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This Half Term's Value: Integrity

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! What a wonderful week it has been! I was lucky enough to accompany the 'Young Voices' choir to the Birmingham NEC arena, along with staff, pupils and Parents, on Tuesday for what can only be described as being one of **THE BEST** concerts I have **EVER** been to!

Over 5, 0000 children from across the country attended and whilst we had never met before this event by the end of rehearsals, we all felt and sang as one huge choir family. I think both Miss McLaughlin and Miss Archer, who accompanied the choir (enormous thanks to them both), parents and pupils will agree with me when I say it was an overwhelmingly special night and one that I certainly will never forget; as Miss Archer says 'roll on next year' where we hope we will take an even bigger choir!

You will also find attached, information from the Local Authority in terms of offers of support, workshops and other exciting events.

It has been wonderful to note that our attendance figures have (aside from Class 2 last week), for the last two weeks, been above the National Average and more importantly it has been wonderful to see the National Average creeping up indicating more children are back enjoying their schooling! Keep up the super work!

Finally, Good Luck to the 'Moreton Say' runners who will be taking part in the Market Drayton 10k this weekend! We are very proud of you all!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs S. Henney



Attendance



This week's winners are Class 3 – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
1	97.92%	98.33%
2	95.83%	92.59%
3	98.30%	99.55%
4	97.79%	97.65%
Whole School	97.28%	96.54%
National Average this week	95%	94.7%

This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Nursery – Amber Llewellyn for taking good care of our nursery environment.

Class 1 – Ezekiel Law - For writing numbers to 15 independently and in order during provision time. Ezekiel has also been practicing his phonics letter formations at home and has been bringing his writing in daily to show friends. Well done, Ezekiel.

Class 2 – Oscar Smith - for making great progress in reading!

Class 3 – Harrison Trevor for trying really hard all week and having a positive attitude towards his work

Class 4 – Lily-Ann for a super attitude when working on a challenge! Really well done!

Class News

Nursery

This week in nursery we have been exploring our new dinosaur role-play area with small-world dinosaurs, mark-making dinosaur checklists and dressing up in safari clothes.

We are continuing to explore our Gigantosaurus story during literacy sessions and have had lots of fun with our dinosaur related topics.





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The story Gigantosaurus contains lots of 'hide and seek' adventures and we have had fun playing it in nursery too!

We also played number hide and seek in the garden using numerals 1 and 2.

During our maths sessions this week we have also been exploring size, shape and patterns.

We used a wide variety of mark-making tools to explore creating patterns with paint.

At forest school this week we played dinosaur hide and seek which links to our current topic 'dinosaurs'.

We have made more progress in our nursery herb garden and the children have been exploring using all of their senses.



Best wishes Mrs Butler, Mrs Arblaster

Class 1

This week the children have been finishing off reading The Barefoot Earth Poem 'Behold' by Mary Kawena Pukui. The children have been outside on a listening walk this week engaging with nature and looking above and below in the Forest School Area. Once we did this, the children came back into class to write their own poem verses based on nature in the school grounds. The children wrote some lovely verses and even used adjectives to enhance their sentences and poems.

In maths this week, the children have been exploring 'odd and even' numbers. We have been making patterns and using Numicon to represent odd and even numbers.

In science we have been investigating Dinosaurs and categorising them by their properties such as are they carnivore or herbivore? Big or small? Do they have long necks etc. The children enjoyed watching a video all about The Dinosaurs and we had a big class discussion about them. The children have continued to explore The Dinosaur tuff tray set out for them to explore these properties more deeply.

This week the EYFS staff have finished The Dinosaur Park role play area and it looks fantastic. The children have been engaged playing, narrating, writing, and exploring everything about Dinosaurs and today we made dinosaur eggs as part of our new Gigantosaurus Pathways book.

Well Done, Reception.





Miss Clarke and Mrs Dykes.

Class 2

Another busy week in our classroom as we continue to watch our sunflowers and cress grow. We are keeping a weekly diary to study the changes of our sunflower seeds over time. Our bulb experiment continues, where we have placed some bulbs in the light and some are hidden away in a dark cupboard. We have made predictions about which ones will grow.

