

# CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Issue Number 10 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though we're only in November, Christmas preparations are in full swing here at Cannon Park. I have enjoyed hearing the music from Year 1/2 play rehearsals drift into my office this week – the performance is sure to be a great one! I was delighted to hear how well our Year 6 children did at their athletics event on Tuesday. Mr Young talked about how well the children showed our school values as well as their athletic prowess. Today, the children have very much enjoyed doing a variety of activities linked to Children in Need Day while also raising money for such an important cause. Thank you for your donations for our Bring and Buy Sale – your support is always much appreciated.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Ray

### Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5	School Trip to Black Country Museum
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception	Christmas Event for parents/carers (2:30pm start)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/2 Parents	Y1/2 Christmas Play (5pm start)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3-6	Christmas Concert (Y3/4 ukulele and soloists)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	YR, 1, 2	Trip to Warwick Arts Centre to see the Gruffalo
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

### Sporting Success - Evie

I am delighted to share with you news of sporting success from one of our former pupils. Earlier this year, Evie Edwards, who left Cannon Park last year, was selected to represent England in Taekwon-do at the ITFU European Taekwon-do Championships in Madrid held earlier this month. Evie's parents have been in touch and are delighted and thrilled to inform us that Evie has achieved a Gold Medal in Sparring and a Silver Medal in Patterns. I can remember many occasions when Evie was sharing her sporting successes during our Friday Celebration Assembly and it is wonderful to hear of her continued success! We look forward to hearing about sporting achievements in the future. Well done, Evie!

### Bikes and Scooters

If you travel to school by scooter or bicycle, please remember to dismount and walk before you enter the school gate from the pavement. We would not want to cause any collisions and we have had some near misses this week. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Children in Need

What an exciting day it has been! Everyone enjoyed a non-uniform day and each class had some fun activities to enjoy. We've had films, party games, board games, sporty activities, arts and crafts and even some snacks to enjoy! Of course, this is all for a great cause to support the Children in Need charity. The School Council worked brilliantly together to run the Bring and Buy Sale. Thank you everyone for your kind donations, both of items to sell and for sending the children in with money to spend. We will let you know the grand total as soon as we have counted the money up.

Mrs Aston and Mrs Reihill



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### Book Club and Blue Peter

Monday Book Club were delighted to receive their Blue Peter Book Badges this week. The children had to write a book review, create an illustration linked to their review, and then recommend more books and authors that they've enjoyed. This is a brand new Blue Peter Badge, designed by Quentin Blake and launched in September, so we're delighted to be amongst the first to receive them. Well done and keep reading!



### Keyrings

Some children are attaching keyrings to their schoolbags. These keyrings may become damaged or go missing so we advise that these be kept at home.

### Celebrating our Learning

#### Reception

Wow! What a wonderful week of learning the children have had in Reception! This week we have been learning all about 'Amazing Autumn Animals'. On Monday we read the story *Squirrels who Squabble* and had lots of fun pretending to be squirrels. We each had pinecones and conkers to hide, just like a squirrel does before the winter. Then, we tried to find each other's! On Tuesday we found out facts about hedgehogs and learnt that they hibernate in the winter. We then used our creative skills to make our own clay hedgehog. On Wednesday we showed lots of enjoyment with our learning by creating a Bug Hotel. Mr Higgs, our site service officer, made the most incredible frame for us to fill. This will live in our outdoor area all year round, so the children can keep an eye out for any bugs moving in! We also enjoyed going on a walk around our local area to look for different shapes in our environment. On Thursday we went for a walk down to our forest and collected sticks, which we then used to make a magical nature wand. On Friday the children were super excited to take part in our party for Children in Need Day. There was lots of dancing and fun had by everyone! Well done Reception! Miss Swain, Miss Roberts, Mrs Murphy and Miss Handford



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### Year 1

Year 1 have had a fab week! In maths, we have been expanding our knowledge of part-whole models and can now write out the fact families! In English, we have been continuing our work on Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been using adjectives to describe the characters from the story and next week we will be recounting the story from Jack's perspective.

In science, we looked at where shadows come from. We made our own shadow puppets and explored them using torches and white paper. We learned that light travels in a straight line and shadows are created when an opaque object is placed in its path. This week was anti-bullying week 2023, so in PSHE we learned what bullying is, how it might feel to be bullied and what we could do to be a good friend. This week has also been the start of the Christmas play rehearsals which have been going so well. The children in Year 1 have done really well to learn their songs and we have started to add the actions! Miss Delargy and I are very excited to see what next week brings, so have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday. Miss Brett and Miss Delargy



### Year 2

This week we have been full-steam ahead with our Christmas play rehearsals. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped their child learn their lines already. Please can you continue to do this at home, with a focus on being as loud as possible but without shouting! This week has also been anti-bullying week at school in which the children have learnt about people who can help them if they're being bullied and they also made a pledge about how they can help others who might be being bullied. In our maths lessons, we have continued to learn about subtracting two 2-digit numbers. In English, the class have done some fantastic writing based around the book *The Pirate Cruncher*. In computing, the children have experimented with taking photos either portrait or landscape. As geographers, we have started a new unit of work about their local area - Coventry. The week finished with a fun afternoon in aid of Children in Need. Well done Year 2. Mr Kelley and Miss Softic

### Year 3

Our school values of enjoyment and discipline has shone throughout this week in Year 3. In our writing lessons, we have been learning how to develop our sentences and use inverted commas correctly. During the latter part of the week, we used these skills to write our own Ancient Greek myths, which included heroes on exciting quests, mythical creatures and interesting settings! As mathematicians, we have been learning how to check our answers to calculations using estimates and inverse operations.

