



Newsletter

July

*"July: Just take me to the ocean."*



DEAR FAMILIES,

Well....it's the last day of the school year, and what a year it has been!

The previous two years were unprecedented and none of us could have ever predicted what happened. This makes the first full year back even more special as it finally signaled a return to 'normal' school life. My thanks again for your patience, support, flexibility and understanding through it all.

We end the year on a real positive as we begin to see EJS returning to normality – all year groups have had the opportunity to go on an exciting trip; we've had Sports Days; we've had Y6 do their £5 Challenge; the children have met their new class teacher/school for next year and finally, after three years of trying, Miss Spencer has

experienced what SATs is like for a Year 6 teacher!

Our catch-up programme to help children get 'back on track' has also seen a vast range of interventions offered across the year groups and an essential part of this has been the additional learning time offered to you children. It has been very successful.

It is fair to say that our hard work to support your children started on the very first day of the original school closures and we remain very proud of how we offered such a high level of interaction and support to every child.

We feel that this meant that the children have maintained their positive approach to learning and were able to 'hit the ground running'.

Today, however, we say goodbye to our Y6 children as they have had their very last day in Y6. It was an absolute joy to share in their 'Leavers' Assembly' and to celebrate their journey, their achievements and their progress. We wish these children so much luck, success and happiness as they move on to start a new chapter in their life and begin new adventures. Y6 – always remember to BE you, to BE the best you can be, to grab hold of every opportunity.

We have some staff goodbyes as well. Miss Shepherd has gained a teaching post in Thailand. Mrs. Bhave, is off to St John's in Kenilworth, we thank them for the dedication to their classes. We thank Mrs Kaung for her support in the office, and it's a sad farewell to Mrs Glynn who is off to train and then support others in the Mental Health sector – we thank her not only for her expertise in supporting children's learning, but for her time as Staff Governor. We thank them all of their hard work and dedication towards the children and families at Exhall Junior School, and we wish them well as they move on to their new posts.

Thanks goes to you, our wonderful carers/parents. Your support, understanding, patience and positivity is always so much appreciated, but it has really shone through in these recent years when times have been tricky for everyone. We really do appreciate and value this.

Thank you to all of our amazing children. The effort, energy, resilience and hard work

they have shown this year, has been admirable. Despite having gaps in their learning due to the disruptions, they have not complained and just got on with it. We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

The staff team at EJS have given their absolute all this past year. I am so proud and privileged to have such a hardworking, dedicated, supportive and committed staff team. They are the best.

That just leaves me to wish you all a wonderful, safe and enjoyable summer break. Enjoy your family time and enjoy some warm sunny days.

We all look forward to welcoming you and the children back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.




### **YEAR 6 Leavers' T-Shirts**

A huge THANK YOU to the Friends of EJS for using their hard earned funds to purchase the Y6 T- Shirts and party pizzas. They loved them both!



## YEAR 6 Trip to Twycross

We had a brilliant day out at Twycross Zoo. Year 6 enjoyed a day out seeing lots of different animals, picnicking and playing on the park. Again, the weather was good it wasn't  and the children behaved brilliantly, as always.



Some Y6 were almost locked in, but Miss Wilkins persuaded the keepers to let them out!! 😊



**OUR  
SCHOOL  
NEEDS  
YOU!**

Governors work with the senior leaders in the school to help to shape strategic direction and hold the school's leaders and finances to account.

We currently have an opportunity for people to join our team - are you interested in directly contributing towards the development of your child's, and community's, education, please contact us!

### Survey

Please complete our end of year survey it lets us know what we're doing well, and where we need to focus our efforts next year

<https://forms.gle/Y7XrCQH7rydYE75S9>



## Sports' Day

This month we had our Sports' Day – the first one in two years. It was great to see carers/parents attend, and a big thank you to Mr Burch for organising a brilliant afternoon. We hope you enjoyed the events as much as the children and staff did!



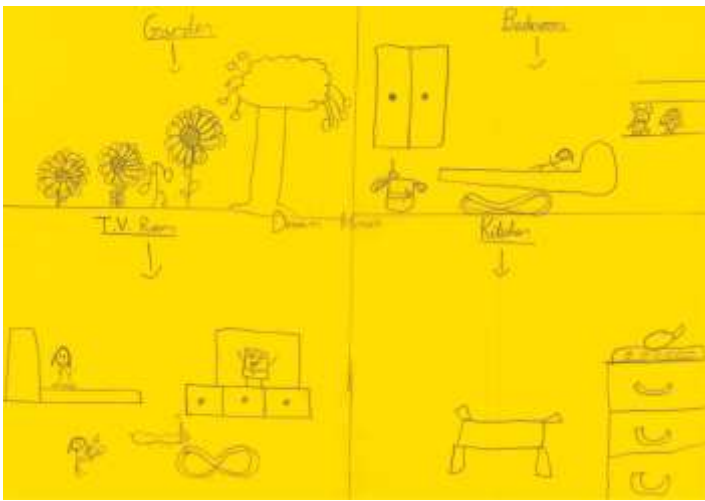
## Vistry Partnership Support

Vistry Partnership are the builders who are developing homes on the Hawkesbury 'canal village' scheme and have been in school this week. They announced the winners of their Art Competition; the

students will have their art work on billboards around the site.