In Maths, we are moving onto time, we will explore before, after and during as well as telling the time to the five-minute. We will also be able to work out the duration of activities by looking at the start and finish times on an analogue clock. Check out this term's maths homework, for ideas on how you can help at home.

Miss S. Jones & Mrs Burns

Class 3

Class 3 have had a very busy week this week. We have begun to look at our new English focus book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. This is a wordless adventure book and the children have had fun making predictions about what this adventure journey might entail! This English unit will be taught by our student teacher Mr Tipton.

Mr Tipton has also taken on Science teaching in Class 3 and has challenged the children this week to think about what plants need to grow well and the children have set up an investigation to find out!

The children have also really enjoyed our first swimming session of the year last Friday and are eager to get back in the water this week!

Class 4

We have welcomed Mrs Finch into Class Four this week. Mrs Finch is completing her final teacher training placement before qualifying in the summer. The children have all really enjoyed working with her this week and getting to know her. We know she has lots of fun lessons planned in the coming weeks!

Mrs V Baillie



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In other news

Eco-council

Our giraffe arrived this week and is standing proudly in our entrance foyer, make sure you come and say hello. Don't forget to ask friends and family to get involved. We have until the 13th May to fill him with any recyclable plastic bottle lids, do you think we can do it?



In other news, have you seen this great site, which is also available to download as an app for android and apple. It is a new educational app for 3-7year olds. Earth Cubs is full of games, activities and songs to explore our environment and learn about how our actions impact the wider world. It is also full of great ideas on how you can get involved and help. Check it out here www.earthcubs.com

Design and Technology Club

We really enjoyed our first session last week where we had to design the perfect sandwich for a picnic. We also used 2D templates to make the packaging for our sandwich. Next week we will make our sandwiches, talking about the process and writing instructions. We will also need to think about the information that we need to include on the packaging.

In the coming weeks we will be making cushions, board games and ice lollies! We are fully subscribed for club at the moment but we do have a waiting list for any others interested in joining us in the future.

Queen's Jubilee and Moreton Say School's 150th Birthday Party - Save the Date

On the 6th of June Fun and Games council, along with Miss Jones and Miss Clarke, are planning a day of celebration and we would like to involve as many friends, family, pupils new and old and members of the community as possible. Keep the date free and look out for more information in the coming weeks.



Gardening Club

This week the children were busy planting sunflowers, courgettes and peas. The children even helped weed the front EYFS garden. They did a fantastic job! Next week we are going to add top soil to this patch and our newly planted flowers, herbs and veg. This will then create a lovely miniature garden in the front EYFS garden. Great job Gardening Club. Please can I kindly ask if any parents have pallets, pots, old wellies, cable reels etc these would be amazing to make lots of new creations in our Forest school and EYFS areas.



Many thanks, Miss Clarke



Young voices

The choir from Adderley and Moreton Say had an absolutely wonderful experience attending the 25th Anniversary of Young Voices. The choir groups attended the NEC Arena in Birmingham to collaborate with choirs from across the country. There were over 5000 children within the young voices choir and the children performed classics such as a Beatles medley, a Pop medley and Disney Classics. We were also treated to a beat box demonstration and the parents in the audience were challenged to take part in a showdown against the choir. We are all extremely proud of how well the choirs represented our federation and they really did sing their hearts out. We have already begun discussing plans to attend again next year!



Swimming

The whole school was extremely excited to get back in the pool this week, as we started our season of swimming lessons. This week the children were assessed in the pool and then grouped accordingly. All children are looking forward to getting started with their lessons next week. Please also read additional email regarding swimming.

MFL teacher

We are pleased to welcome Sarah Belfield to Moreton Say School, who will now deliver Modern Foreign language across all classes weekly. Sarah is an experienced MFL teacher and all classes enjoyed getting to know her this week, exploring colours in French.

Bienvenue Madame Belfield!

