

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Issue Number 28 – Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, another successful week! The children have all been amazing, particularly our Year 6 children who have shown all our school values during the Key Stage 2 end-of-year assessments. Please read below all the teachers' comments about this week's learning as they are always so proud of their achievements. Mr Young and all the staff have praised Year 6 for all they have accomplished this week. Well done, you are all brilliant!

Coronation Garden Party

A week has already flown by since we hosted our Coronation Garden Party to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. It was lovely to see our whole school community come together to celebrate this very special occasion. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who came to help set up, to the volunteers and school councillors who helped out on stalls, to the staff for their hard work and of course to everyone who joined us to celebrate. Our biggest thank you goes to the children, who are at the heart of everything we do in school. Seeing the smiles on their faces and hearing their laughter really was the biggest reward. We will be counting up the money we raised and will update you with a grand total. Mrs Amphlett

Raffle

The raffle has now been drawn and winners have been notified by text message. Prizes can be collected from the school office. A special thank you to Mrs Shindroja for arranging the prizes, there were some terrific prizes up for grabs!

Important Information - Bromcom - MyChildAtSchool – MCAS

For those parents that haven't yet redeemed their invitation codes and downloaded the app, we would strongly recommend you do so, as this will be the primary method of communication from the school going forward.

If you are having trouble getting access or have any questions, please contact the school office – admin@cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk or come to the school office and speak to Mr Wood.



Upcoming Musical Events

On Wednesday 12th July, our annual Cannon Park Summer Concert will take place during the afternoon. As usual, our Year 3/4 children will be showcasing their ukulele skills and the choir will be singing together with our instrumental soloists. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday 28th June, Year 4 and the choir will be taking part in Coventry Music's Planet Blue Big Singing Event at Butterworth Hall, Warwick University. This 10 song cantata features an eclectic range of musical styles from across the globe and, together with the narrative, the event poses important topical questions about life on Planet Earth. Families are welcome to attend the evening (time TBC) performance at Butterworth Hall. Tickets cost £6 and they will be on sale soon – we will let you know when the event goes live. A letter will go out soon about this event.

School Class Photographs

Braiswick Photography will be visiting the school on Tuesday 16th May to take class photographs. Please make sure your Children wear full uniform. If your child is having a sports lesson that day, please ensure they have either a jumper cardigan or hoodie with the school logo on. Thank you for kind co-operation.

Reception Class – Vision Testing

Polite reminder to parents of Reception class children that vision screening will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th May, unless you have opted out.

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School Hours Reminder

The doors to the classrooms open at 8.45 am and pick up is from 3.25 pm.

Attendance

The Governors and staff at Cannon Park Primary School are united in their belief that regular school attendance is the key to enabling our pupils to maximise the educational opportunities available to them. Helping them to become emotionally resilient and confident to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their school and community. Year 2 achieved 100% for the week ending Friday 5th May and a certificate will be presented in our assembly next Friday!

Gentle Reminders

Children's PE Kit Expectations

We would like to remind all families that children's PE kit is part of our school uniform expectations. We ask that all children have a plain white t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and black pumps/ trainers. If any families need help with PE kits, we do have our preloved uniform exchange at the front entrance. If families need help, please contact the school office.

School Hours

Times will be changing after Easter as per the letter sent out.

Attendance

Full-time attendance at school is essential to a child's educational and social development. The school continue to work hard to ensure all children are in school ready to learn and have good attendance. We cannot authorise holidays during term time, so a fine for each child and each parent may be applied in line with local and national guidance. Do come and speak to us if you have any concerns or worries about your child's attendance.

School Values

Our school values Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Enjoyment, and Discipline - **TRIED**, are very important to us and we expect all our staff, children, and parents to promote them and be good role models for them in and around the school. We want the children to have a wonderful year and do well which means:

Teamwork – Together everyone achieves more

Respect – Treating others how you would like to be treated

Integrity -Doing the right thing even when no one is looking

Enjoyment – Having fun, but not at the expense of others

Discipline – Doing what needs to be done, even when you don't feel like doing it.

Keep in touch

We are here to help you, your child, and your family in any way we can.