**Aradhya**



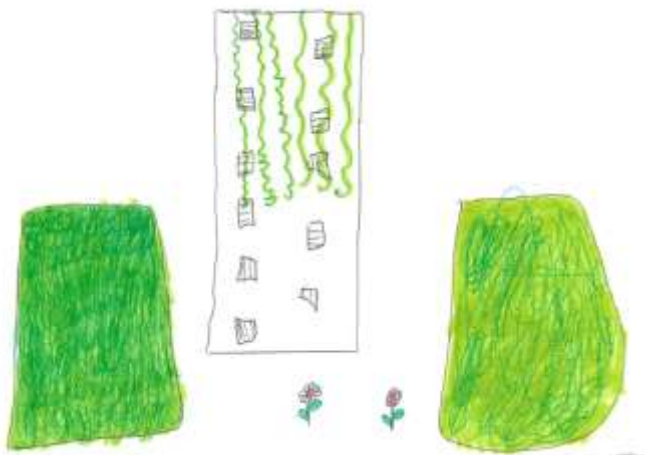
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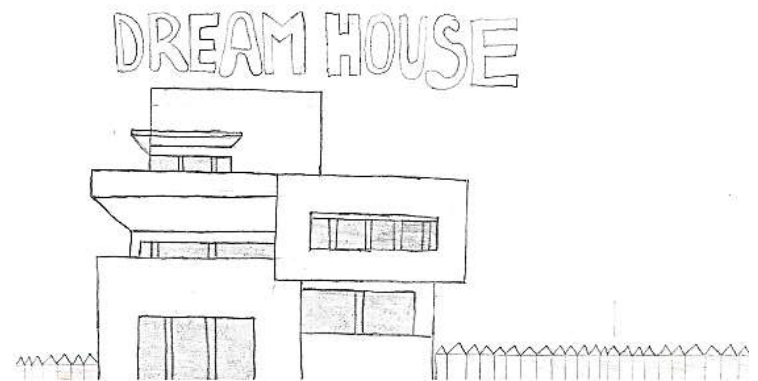
**Leyla-Mae**



**Leyla**



**Grace**



**Meera**

Vistry were also in school to talk to students about the dangers around building sites in an informative assembly that did require students and staff dressing up in protective equipment - the students won!





## Y4/5 Town Planners

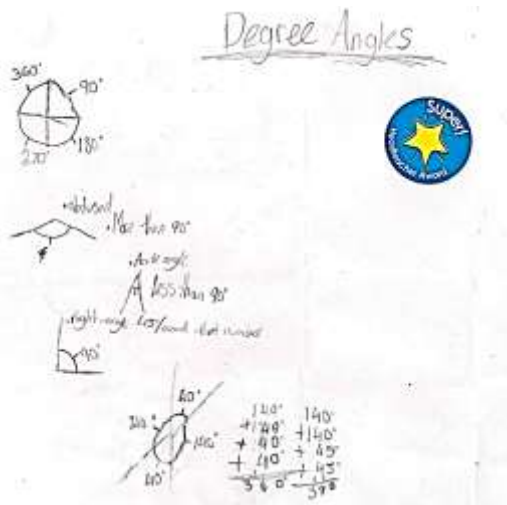
Carrying on the building theme - as part of their topic, Y4/5 have been researching, planning and making 3D models of their Eco Towns, complete with banks of solar panels. The future looks bright and in safe hands!



## Nothing Stops the Learning



Whilst the country was coping with the weather, Year 5 were getting on with their learning – calculating angles in a fun way! Olivia then went home and did a bit more work. Well done, Olivia, you've caught the learning bug!



## Things to Do

As the school year draws to a close, we ask that you ensure that your Pay360 accounts are up to date and not in arrears. Debts will be carried forward to the next academic year. Your Pay360 can be set up to alert you to ensure that a debt doesn't occur. Unpaid meal debts will be followed up and if your account is in arrears of more than £6.90 we may ask that your child brings a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

## Summer Reading



Welcome to Exhall Junior School's Virtual Classroom Library! Click on the link below and then on the book cover to read or listen to some of the stories!

[Virtual Library](#)

**COVENTRY ROCKS**

**THINGS TO DO IN COVENTRY**

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

[www.coventryrocks.co.uk](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk)

**FIND YOUR FUN AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON!**

**HUNDREDS OF IDEAS FOR FAMILIES**

Coventry Rocks is a website made especially for families to find things to do in the local area. Local events, places to visit, day trip ideas, children's classes, kids parties, holiday clubs, and outdoor spaces - it's a one stop shop for things to do in the local area!

Visit the website and see for yourself!

<https://www.facebook.com/coventryrocks>

Best Things To Do & Days Out In Warwickshire

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/west-midlands/warwickshire>

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/west-midlands/warwickshire/nuneaton>



<https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/places-to-go/bedworth/>





## School Calendar

<https://exhalljunior.org.uk/calendar>

### Leave of absence – legal notice

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

***You must submit your request on a form available from the office.***

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totaling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996. Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.



# Attendance matters

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

### Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.