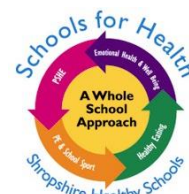


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Secondary School Transport from September

Any parents/carers of year 6 pupils, who wish to apply for free school transport for their child/children from September 2022, should do so before **31st May 2022**. Applications can be made online at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/> or over the phone with the Council's Customer Service Team by calling 0345 6789008. Alternatively, should you require a paper copy of the application form, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Passenger Transport directly via email, schooltransport@shropshire.gov.uk or over the phone on the above telephone number. It is important to explain that, if the application is not received by **31st May 2022**, the Authority may be unable to provide transport for the beginning of the autumn term 2022 and parents/carers will need to make their own transport arrangements. Access to school transport is not permitted until entitlement has been confirmed.

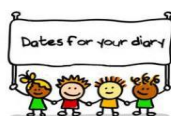




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Moreton Say Diary Dates 2021 – 2022



MAY

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th April – Break the Rules Day

Friday 6th May – Classes 3 & 4 Swimming

Monday 9th to Thursday 12th Key Stage Assessments

Friday 13th May – Classes 3 & 4 Swimming

Thursday 19th May – Years 3/4 Tennis Competition

Friday 20th May – Classes 3 & 4 Swimming

Friday 27th May – Classes 3 & 4 Swimming

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half Term Break

JUNE

Monday 6th June – Return to School

Monday 6th June – Jubilee Street Party (Details to follow)

Tuesday 7th June – Year 5 Taster Day at Thomas Adams

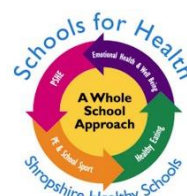
Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th June – Class 4 visit to Arthog

Monday 13th June – Tempest Photography in School

Thursday 16th June – Nursery Sports Day at 2.00pm

Wednesday 29th June EYFS Move up Afternoon

Thursday 30th June – Cluster Sports Day 9.30am




and finally

National Story Telling Month


The month of May is National Share-A-Story Month, which is an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing. This year's theme is 'Belonging' and explores the theme that everyone deserves to feel as though they belong and are loved for who they are!

Visit <https://fcbg.org.uk/nssm/> for lots of activities and competitions that you can join in with at home to help celebrate a love of reading.

Below are details of a competition run by the organisers:



#NSSM2022



BELONGING

I Belong Competition

Using a format of your choice, can you creatively share all the ways in which you belong?

In a family?
With a group of friends?
In a club or team?
Within your religion or culture?
Other ways?

Rules for Entry:

We will not be judging you on the ways in which you belong!

We will be looking at your creativity with your work.

There are 3 age categories (5-7, 8-10, 11+) so please state your age clearly on your entry.

Entries can be submitted in two ways
1 . electronically to ssm@fcbg.org.uk
Or
2. via post to NSSM, 54 Alexandra Road, Ipswich, IP4 2RN.

Entries must be received by 1 June 2022

Entries will be shortlisted by FCBG judges and winners will be announced by the end of June.

Prizes will be sent to individual winners.

Online Safety

This is the first of our online safety guides. We plan to send you regular online safety updates over the coming months. This edition focuses on the issue of 'Loneliness' and how sometimes loneliness can cause us to turn to our online devices more frequently.

Check out the suggestions below for how to beat loneliness in today's guide :

No National Online Safety, you believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of every feature which we believe trusted adults would be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonline-safety.com for further guidance, tips and sign for advice.

LONELINESS ONLINE:

What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely?
 In a recent study, 14% of 10-12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

- Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
- Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
- Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
- People being unkind to me online
- When friends leave my group chat

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- ✓ Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- ✓ Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- ✓ Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- ✓ Play single-player games you enjoy
- ✓ Listen to happy music
- ✓ Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- ✓ Send nice messages to your friends and family
- ✓ Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too

TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- ✓ Paint or draw pictures
- ✓ Play with a pet
- ✓ Write about your feelings
- ✓ Hang out with your family
- ✓ Get outdoors & enjoy nature

FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

0800 1111

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