Reminder that you can keep in touch with us by:

Phone - 02476 414683

Email - admin@cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk

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

Any concerns or queries please ring or email the school and we will deal with any matters as promptly as possible. Thank you

Emergency contacts – please ensure the office have your up-to-date contact details

Health and Safety

This is a gentle reminder that the School Car Park is for staff use only at all times.

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Celebrating our Learning

Reception

Well done Reception, for another week of hard work and great learning! This week was all about dinosaurs in Reception! We started by finding out what the children knew about dinosaurs and spoke about how they are now extinct! We learnt some names of dinosaurs and found out that they were around 65 million years ago! We read the book 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs' and helped Tom by replying to his message in a bottle and going on a hunt to find his dinosaurs. On Thursday the children discovered a very strange egg in the classroom and had to guess what they thought was inside... We then read the story of 'Tom and the dinosaur egg' and wrote about how we would save the dinosaur egg and keep it safe. All week the children have been painting, building and making dinosaurs using junk modelling and blocks. They even made dinosaur dens and obstacle courses to help them get over the lava, in our outside area, whilst working as a team! During music this week the children had a chance to play the glockenspiel and play it in time with the music, whilst having a dance and a sing along with Ms Smith.

In Phonics this week we have started looking at Phase 4 sounds and have been working lots on blending and segmenting words. We have also been learning some more tricky words and putting them into sentences! In maths, we have been carrying on with 'Adding on' and have been using dinosaurs and dice games to support our learning! Have a great weekend everyone! Miss Roberts, Miss Begum, Ms Smith and Mr Beech.

Please keep reading and record those times in the diary so we can reward those showing discipline and integrity at home. New books will be added to 'BugClub' tonight for the weekend.



Year 1

Year 1 have had another amazing week of learning! As historians, we found out about how bicycles have changed over the years and used a timeline to illustrate this. Did you know that James Starley invented the Penny-Farthing and was from Coventry? The children had fun using meter sticks to gain an understanding of how big the larger wheel was, at almost 2 meters high! We also found out that the design of the high-wheel bicycle (as it was also known) was based on two old coins, the one-penny coin, and the farthing! As mathematicians, the children have begun their learning about fractions. As this can be a tricky concept to understand, we used cakes to help us recognise halves and quarters, and we did get to enjoy tasting the cakes at the end of the lesson! Well done Year 1! As always, we are incredibly proud of you all.

Miss Swain and Miss Delargy



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Year 2

Another great week of learning this week for Year 2. In maths, we have started to learn about 'Length & Height'. On Wednesday, the children learnt to use a ruler to measure lines to the nearest cm and on Thursday, they found objects that were greater than or less than a metre. In our English lessons, we have started looking at a book called 'The Tunnel' which the children will then write a recount about in future lessons. In our reading lessons, the class have developed their comprehension skills through the book - 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. As scientists, the children have learnt about the importance of a balanced diet and the different food groups that they should include. Well done Year 2 - keep up the hard work. Mr Kelley & Miss Softic

Year 3

And just like that, another exciting week of learning has flown by! In our writing lessons, we have been learning how to develop our paragraphs in story writing and using description, action, inverted commas and emotion words. We have started writing our 'Next Tuesday' stories in which some interesting characters (pigs, cows and even snakes!) mysteriously fly into a city. We look forward to reading about the mischief they get up to. As mathematicians, we have been learning how we can find unit and non-unit fractions of an amount. This can be a tricky concept to grasp but the children have continued to persevere and shown our school value of discipline every day.

During our history lesson, we were able to experience what life was like in the Stone Age. As hunter-gatherers, we used our makeshift spears (javelins) to go hunting for food and gathered berries from our school field. Using our historical enquiry skills, we researched different aspects of Stone Age life including homes, diet, art, clothing and tools. In our learning of 'Light' in science, we found out what a periscope is, who invented it and why it is used. Using cereal boxes and mirrors, we made our very own periscope to investigate how light reflects and enables us to see things above and around corners. We are so proud of you all, Year 3. Mrs Nagra and Miss Bullock



Year 4

Year 4 have had a great week this week, there has been lots of terrific learning from everyone. In Maths, we have moved onto the topic of money. We are still using the skills we learned from our decimals topic to convert pence into pounds. It was apparent that some of the children were unsure of the different coins we use in the UK, any home support on this would be greatly appreciated.

