan School of Dance & Performing Arts. She will be part of the team representing England in the finals of the 2018 Dance World Cup in Spain this June. We wish Eboni and her team the very best of luck.

Animal Man Visit:

On Monday 29th January 2018 the children in Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed a special visit from Mo the Animal Man. Mo brought a variety of different animals with him and taught us how to care for them and why some of these animals are endangered. This linked in with our English and IPC-Science units. The children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed seeing and learning about the different animals. As a result the children have produced some super writing and posters in English and Science!



Girls' Football Team:

On Friday 2nd, the girls 4 a-side semi-finals took place at Turves Green Secondary School. The girls were very nervous as they faced some tough competition. Their first game was against Raddlebarn. The girls showed great composure and resilience and the Paganel girls were domineering with Taylor grabbing a goal after several great chances. The girls finished their opening game with a 1-0 win.

Next they faced Kings Norton who were a very strong and experienced team. The girls continued to show perseverance in defending, however Kings Norton grabbed a late goal resulting in a 1-0 defeat for Paganel.

The girls' last game was against St Laurence, also a very strong team. The girls were composed and showed great team work and determination, with Gracie and Taylor coming close to scoring. Finally our teamwork paid off when Leah found the back of the net—we came away with another win. With their great display, attitude and perseverance Paganel Girls secured a place in the finals.

A huge congratulations to Taylor, Gracie, Milly, Derica, Nosihle (year 6) and Leah (year 4) Mrs McGettrick and Miss Calder are very proud of you all. The girls would like to thank Mr Clayton and Mr Harwood for their continued support throughout the competition.

BRING ON THE FINALS, GO PAGANEL!

Multi Skills Festival:

On Friday 26 January 12 students from Y1 and Y2 attended a Multi Skills Festival at Shenley Academy. The students were competing against 8 other schools from the local area in various activities. The competition is a great way of teaching the students about teamwork, encouragement and how to perform in a competition environment.

The year 1 students were amazing. They were not worried about the tasks ahead and gave it their all - running out clear winners of their year group.

The year 2 students had some stiff competition from the other schools, however not to be out done by Y1 they also came out winners of their year group.

Well done everyone! A huge thanks to Miss Richards who gave the children some great encouragement.

Mr L Clayton

Change of Assemblies Dates:

Please note that due to Science Week we have changed the dates of some of our Class Assemblies. 4C will now be on Tuesday 20th March, and 3Y on Wednesday 21st March. Parents/Carers of these classes are invited to attend.

No Nuts Please!

Please can we remind everyone that for health and safety reasons nuts are not allowed in school at any time. Please keep them as a healthy snack at home, they should not be in lunch boxes. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Key Dates

Tuesday 13th February	Y6 trip to RAF Cosford
Friday 16th February	School closed to pupils
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd Feb	Half Term Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 26th February	Term Starts: All pupils return to school
Week beginning 12th March	Science Week
Tuesday 20th March	4C class assembly at 2.30pm
Wednesday 21st March	3Y class assembly at 2.30pm
Wednesday 28th March	2M class assembly at 2.30pm
Friday 30th Mar—Friday 13th Apr	Easter Holidays (note that school is closed Good Friday, 30th March)
Monday 16th April	Summer Term starts: All pupils return to school

Our New Library:

Since the renovations were completed last term we have been busy stocking our library with new books. The children are excited to get reading the new books!!



Head Lice:

Please check your child's hair regularly to ensure head lice are not present. If you do encounter them please treat your child's hair – either with a nit comb and conditioner, or with a medicated treatment. We recommend children with long hair have it tied up every day.