



South America	Arfah	Dayyan
Asia	Numan	Soraia
Europe	Arooj	Haider
Africa	Haawa	Hamza
North America	Mariya	Nylah
Van Gogh	Minahal	Sehar
Picasso	Armaan	Haider
Monet	Jannah	Faizan
O'Keeffe	Shireen	Ayaan
Hepworth	Muskan	Ikram
Mars	Maryam	Sana
Venus	Ardam	Aaliyah
Neptune	Maryam	Hasan
Jupiter	Aafrin	Rehan
Saturn	Abu Sufyaan	Aroz
Goodall	Anisa	Ashraf
Curie	Parmveer	Zita
Newton	Aliza	Rekiya
Hawking	Sabbat	Amaan
Einstein	Mariyyah	Faris

Dear families

Welcome to this week's edition of Junior News Express.

Thank you to all the parents who came to meet with the teachers for parents' evening. It was lovely to see so many of you and great that you could celebrate your child's achievements. We had a really high turnout of completed questionnaires for our annual survey with 338 returns. The table below summarises the results. I am working my way through the comments.

Statement	Strongly agree/ agree
My child is happy at this school.	99%
My child feels safe at this school.	98%
My child makes good progress at this school.	96%
My child is well looked after at this school.	98%
My child is taught well at this school.	97%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	95%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	94%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	88%
This school is well led and managed.	97%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	95%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	93%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	92%

We have been taking part in Science week with a visit from a 'mad professor' showing the children many different science experiments - read all about it later on in the newsletter. It looked and sounded really exciting! Thank you to Mrs O Neil and Mrs Murphy for organising this for us.

We are looking forward to Sports Relief Day which we are marking on Monday 26th March with a variety of activities organised by Mr Goldthorpe, Miss Palmer and of course, the JLT. You will have received the letter about the day - we are looking forward to all the sporting activities, especially the community dodgeball!

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Adams



Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is:

Mars

96.9%



20th March - Ice cream workshops- All years

21st March - Ice cream workshops- All years

22nd March - Gurdwara visit- Picasso, Van Gogh and O'Keeffe

23rd March - Gurdwara visit- Hepworth and Monet

26th March - Sport Relief

30th March - Easter Holidays

16th April - Training Day

17th April - Children return to school

Upcoming Events:

Cool Website

Try www.funbrain.com. One visit to Fun Brain and you'll just want to bookmark it for your children. Maths, reading, online books and learning games are just some of the sites many treats. Be sure to give it a go!

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families,

What a busy half term we have had and lots more still to come. If your child has school dinners may we please remind you to top up your child's account £10 each week.

Course for parents starting this half term

- Foods from around the World - Wednesday 21st March 1:00pm—3:00pm. This is a 6 week course costing £30. Ingredients for all menus will be provided. Great opportunity to learn new ways of cooking and sampling Italian, Mexican, Chinese & other dishes from around the world
- Hairstyling -Thursday 15th March 9:15am-11:15am. This will be a 5 week course costing £20
- English for Beginners - Friday 16th March 9:15-11:15am. This will be a 10 week course costing £20.

Half Term Events at the Family Centre

- Tuesday 3rd April Movie morning
- Wednesday 4th April Cadbury World
- Thursday 5th April Arts and Crafts

Places are limited please pop into the Family Centre ASAP

Crochet and Coffee, Monday morning 9:00am — 10:00am

Pilates, Wednesday morning 9:30am — 10:30am

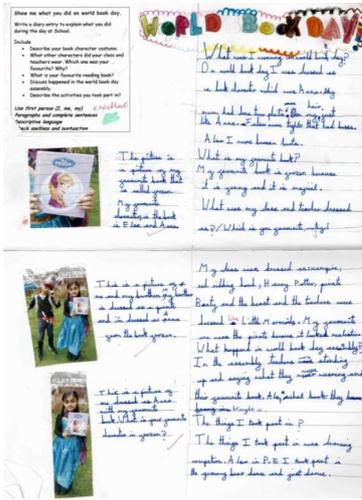
Stay and Play, Tuesday morning 9:00am—11:00am, mums, babies and toddlers welcome

Further information please call 01582 509121

Trip to Cadbury World - Fully Booked

Thank you to all our families who have booked to join us on a trip to Cadbury World Birmingham. We will be leaving at 8:00am on Wednesday 4th April from Austin Road entrance, and aim to be back around 6:00pm. We are so excited! Confirmation letter to be sent during last week of term.

