



NOVEMBER Newsletter

"As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas, and colours enough to paint the beautiful things I see." – Vincent Van Gogh

WELCOME!

Dear Families,

From the start in September it seemed like it was a long half term, but one full of amazing learning opportunities and enrichment activities. It has been a pleasure to observe the children grow in confidence as they settle into their new classes and roles, especially our Y3s who are new to the school.

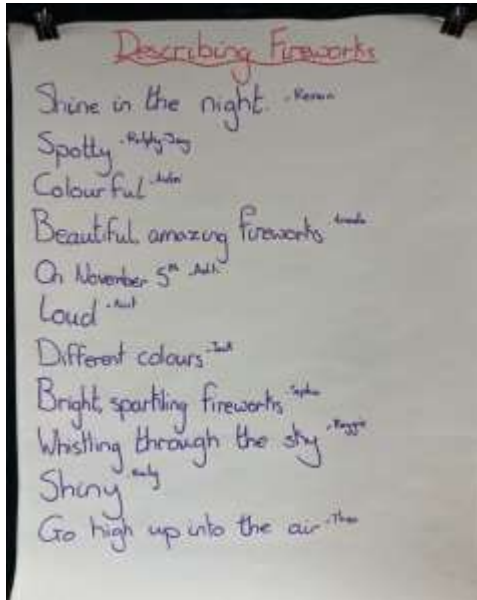
This first half term has brought many opportunities for pupils to take on leadership roles throughout the school such as Head and Deputy students, and House Captains. These children have demonstrated our value of 'Teamwork' terrifically and we look forward to seeing their ideas come into fruition as the year progresses.

Congratulations to our new Head and Deputy students – Evelyn, Haris, Dexter and Elizabeth, these children are supported by our new House Captains – Harman, Rihanna, Jan, Riley Grace and Aimee.

One of the most important opportunities for 'teamwork' comes in working with carers/ parents as partners in their pupils' education. We wish to express our thanks to all who attended the carers/ parents' evenings, these meetings provided a great opportunity for sharing and working together in the best interests of the children. Thank you to those who took the time to complete our survey, results appear at the end of this newsletter.

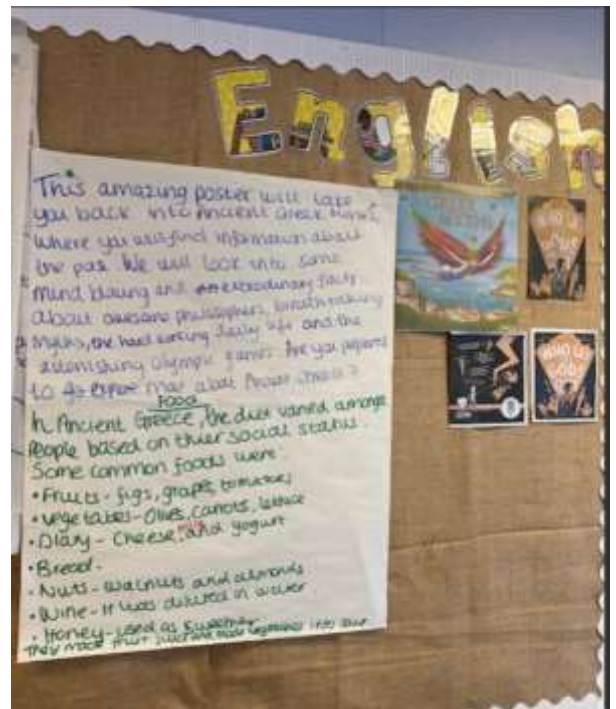
Class A's Firework Poem

Miss Bath's class has been working on performing poetry – I'm sure they all enjoyed saying their lines!



