



Windy Arbor Primary School



Newsletter - Spring 1 - W6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! Another half term completed and what a busy term it has been. Thank you for all your continued support this term - thank you to each and everyone of you who has come into school to support the children. We had an overwhelming amount of parents and carers into our Science workshops. Apologies to the children and parents who attend letterbox - we have rescheduled the next session for the 26th February.

This week, the children in Year 4 have been practising their cycling skills! Well done to you all for trying your best and getting on that bicycle even if you thought you couldn't do it! We are so proud of you all!

As you will know this week has been Mental Health week, every day we focus on our Mental Health and the importance of staying active, taking notice and connecting with our feelings. The children attended a nationwide assembly with lots of other schools! Please remember to be kind always, in your interactions with others.

We are a collaborative partnership and here to help and support as always. Finally, on Wednesday the children had training in 'orienteeing' and so did the staff! Staff will be planning more opportunities for active learning in their lessons to get the children to recap and consolidate previous learning.

Have a wonderful half-term and we will see you on Tuesday 24th February.

Mrs Curry



FOUNDATION WELCOMES JAMES BEADLE FOR TIME TO TALK DAY

The Birmingham City Foundation welcomed goalkeeper James Beadle to the Community Hub, where he met with pupils from our partner schools to mark Time to Talk Day.

The visit gave children the opportunity to hear first-hand about how talking openly can help overcome challenges both on and off the pitch.

James spoke honestly about moments in his own career where resilience was needed, including playing for England Under-21s in a challenging 5-3 defeat against France. He shared how handling disappointment and learning on team-mates helped him manage

stress and bounce back stronger, reinforcing the importance of perseverance and support.

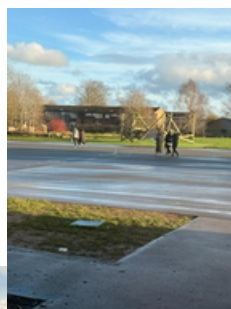
The session formed part of the Foundation's wider work with local schools through the Premier League Primary Stars programme. Through the programme, Foundation staff work closely with schools to deliver PE, lunch clubs and targeted Maths and English interventions, using the power of football to support pupils learning and personal development.

Supporting young people's wellbeing sits at the heart of the Foundation's work across the Community Hub and beyond. Creating safe, welcoming spaces where children feel listened to

is essential, and visits like this help to normalise conversations around emotions in a positive and relatable way. The day ended on a high, with pupils enjoying selfies and having merchandise signed by James, rounding off a memorable experience.

As part of being a school partner, Men's and Women's First Team players regularly visit schools, tickets to matches are distributed free of charge, and school teams receive priority access to Blues Foundation tournaments.

To find out more about the Premier League Primary Stars programme, contact lee.chapman@bfcfc.com.



As you know, last Friday we went to the Birmingham City Community Hub and completed a session around the theme 'Time to Talk'. Windy Arbor and the other two schools who attended have made it into the Blues program that the fans buy on Match Day!

Calendar Dates



23rd February	INSET DAY - school closed
24th February	children return to school
26th February	Letterbox 3 - invite only
26 th February	Year 3 TTRS Workshop - 9:15am
27th February	Author Visit

Severn Trent

Today we had a wonderful visit from Andy at Severn Trent! He firstly ran a Key Stage 2 assembly to tell us all about how to save water, how to ensure we don't waste and to tell us what to put down the plug hole and what not to put down there! He then ran workshops with Year 3 and 4 who all learnt so much more about our water.

The team also taught us how water is cleaned and made safe to drink, including filtering and treatment processes. The session was fun, interactive, and helped children understand how valuable clean water is for everyday life and the environment.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week (9-15 February) is Children's Mental Health Week. Anyone feeling low, anxious or overwhelmed can text **Space** to 85258, 24/7 to speak to a trained mental health professional.

SMART Award Winners

- Reception – Evianna
- Year 1 – Jessica and Isabella
- Year 2 – Merva and Evie
- Year 3 – Ivy and Violet
- Year 4 – Elarah and Araya
- Year 5 – Oliver and Jaxon
- Year 6 – Benjie and Aimee
- ARC – Poppy and Ethan

PE Star of the Week

- Year 1 – Lily and Alarna
- Year 2 – Emelyn and Foxgloves
- Year 3 – Miah
- Year 4 – Isaac and Alivia-Rose
- Year 5 – Ikshu and Italliah
- Year 6 – Skye and Julia

Attendance

96%
School target

100%
Attendance

Blue Caterpillars	92%	ARC	86%
Purple Butterflies	97%	Yellow Butterflies	97%
Bluebells	89%	Daffodils	91%
Snowdrops	92%	Foxgloves	92%
Beech	96%	Ash	94%
Hawthorn	97%	Ivy	92%
Maple	95%	Oak	95%
Willow	94%	Sycamore	92%

Book vending machine, this week's winners...

Ellis, Marlie-Mai and Lily-Jo

During Children's' Mental Health Week we have reminder the children of the **5 ways to wellbeing**:

- 1. Give** – give your time to help others
- 2. Stay active** – doing a bit of exercise every day
- 3. Keep learning** – find out new things, take up a new hobby
- 4. Take notice** – being a bit more mindful and noticing things in your environment
- 5. Connect** – find time to talk to friends and family and neighbours

Each day we will take a different theme and see how these 5 ways to wellbeing can really make a difference to how positive you feel about yourself and your life.

Familiarise yourself with procedures for reporting cyberbullying across different platforms.
[Reporting online safety concerns | NSPCC](#)

Retain evidence (such as screenshots or messages) in cases of online bullying.



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16th    21st

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WHAT'S ON

Mon 16th Feb - Axe Throwing
Tues 17th Feb - Archery
Wed 18th Feb - Axe Throwing
Thurs 19th Feb - Archery
Fri 20th Feb - Catapult Range
Sat 21st Feb - Archery

SCAN TO BOOK



16th–21st February

Book an activity slot or drop in anytime for free s'mores making and the chance to earn your very first Scouts badge.

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including free hot chocolate

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