

# CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



**Issue Number 22 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this term we reflect on how very proud we are of our children. Throughout lockdown and the return to school following it, our children have shown all our school values and I am delighted to say they are enjoying their learning and are continuing to work incredibly hard. Well done to all of them!

School finishes for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and we return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. I do hope you get the opportunity to have some time away from school and work, and to enjoy the chance of seeing some family and friends again in more social circumstances.

### **Red Nose Day**

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Thank you once again for your generous donations for Red Nose Day. I am delighted to announce that we raised a grand total of £329.42! This will go a long way towards helping others through the Comic relief charity. Your kindness is much appreciated. Mrs Reihill

### **Remote Learning Devices – Reminder**

For any families that have loaned a device from the school, could they please be returned by Wednesday of this week with any accompanying chargers, cables, and bags. If you could please bring them into the reception and ring the bell someone will be out to collect them, thank you. Mr Wood

### **Celebrating our Learning**

#### **Reception**

Last week reception read an exciting story titled 'The Odd Egg' about a duck who found a rather large and unusual egg. The children discussed what they thought might be in the egg and created their own odd egg, containing something special. The children learned how to join two halves of their egg together, using a split pin. The children were delighted to find out the egg in the story contained a rather large crocodile. This then inspired lots of egg hunts, and inventions being created for the easter bunny, to help deliver his eggs. The children also enjoyed egg and spoon races outside, where they cheered on their friends and teammates, and learned it's more fun to take part, and that winning isn't always important! Well done Reception love Mr Wilson & Miss Roberts.

#### **Year 1**

Another fantastic week of learning in Year 1! We have seen some amazing writing in our English lessons and are proud of how hard the children have worked to plan, write, and even edit their own stories! It was wonderful to listen to the children read their stories to each other and see the enjoyment this created in the classroom. In maths, we have counted in 2's, 5's, and 10's and learned the different vocabulary we can use as mathematicians, such as multiplied, times, groups of, and lots of. In History, we discussed what questions we would ask 'The Beatles' if we could and used the iPad's to help us find out information. We found out that they have made 213 songs! As Scientists, we have observed our sunflower seeds starting to grow and made predictions about how tall they will grow. We found out that the tallest sunflower ever was grown in Germany and reached over 9 meters! As always, we are so proud of the children, especially with how independent they are all becoming. Well done Year 1! Miss Swain and Miss French

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### **Year 2**

Year 2 have had another brilliant week, with all of the school values shining through in everything they do. In maths we have been continuing to work on fractions, using bar models to find a fraction of a number. This is not an easy topic in maths, but the children have really grasped this concept well. In English, we used the picture book "Journey" to inspire some magnificent writing. The children are brilliant at writing power sentences and Miss Delargy and I were so impressed with the vocabulary that the children used. I think we have some budding authors in the class! In science we thought about the suitability of materials for different items, we had a lot of fun thinking of some very unsuitable materials, such as a glass jumper or a chocolate teapot. The children also produced some lovely work in Geography, creating maps of the school and using a key to explain some of the symbols they used.

It is so lovely having a full class again, I know the children are really enjoying being back together and spending time with their friends. Well done Year 2 for another great week of learning, you are all superstars! Mrs Amphlett and Miss Delargy

### **Year 3**

It was another great week for Year 3 last week. In our English lessons, we used vocabulary creatively to write some fantastic Haiku poems about predatory animals. In maths, we learnt about adding & subtracting amounts of money and got the hang of giving the right amount of change. As scientists, we investigated the best conditions for growing plants and as geographers, we learnt about the destructive power of earthquakes. The children showed great agility in PE when performing different balances and enjoyed learning new cricket skills. In D&T, the children loved getting their hands dirty when they started to make their jewellery boxes out of clay. All the children deserve a big "well done" from Mr Kelley and Miss Softic.

### **Year 4**

Fabulous learning once again in Year 4! In English, we have been learning about how to write diary entries, linked to our RE work on Christian Holy Week, and we have been really impressed with the improvements we have seen in vocabulary choices, sentence structure and writing stamina. In maths, we have recapped written methods for multiplication and worked with up to 3-digit numbers using a column multiplication method. In Science we explored how to make sounds higher and lower in pitch and in History, we have learned about religion in Anglo-Saxon times. We are pleased to see so many of the school values on show in the classroom and I know the children feel proud of themselves for their achievements. Miss Ashby and Mrs Kailey

### **Year 5**

We have had another great week in Year 5. In English, we have been learning how to create suspense in our writing. As mathematicians, we have been practising written methods for multiplication and division. We are coming to the end of our Ancient Egyptians topic and have been finding out the importance of the River Nile and finding out what happened to Ancient Egypt. As artists, we enjoyed making our own canopic jars, using mod roc. We even put some organs inside them! It has been quite an arty week, as we have also created Egyptian portraits of ourselves. We now have a whole class full of Pharaohs! In science, we investigated the saturation point of hot chocolate at different temperatures and drew graphs to show our results. What a busy week we've had! We had quite a few children getting certificates for earning lots of value vouchers, showing how brilliantly they display our school values. Well done Year 5! Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland