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In our RE lesson, we discussed reasons why some people pray every day and others not at all. We considered the significance of prayer in the lives of people today and reasons why some people would choose not to pray. During our PE lesson, we had a great afternoon creating our own game for others to play. Using a range of equipment, we worked as part of a team to think of our activity and its rules. Mr Jeffries was very impressed with the different skills on display. As musicians, we enjoyed playing the ukulele to *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

Finally, the highlight for the week has certainly been Children in Need. We have had a fun afternoon of crafts, party games and hot chocolates with cookies, all in aid of raising money for such a great cause. What a lovely way to end the week! Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Hayes



### Year 4

Year 4 have once again been very busy this week, covering lots of learning! In maths, we have been continuing to learn about multiplication and division. Our focus this week has been on learning the facts associated with the 6 and 9 times tables. We learned a helpful way to use our hands to remember our 9 times tables, ask your child to show you their new, helpful trick!

In English, we have been practising our journalistic skills by writing newspaper reports about a boy who encounters a monster whilst camping. The children have had fun creating their own headlines and have even give their newspaper it's very own name. We learned about the importance of the 5 Ws in news reporting - who, where, when, what and why. The children did a great job of their newspapers and even thought about ensuring they included credible witnesses in the reports.

The children were also very excited as we finished our first class novel *Monster Hunting for Beginners* by Ian Mark. The children really enjoyed this story and it has definitely got them in the mood for our Monster topic in English. They were also very excited to see that there is a sequel, some were even considering using their pocket money to buy it! We will now be reading "How Winston Delivered Christmas" by Alex T Smith to get us in the festive spirit!

In geography, we began learning about the Spanish city, Barcelona. We will be making comparisons to Coventry and also considering the work of Anthoni Gaudi, who we have already been introduced to in our art lessons. This week, children used atlases to locate Spain and Barcelona. We referred back to their Year 3 work on the Mediterranean. They also used letter and digit grid references to give a location on a map.

Well done on another brilliant week of learning Year 4, we are so proud of you all!

Mrs Amphlett and Mrs Akthar

### Year 5

Year 5 have been busy with their learning this week. In maths, we have been revisiting what we mean by fractions and also finding equivalent unit fractions, using diagrams and our multiplication and division skills. As writers, we have been practising writing settings for a sci-fi story and exploring how action, speech and description are used to move a story on. In computing, we are learning to be creative with Vector drawings. This week, we had to create an image using a square and a circle.

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Continuing with our Victorian history topic, we have been finding out about the Industrial Revolution and the huge changes this brought to the lives of people in Britain and began modern life as we know it today. Some changes were for the good; others made living conditions and the quality of life very difficult. In science, the children have been investigating the Solar system in more depth. They went outside and created a scaled down version of the Solar System which helped them to understand the relative size of the planets and their distances from one another. The children discovered that the rocky planets are closest to the sun and smaller in size than the gas planets. What a lovely end to the week we had with Children in Need afternoon! The children enjoyed a film, some snacks and a chance to spend some money at the Bring and Buy Sale. We are all very excited for our trip to The Black Country Museum next week! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 went on a trip to the Xcel Centre where they competed in an Athletics Tournament organised by Danny Kingham - the School Games Coordinator. The children competed against three other teams in events including relay races, obstacle races, and baton relays. The children even showcased their javelin skills along with chest pushes, long jumps, and vertical jumps. During the event, the class showed fantastic teamwork and stuck together through the wins and the defeats. In the end, the children came away with a hard-earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place, a result they should all be incredibly proud of. I would also like to extend my thanks to Miss Bullock who helped prepare the children and helped to organise the event. Finally, your contributions to our Bring and Buy Sale have been greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful weekend everyone. Mr. Young and Mrs Kailey



Celebration  
of Learning



# Our Achievers for the week ending 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Our Achievers of the w/e 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



- Year 1 - Andy
- Year 2 - Ianis
- Year 3 - Ariyan
- Year 4 - Isabella
- Year 5 - Diya
- Year 6 - Macy



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## Bronze Awards for week ending 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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Congratulations!

### Attendance Chart w/e 17/11/22

Year	Percentage
1 <sup>st</sup>	3 98.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 97.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 96.9%
4 <sup>th</sup>	R 96.5%
5 <sup>th</sup>	5 95.1%
6 <sup>th</sup>	1&6 94.7%

Well Done Year 3!



Perfect  
Attendance



Well  
Done!



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### Term Dates 2023/2024

#### Autumn Term (2023)

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

#### Spring Term (2024)

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

#### Summer Term (2024)

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