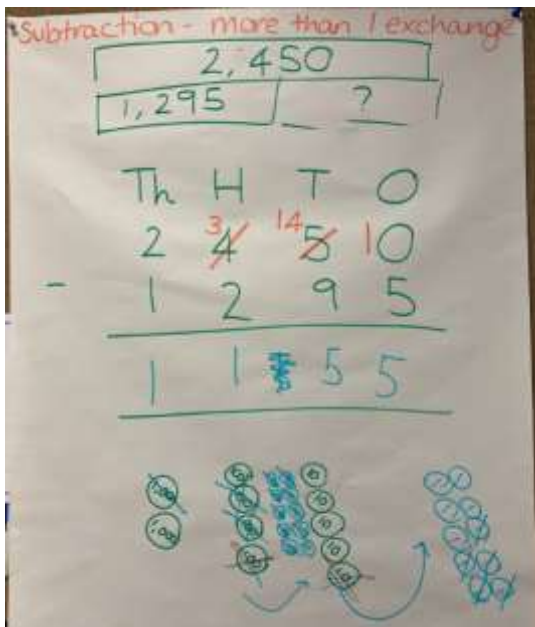
Busy in Year Five!

Life is just as busy in Year 5, they've been working with Year 6 on the Ancient Greeks

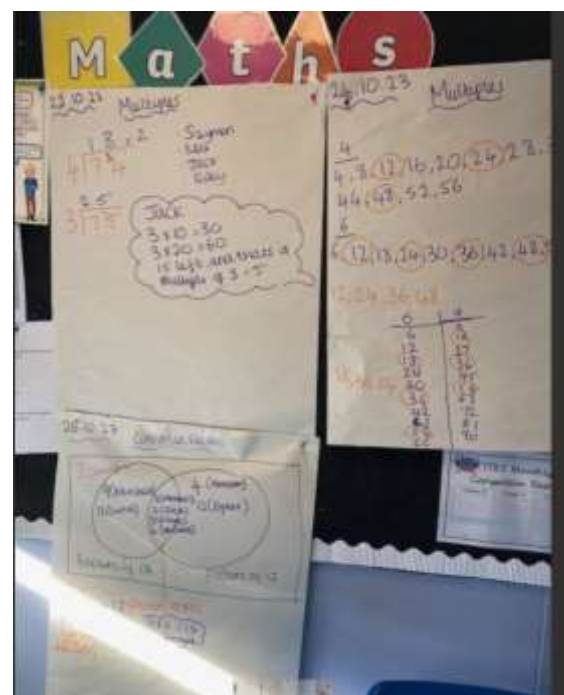


Class B Maths

Miss Wilkins' students have been perfecting their subtracting skills.