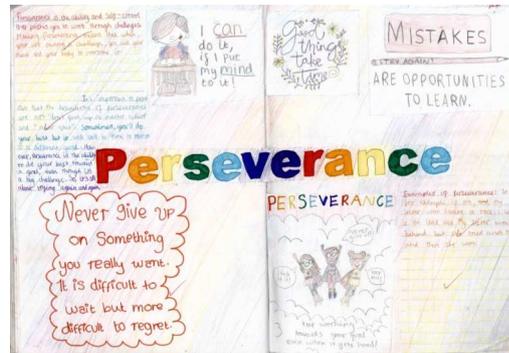




Duria (South America)



Yasir (O'Keeffe)



Alisha (Einstein)



Nadia (Neptune) made an Ocean Grabber

On Thursday 15th March, we experienced a phenomenal science workshop as part of Science week. The Professor was very funny and taught us lots of engaging and interesting things about gravity, energy and fire in entertaining ways. People received the opportunity to hold fire and we watched things explode. During our slot, Mrs Nye helped to defy gravity using a huge ball and a very noisy leaf blower! *Zulaykha (Hawking)*



Coming Soon
It will not be long now until our new Year 3 and 4 reading area will be opened.



On World Book Day, children were immersed in a variety of book based activities across the school. It was lovely to see the tremendous effort children placed into dressing up as their favourite characters.



Book Fair

Top 5 Library Loan

- 1 - 78 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
- 2 - Bad Dad - David Walliams
- 3 - Brilliant World of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon
- 4 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- 5 - Dogman: A Tale of Two Kitties by Dav Pilkey



Pizza Express

On Thursday 8th February we went to Pizza Express to make our very own delicious pizza. We got there by a coach. When we got there everybody washed their hands. A man called Simon welcomed us. He was really nice to us and the teachers too. First, he showed us how to make a pizza. Then he gave us some pizza dough. After we started to spread tomato sauce on our pizza. Did you know there are 150 tomatoes in a can? After that we put some mozzarella cheese on our pizza. *Zoya (Van Gogh)*

Year 3

Year three have had an exciting few weeks namely: snow day; World Book Day & of course most recently Science Day. World Book Day was a tremendous opportunity for the adults and children to dress up & share their favourite books. Over the last two days we have been immersed in science with a focus on exploring. We have enjoyed a visit 'Professor' who has who has taught & entertained the children with experiments related to the fire triangle. In our classes we have undertaken five different experiments using the theme of exploration. Children have visited different classes to be taught by all the teachers in the year group. Please talk to your children about what they have been doing. Thank you for supporting your children & sharing their work at parents evening. Topics coming up next are: maths are fractions (<http://www.fractionmonkeys.co.uk/> activity/) and English is persuasive leaflets (please collect leaflets when you take any outings). *Kind regards Year 3 Team*

Year 4

In Year 4, we have had a particularly exciting time with World Book Day, a Samba music workshop, as well as commencing our next English topic with a WOW event. Our writing genre is discussion and argument and the Year 4 area displayed our school uniform mannequins where the children were posed the question, 'should school uniform be banned?' Lively and interesting debates followed by voting on the issue. Please continue to support your child with their daily reading and weekly homework. *Mrs Chowdhury and the Year 4 team.*

Year 5

Year 5 have been working extremely hard this half term and have started off our new English unit with a fantastic Victorian school day. They particularly enjoyed learning with 'Victorian' teachers but all said they prefer school as it is now! It is science week and the children have been carrying out some weird and wonderful activities; we have been making ocean grabbers, grasshoppers and even pool! Please do ask the children about it. *Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 team*

Year 6

Year 6 are now working at full speed in preparation for their SATs the children have been extremely busy. Next week will be a mock SATs week so it is very important that the children come to school every day. We have had some fun, for example, when the science professor came to visit which was enjoyed by all and when studying the ancient Egyptians which the children are finding extremely interesting. Thank you for your continued support and coming to visit your child's class teacher this week during parents' evenings. *Mrs Nye and the Year 6 team.*