



Paganel Newsletter

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Friday 28th February 2020

Hope you all had a lovely, even though very wet, half term. Hopefully the weather will now improve as we head towards the spring and longer days. On the Wednesday of half term we opened our kitchens, with the help and support of the Christian Life Centre in Selly Oak. Some families came to join us for a delicious lunch. It was lovely to spend time with families and hear about what they have been up to over the holiday. A massive thank you to Mrs Osman for organising this. As we look ahead to this half term, there is so much planned in the curriculum for the children to learn. Keep up to date with what we are doing by following us on twitter and the school website.

Mrs Gingell

Parents Evening

It was great to see so many of you at parents evening just before half term. The governors were really impressed with your positive feedback about the school and said there was a great atmosphere around school.

On Friday 13th March we will be trying to raise money for Sports Relief, please join us in celebrating this fantastic event in the following ways:

- Wearing a sporting accessory, wear your favourite sporting accessory e.g. cap/hat/scarf/gloves from your favourite sports team, sweat bands, socks etc...
- Make a 20p donation so we can fill as many Sports Relief emblems with coins and see how much we can raise.
- Completion of the Sports Relief Mile - everyone at school will complete the daily mile for Sport Relief on this day. Perhaps your family would like to run/walk a mile after school on this day? Tweet us @paganelschool so we can see what you have been up to!

- Whole school movement and mindfulness - after assembly the whole school will take part in a short movement and mindfulness activity.

We look forward to participating in Sports Relief on the 13th March!

*Please ensure your child wears their normal school uniform on this date with a sporting accessory (see examples above).



Coronavirus

In light of the recent outbreaks of Coronavirus in the UK, all children have had a lesson on thorough handwashing today. Please support us by reinforcing this at home. For more information please follow link: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869250/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf

Steel Drums



On Wednesday 12th February, Year 5 had a fantastic drumming experience with a visitor coming into school. The children played a range of different drums from Africa which links well with their topic Earth as an Island. They had a great time playing as part of an ensemble; focusing and concentrating on playing their own parts with two different rhythms being played in unison. It was a superb experience for the children and teachers in year 5- one we will never forget.

Online safety

Thank you for your support this week at the parents workshops. Please take on board the tips shared with you for keeping your children safe when they are online and keep checking their settings. Please remember that only year 6 children have permission to bring mobile phones into school. The phones are then given into their teacher to be locked into the safe during the day.

Parking

Just before half term I was shocked to hear that one of our parents had driven along the pavement when dropping their child off at school. In doing this other children were put at risk. **PLEASE, PLEASE think before parking.** It is much safer to park further away and walk your children into school.

Attendance Figures

REG	This fortnight	Year to date	REG	This fortnight	Year to date
RA	94.4	89.3	3B	93.1	93.9
RB	93.0	91.0	4A	93.8	93.3
1A	96.6	94.7	4B	95.0	94.8
1B	94.9	94.0	5A	92.9	95.2
2A	96.2	95.9	5B	98.4	96.1
2B	95.8	96.1	6A	91.4	94.9
3A	94.6	94.2	6B	94.4	93.9

World Book Day



World Book day is on Thursday 5th March 2020! The children will be involved in a range of book related activities throughout the day and we are sure they will have a fantastic time.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are asking you to send your child into school dressed up as a character from their favourite story with a £1 donation to charity.

Remember there will be prizes for the most creative costumes...

AND BRING A POTATO IN

We are also running a competition to promote the love of reading. Children can either enter a poster or paint a stone - the only requirement is that it reflects a love of reading - so get creative! Entries must be in by Wednesday 4th March .

STEM

Between the 9th - 13th February, the whole of Paganel are engaging in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week. Each year group has been given a project to complete: Reception are creating wind chimes, Year 1 are making puppets, Year 2 are making mini greenhouses, Year 3 are building lighthouses, Year 4 are tie-dyeing scarfs, Year 5 are designing moving toys and Year 6 are creating a toy car! We will then celebrate the whole school's achievements at a Science Fayre on Friday, where all of the children will learn about the items other year groups have been creating! Keep your eyes peeled on @paganelscience twitter feed for more updates!

Spotlight on Learning

On Wednesday year six hosted their spotlight on learning with their parents. It was super to see the children sharing their success and progress in their Math work. Next week is Year 5.

Year 6	Wednesday 26 th February 2020
Year 5	Wednesday 4 th March 2020
Year 4	Wednesday 11 th March 2020
Year 3	Tuesday 17 th March 2020
Year 2	Wednesday 25 th March 2020
Year 1	Wednesday 1 st April 2020

The Kitchen @ Paganel

During the half term holiday, we held our very first Café. 'The Kitchen' @ Paganel' was open on Wednesday 19th February from 12pm—2:30pm. All food and drinks we served were **FREE**. We worked closely with the Life House staff from Christian Life Church in Selly Oak. We served 40 hot meals and were able to send people home with extra food for the next day. Everyone who attended had a great time and we are looking forward to opening up again during the Easter holidays. More information will be sent out nearer the time. We hope you can join us.

HELP US

To help us protect children's school uniform please could you send an old shirt or t-shirt that they can wear over their uniforms. This will then live in their PE bags so they have it for art, DT work.

Key Dates 2020

Last day of Spring Term	Friday, 3rd April 2020
Summer Term begins (children in school)	Monday, 20th April 2020
May Bank Holiday	Friday, 8th May 2020
May Half Term	Week beginning 25th May 2020
Children in School	Monday, 1st June 2020
Last day of term for children	Friday, 20th July 2020
Training Day	Monday, 23rd July 2020