Miss Brett has been teaching the English lessons this week. The children have started a new unit based on the writing genre of persuasion. The children watched the video "The Saga of Biorn", which is about a Viking's quest to get into Valhalla. The children loved this video and have been enjoying learning about Valhalla. They also enjoyed a drama lesson in which they got the chance to use their speaking and listening skills to encourage Vikings to come to Valhalla. In the lead up to half term, they will be learning about the different features required in a persuasion text and will be writing their own.

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In History, we have been continuing our work on Vikings. This week we learned about what life was like for Viking children. The children discovered that the roles and expectations were very different for boys and girls. Next week is Art Week and we will be dyeing materials. The children will need a plain white cotton t-shirt which they will be tie-dyeing. These will need to be in school by Thursday 18th May. Well done on another great week Year 4, you are continuing to impress us with your brilliant learning behaviour. Mrs Amphlett, Miss Brett and Miss Hayes.

Year 5

Year 5 have been doing some great learning this week. In maths, we have been learning about angles. We did some outdoor learning to identify acute, obtuse, reflex and right angles. Using a protractor, we have been measuring and drawing angles of different sizes, being very careful to be accurate. In English, we have been beginning sentences in different ways, using conjunctions, verbs and adjectives. Later in the week, we used these skills to write a recount of a trip to the Amazon Rainforest, writing in the first person and trying hard to incorporate ambitious vocabulary. Continuing with our rainforest theme, we asked the question, 'Do people live in the rainforest?'. We took our learning outside to do a treasure hunt to find out information about the different tribes who live in the Amazon Rainforest. We each found one piece of information about a tribe, then joined others from the same tribe to piece our findings together. A leader was elected for each tribe, and each one fed back the facts they had discovered to the rest of the class. As scientists, we have been comparing the lifecycle of an amphibian with the lifecycle of an insect. Looking at the similarities and differences. We are very much looking forward to Art Week next week. Please note: The children will need an old shirt on Thursday to protect their clothing from paint, as we will be using acrylics. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland

Year 6

This week has been an important one for Year 6 due to them taking part in their end-of-key stage assessments. I have been so impressed by their resilience, punctuality, and determination throughout the entire process and they have really represented themselves and the school brilliantly. Whatever the outcome they are hoping for this July, they should be very proud of all that they have achieved this week and throughout the year. As a thank you for all their hard work, the children were rewarded with ice cream and played some games during the final afternoon of the week to let off steam. The children also continued the rounders competition that they started last week. All that is left for me to say is, thank you - I am aware of the stresses that this process can put on children and have been blown away by how mature and grown up the children managed themselves throughout the week. I hope they all have a well-deserved break this weekend – Mr Young, Mrs Kailey and Mrs Smith and Ms Cleveland for helping out during the assessments and with the breakfasts and snacks provided.

Have a lovely Weekend.

Yours sincerely,

V. MacDonald

Mrs V. MacDonald
Head Teacher





Well Done Year 6 You Are All Fantastic!