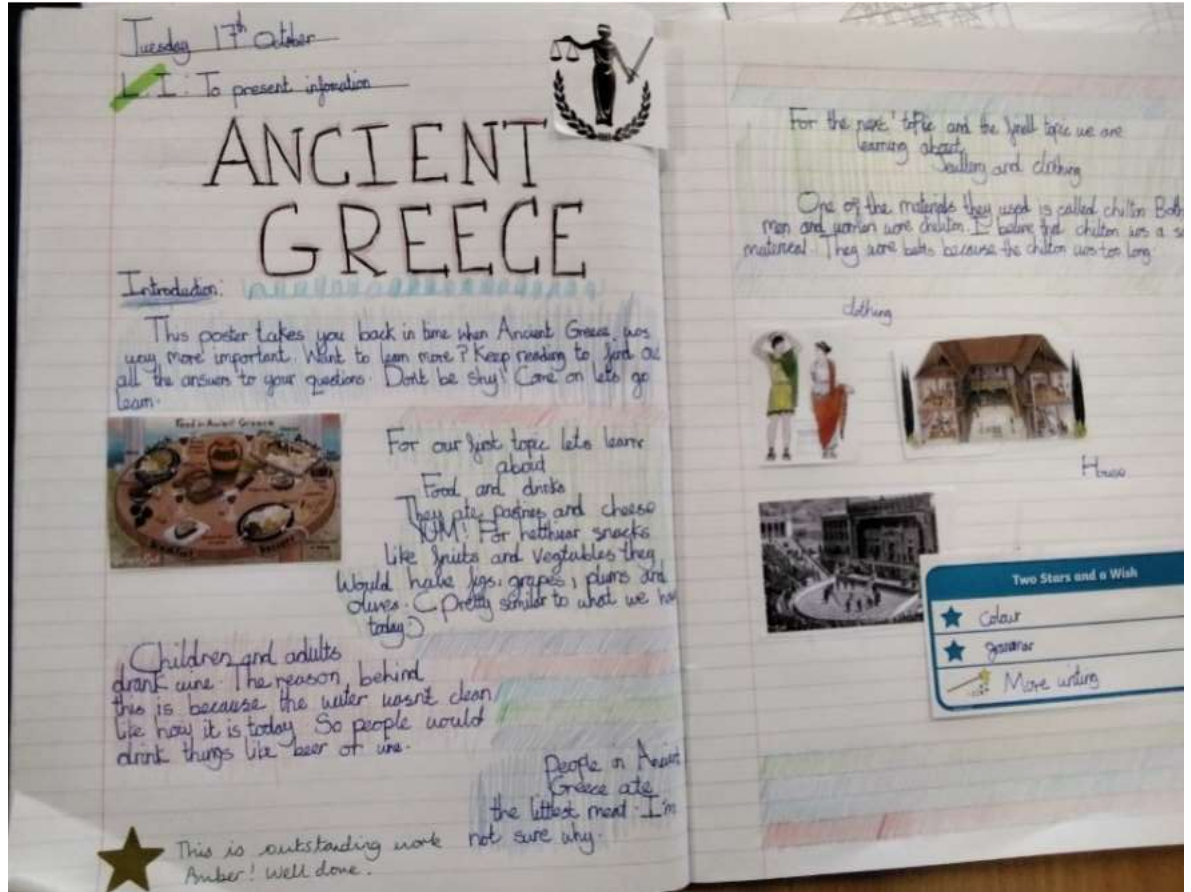
In their maths they have also been learning about using multiples to solve problems, as well as improving their calculation skills, shape identification ... the list is never ending for Maths!



If you would like to do a bit of homework yourself on the ways to support your child's maths skills have a look here [link](#)

Ancient Greece - Alive and Well in Year 6

Year 6 have produced stunning double page spreads to showcase their knowledge about life in Ancient Greece.



Attendance

The school attendance for year is currently 95.4%. Thank you again to all carers/ parents for supporting your child's education by getting them into school.

There will be meetings this term with those families who sometimes struggle getting their child in or on time. Please do attend these meetings as they are supportive, the aim is for you to share any issues so we can help you and your child.

We are still aware that picking up time can be a challenge, with Exhall Cedars Infant, Nursery and Pre-school changing their opening/ closing times. Be rest assured that your children will remain with us until you can pick them up.

2024 Secondary School Place

The deadline for 2024 Secondary School places was **31 October 2023**.

Please contact the Admissions Team now if you haven't applied for a place for your child. [link](#)



Parking/ Driving Carefully

A reminder that carers/parents should not be parking in front of the gates where there are yellow markings on the corner. Try also not to block our neighbour's

driveways or obstruct pavements. This is to keep everyone safe as they enter and leave the school premises.



We have also received some concerning comments from parents and neighbours about the speed cars are travelling up and down Hayes Lane during drop off and pick up times.

Whilst we do not yet have a 20mph speed limit on the roads around the school, the Highway Code states - *You must not drive faster than the speed limit for the type of road. The speed limit is the absolute maximum - it does not mean it's safe to drive at this speed in all conditions.*

We would suggest that driving along Hayes Lane when it is full of parents and children is a condition that requires a reduced speed limit from all drivers, as a slower speed reduces the impact a collision can have -

Be aware that:

- at 20 mph a child hit by a vehicle has a 90 per cent chance of survival
- at 30 mph a child hit by a vehicle has a 50 per cent chance of survival

Please slow down - and allow for other people's mistakes.

Writing Club

Our 500 word writing club has been working hard at lunchtimes, we've had 40 budding authors busily typing their stories! It was wonderful to see their unique ideas. There are stories about cricket, mystical shops, haunted houses, Greek adventures and friendship. They meet every Thursday to keep adding to the stories then enter them into the competition that closes soon.



