



Paganel Newsletter

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We have had very busy couple of weeks at Paganel and the second half of the Autumn term seems to be flying by. Many exciting things have happened recently such as chicks hatching in Year 1, Children in Need and Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-bullying week – make sure you have a look at our twitter feed for a closer look at the wonderful things the children are participating in! It is fantastic, as ever, to see the children persevering with their learning and they are all making great progress as a result of their efforts – I hope they will continue this in the weeks to come. We are now starting to prepare for Christmas and we will be making every effort possible to ensure that this is a special time in school for the children – although we will have to change some elements of our celebrations in the coming weeks we are certain the children will still have an enjoyable time celebrating with us. In the next two weeks we will be contributing to events in the local community by making decorations for Weoley Castle Square and Asda – make sure you keep an eye out for our work in the coming weeks if you visit these places!

Mrs Shuter

Maths Week England - 9th to 14th September:

During this week, Paganel Primary school took part in a nationwide Times Tables Rock Stars competition, as well as an in-school challenge between classes from years 3 to 6. There was a prize for the highest scoring class and one for the highest scoring pupil.

Congratulations to 6B, who came 1099th out of over 30,000 classes nationwide, and were the highest scoring class in our school, with 72,134 questions answered over the week - great effort! 6B enjoyed a huge chocolate cake as a reward for their efforts. The highest scoring pupil was Enoch from 5A. Enoch put in what can only be described as a mammoth effort, answering an incredible 40420 questions in one week. To put this into context, if Enoch were a class on his own, he'd have come in the top 3000 classes nationwide - truly outstanding work, Enoch! A £20 Amazon voucher is Enoch's prize for his amazing times tables work.

More Times Tables Rock Stars competitions are scheduled throughout the year and I look forward to seeing how amazingly Paganel pupils continue to do.

Keep rocking! - Mr Ball

Families in Need

As I am sure you will be aware, this year will be particularly difficult Christmas for many families. If you are able to make a small donation of a new and unopened toy or game that can be given to a child in need this Christmas, we would be happy to receive them. We are also happy to receive any donations to the Paganel food bank. Many Thanks.



Children in Need

A total of £282.53 was raised for Children in Need this Year—Well done everyone! We will be splitting this total in half—£141.26 will go to Children in Need and £141.27 will be paid into our own School Fund .

Christmas Cards

Sadly, due to Covid-19, children will not be allowed to exchange Christmas cards. this year.

Attendance Figures

REG	This fortnight	Year to date	REG	This fortnight	Year to date
Nur	92.9%	92.6%	3B	98.8%	97.1%
Rec	96.3%	92.1%	4A	93.9%	93.9%
1A	92.1%	92.1%	4B	91.2%	92.9%
1B	92.5%	92.5%	5A	95.7%	92.3%
2A	96.2%	94.7%	5B	93.3%	93.2%
2B	99.4%	96.6%	6A	94.8%	95.3%
3A	95.3%	96.5%	6B	97.4%	96.4%

Year 1 Chicks

Year 1 had a delivery of eggs last week and have watched them hatch. We found out this is called “pipping” and the chicks have a specialised beak in order to be able to successfully hatch without hurting themselves. We have watched them spring from their shells and turn into cute, fluffy chicks that have already started to grow little feathers. We have talked about how to look after them, how to feed and water them, and where they will go at the end of the week (free range farm). We even got to hold them and learnt how to handle them gently. It has been a fantastic experience and we have a better understanding of life cycles from this. For Year 1 parents, your child photo with a chick is on tapestry so be sure to check it out!



Reception Applications for September 2021

Children in Birmingham can start school (Reception Class) in the September after their fourth birthday.

Example: If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, they'll be able to start in Reception Class September 2021.

IMPORTANT - Even if your child is attending Paganel Nursery it is necessary for you to apply for a Reception place.

Paganel Nursery children do not automatically progress at the end of their Nursery year into the Reception class and therefore parents/carers must apply for their preferred school.

Applications are no longer accepted on paper and therefore it is necessary for you to register on line.

The Birmingham Admissions website can be found at: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

The online application system is now open. All applications need to be made by (11:59pm) 15th January 2021.

For more information about Paganel Primary School and a virtual tour of the Early years please visit our schools website on <http://paganelschool.com/admissions/>

Music Appreciation

Children at Paganel have started engaging in weekly 'Music Appreciation' sessions, wherein they can listen to a range of musical pieces from different genres and eras.

Children are invited to share their thoughts on the piece and discuss it with their peers. This week, we have been listening to live performances from Musicals! Over the coming weeks, we will be enjoying classical music, Christmas carols and finally, Christmas hits!



Christmas and Key Dates

A separate letter will be sent with details of our Christmas events and activities.

Christmas Craft Day	Friday, 4th December 2020
Christmas Jumper Day (or Xmas accessories)	Friday, 11th December 2020
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday, 16th December 2020
Christmas Parties	Thursday, 17th December 2020
Polar Express Pyjamas Day	Friday, 18th December 2020
Break up for Christmas	Friday, 18th December 2020
Training Day	Monday, 4th January 2021
Children return to school	Tuesday, 5th January 2021