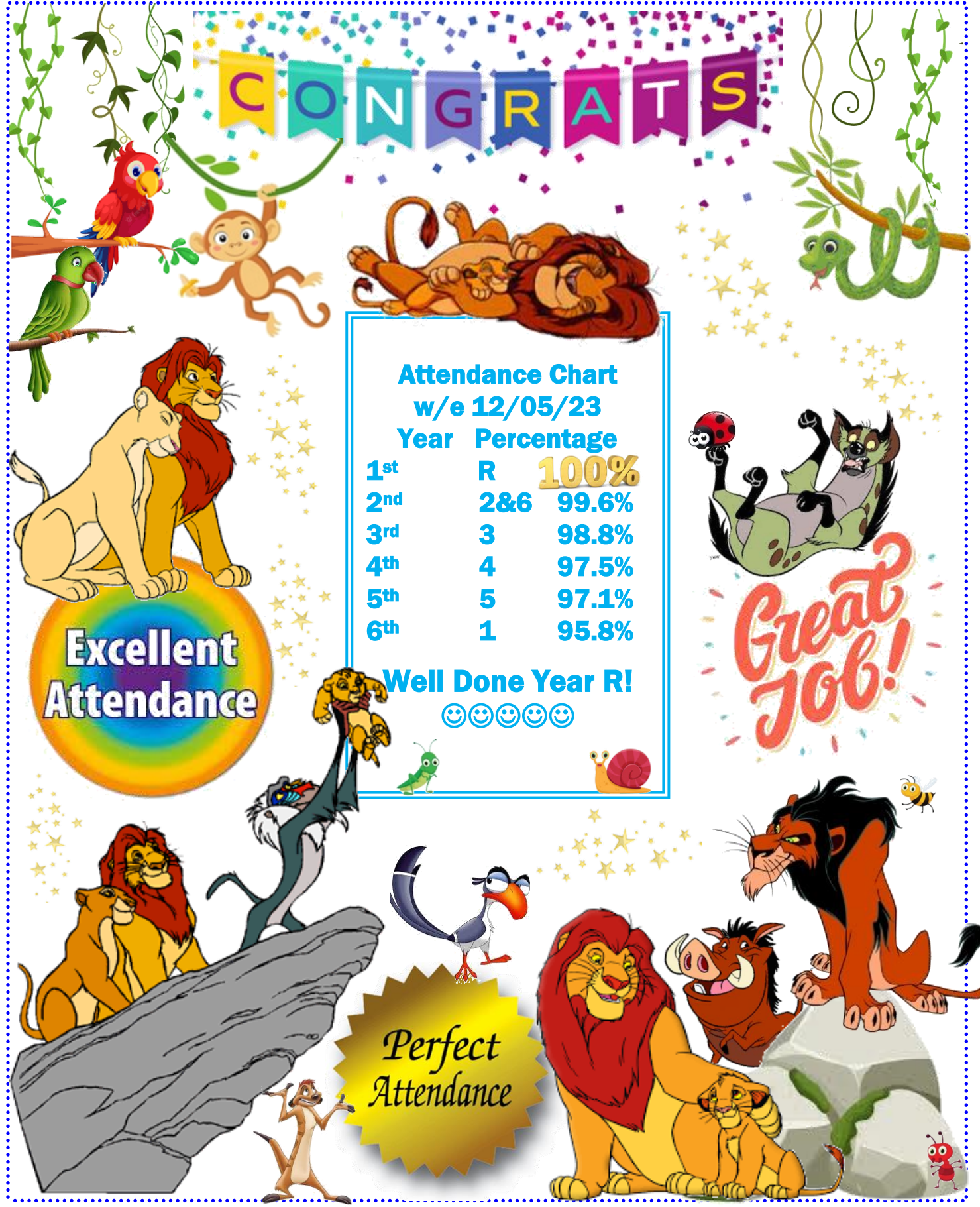


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CONGRATS



Attendance Chart w/e 12/05/23

Year	Percentage
1 st	R 100%
2 nd	2&6 99.6%
3 rd	3 98.8%
4 th	4 97.5%
5 th	5 97.1%
6 th	1 95.8%

**Excellent
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Well Done Year R!



**Great
Job!**

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Autumn Term (2022)

Monday 5 th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th September	First day of term
Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term
Monday 19 th December to Monday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2023)

Monday 2 nd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th January	First day of term
Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February	Half Term
Monday 27 th February	Children return to school
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2023)

Monday 17 th April	First day of term
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday - Coronation
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term
Monday 24 th July	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 th July	INSET Day

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Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term (2023)

Friday 1 st September	INSET Day
Monday 4 th September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th September	First day of term
Monday 30 th to Friday 3 rd November	Half Term
Monday 6 th November	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th November	Children return to school
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term
Monday 25 th December to Monday 5 th January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2024)

Monday 8 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 9 th January	First day of term
Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	Half Term
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school
Friday 22 nd March	Last day of term
Monday 25 th March to Friday 5 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2024)

Monday 8 th April	First day of term
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th June	Children return to school
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term