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### Year 6

Another fantastic week of learning has taken place in Year 6 this week. In Maths we have continued to explore ratio and have put all of our learning to the test with some deeper reasoning problems. We are, as always, so impressed with all the hard work and perseverance that has been displayed in the classroom. In English, we have begun to explore poetry with the help of the ever-entertaining Kwame Alexander. The children enjoyed learning about Kwame and the greater message behind his writing, as well as learning some performance techniques and many of us were even brave enough to perform our poetry for the whole class! On Thursday afternoon, we concluded our evolution topic by using the Zu3D app to create stop-motion animations of creatures evolving over time - we had great fun and got to enjoy watching each other's hard work. In music, we learnt some vocal warm ups and sang together creating various techniques with our voices- what a joy to hear. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished since you have returned to school, Year 6, and we can't wait for a lovely final week of term. Mr Young and Miss Rowberry

### Bug Club

All the children should be reading regularly and logged on to Bug Club. If you go to our website you will see the information provided to support children to log on and to inform them of all the activities available for them on the site.

<http://www.cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk/bug-club/>

### School Uniform

Reminder – all children should be in full school uniform, including school shoes. Trainers are not to be worn instead of school shoes.

**Please can I remind you how important it is that we all continue to follow the government guidance during the Easter Break so we can all return to school safely.**

### Gentle reminders:

- Hands – Face – Space
- Always wear a facemask correctly on the school site
- One adult per family to pick up a child/children
- One way system at all times of the day, including when children are dropped off or collected from Rosie and Jim's
- Car Park is for staff only
- If a child/adult displays COVID symptoms they must follow govt. guidelines
- All emails should be sent to the school admin address – [admin@cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk)
- Class emails are not to be used whilst the school remains open – teachers will not be responding to emails sent to the year group emails.
- Any concerns or queries please ring or email the school, please no discussions with staff on the school site. Thank you.

### Illness in school

Can we remind parents that any child who has any symptoms related to COVID must not be sent into school.

These symptoms include:

- High temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- Loss of taste/smell

To reiterate—If we do have children experiencing these symptoms in school, we will contact families ASAP.

Children will be asked to be collected from school. Families will also be advised to book a COVID test and share the results of this with the school.

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### Lateral Flow Tests for staff

In line with government guidance, our school staff are taking part in 'Staff Covid Testing', which started on the 25th of January. All adults working within our school will be offered the opportunity to take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) at home twice a week; the testing regime aims to reduce transmission of COVID-19 by early identification of asymptomatic carriers of the virus. Testing is not compulsory, and will not replace any of our robust protective measures that are already in place to keep our schools safe – HANDS -FACE-SPACE.

These tests produce a result in 30 minutes which will indicate whether a staff member, with no symptoms, is either negative or maybe positive for Covid. If a positive test result is received then the staff member and close contacts are required to self-isolate whilst the staff member and close contacts are required to self-isolate whilst the staff member undertakes the PCR test to confirm if the individual is positive for COVID (undertaken at the testing centres).

Should a member of staff receive a positive lateral flow test and they have been in contact with your child in the prior 48 hours, then your child will be asked to self-isolate whilst the PCR test is undertaken. Should a negative PCR test result be received, we will welcome your child back to school as soon as possible. Should the test be positive then your child will need to follow self-isolation rules for ten days from their last contact. We will inform you as soon as we can in these circumstances and confirm the dates involved. Your child will need to be collected promptly from school. Please be reassured that there are no indications that pupils in primary schools will be asked to undertake these tests, this is purely for school staff.

### Lateral Flow Tests for pupils

The LA are pleased to let you know that from Thursday 18th February they are extending their Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) Community sites to be able to test children and young people from age 2. **They are urging all parents and carers to take their children and young people for a COVID-19 test at an LFT site every week if they are not accessing this in school.** In the first instance where you have a child currently attending onsite provision in early years setting, nursery class or primary school, please can you take your child for a test **before** their return to school (week commencing 22nd February). **You only need to contact the school if your child tests positive.** Information on the location of LFT Community sites is available at <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/lateralflowtesting>

### COVID Testing

If your child shows any symptoms linked to COVID19 we will ask that you take them for a COVID test. Until you have a test outcome the government recommends that the family should isolate. This means that siblings of symptomatic children who have undergone testing should not be in school. If a negative result is returned, then the children can return to school. We ask that families communicate test results with the school ASAP so that we can support the individual and the whole school community.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Stay safe

*V. MacDonald*

Mrs V. MacDonald  
Head Teacher

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### Star of the Week - 22/03/2021

R – Anh Y1 – Mohammed Y2 – Connie  
Y3 – Evie Y4 – Tyler  
Y5 – Jude Y6 – Ali

### Attendance Chart - 22/03/2021

1 <sup>st</sup>	R	99.3%	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	97.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	95.0%	4 <sup>th</sup>	2	93.3%
5 <sup>th</sup>	1	92.8%	6 <sup>th</sup>	5	90.0%
7 <sup>th</sup>	3	86.7%			

Well done Year R!