Dates for your Diary

November 2023	
7 th Nov 2023	Y5/6 Trip
8 th Nov 2023	Photographs
9 th Nov 2023	PTA School Disco
13 th – 17 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
17 th Nov 2023	Children In Need
December 2023	
15 th Dec 2023	Parent 'Art Walk'
20 th Dec 2023	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
22 nd Dec 2023 (last day of term)	Christmas Carols, PTA Fair Carol Service @ St Giles Church
25 th Dec – 8 th Jan	Christmas Holiday + Inset
9 th Jan	School Opens

Relief Cleaner

Contract Type: Casual

Pay Scale: Grade A: £10.60 per hour

Hours of Work: 3.30 – 6.00 pm

We are pleased to confirm that we have an opening for a Relief Cleaner in the Premises Team at Exhall Junior School. The role would be on a casual basis to cover team members if they are absent from work due to sickness or training.

If you are interested please contact the school office via email on: admin2571@welearn365.com or call on tel: 02476 313375. If you know of anyone who may be suitable and interested in this opportunity please pass on these details.

Governors

Our governors are looking for more business leaders/ members of the community/ parents to join the governing body. They are all volunteers, so not all of them are seen at school drop-offs and pick-ups please contact the office if you would like more information.



Please let us know if have queries, issues or questions.

If we've got something wrong, please let us know, it's important for us to help and support. Just call into the office of call

tel 02476313375 or
admin2571@welearn365.com



During the last Parents' Evenings, we asked parents and carers to complete a questionnaire giving their feedback on our school.

Carer/ Parent Consultation Survey Results			
Whole School 63% return	Strongly agree/ Agree	Neutral	Disagree/ Strongly disagree
On the first day back my child was happy as they knew where to go and what to do	95%	4%	1%
My child enjoyed their time in school	91%	7%	2%
My child receives the right amount of homework	66%	20%	14%
My child knows and understands the three values of Exhall Junior School	88%	9%	3%
My child feels safe and supported at school	92%	3%	5%

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The school has clear routines and expectations for the behaviour of all pupils	94%	4%	2%
I feel comfortable approaching school with questions	93%	4%	3%
The school values everyone equally and teaches that difference is a positive, not a negative	95%	3%	2%
My child knows who to approach if they have a worry	89%	5%	6%

We really value the thoughts and opinions of parents and carers, and will now work on those areas that you've told us need some development, especially around homework.

Thank you for taking the time to complete and share your thoughts on how you view the school.

Exhall Cedars Infant School



Exhall Cedars is a small, nurturing Infant School, in the heart of the Exhall community, serving Exhall, Bedworth, Hawkesbury Village, Brindley Edge and the Warwickshire/Coventry border.

Cedars provides an **excellent educational experience** for children aged 2-7 years.

Ofsted March 2020:

"Nurturing relationships exist between adults and children in the setting. Children get off to a good start." "Leaders have created a warm and welcoming environment for pupils and staff. Pupils like school and they feel safe."



Pre-school & Nursery

We provide sessional term time provision for 2-4yrs. We support 2Help and 3yr old NEF, including 30 hr provision for working parents.

Nursery 3-4yrs: am/pm or all day sessions

Pre-School 2-3yrs: Flexible to your needs.

Wraparound for 2-4yr olds is available, through school, at an additional cost

We accept Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers



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We provide free information to support families with children and young people aged 0 - 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- Childcare
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Help with family finances
- One to one support
- Parenting support
- Support with bullying

All our information is available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis



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Wed 29th
NOVEMBER
7.30pm-8.30pm



Speaker

KAT HOWARD

Head of Education & Wellbeing (UK)
Smoothwall



Register for the Zoom link and parent flyer here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vNF5rqn3xi>

Kat has been working with schools for over 18 years to develop their understanding of online safety. She is passionate about the importance of online safety in schools and the wider community.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafety.org.uk/>

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