

Westminster Primary News

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8th March 2024

Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 05-02-2024 to 09-02-2024 Target 97%
RA	92.1%
RB	91.8%
1A	94.4%
1H	97.0%
2K	92.9%
2Y	94.9%
3A	94.9%
3K	95.8%
4F	95.9%
4S	93.8%
5A	94.2%
5B	94.3%
6D	95.9%
6P	98.0%
Overall School	94.7%

Our attendance target is
97%

Please can we remind parents that any leave requests during term-time will be denied. Time taken during school term time may result in fines administered by the Council and may result in court action.

Ramadhan

Ramadhan Mubarak to all of our families who will be observing the Muslim holy month of fasting. Whilst we understand many children would like to partake in the fast, it will be over 13 hours in length and it is a long day for our younger children. **Only children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be allowed to fast on school days**, if they have parental permission. If you wish for your younger children to fast, then we advise you to allow them to fast at the weekend or during the holidays when you can keep an eye on them directly.

We have sent permission letters to parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6. Please complete these and return to school as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Mother's Day

We would like to wish all mothers and other special people, a lovely 'Mother's Day' this Sunday. We hope you get spoilt and maybe a day off from chores!

We hope you enjoy the daffodils that you receive from your children today!



World Book Day 2024

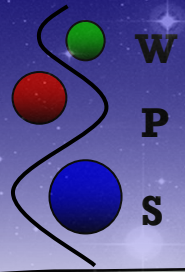
Today we celebrated 'World Book Day' and we were so impressed by some of the costumes we saw! The children (and parents) put a fantastic effort into their costumes; it was great to see the variety of outfits on show! The children also had a great time participating in a fun book-related quiz today, to test their knowledge on the world of books! Superb effort from all, well done!

Reception also had a great time making sandwiches today, as part of their topic of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They did an amazing job of making yummy sandwiches for the giant!



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Stratford

Yesterday, Year 5 went on their trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. The children had a fantastic time learning about the life of Shakespeare. The children performed a play, acted as guides and had a tour of Shakespeare's house!



Ballet

Earlier this week, members of the Birmingham Royal Ballet came into school and carried out a workshop with our Year 3 children as part of the 'Still Life at the Penguin Café' performance. Our children practiced a number of ballet movements and then performed a routine that they had learnt from one of the instructors. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Red Nose Day

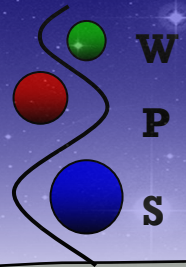
Next week, on Friday 15th we will be taking part in Comic Relief. The children can dress up and wear something funny!

Please send your child in with £1 towards supporting the charity 'Comic Relief'.

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Dates for your diary: 2023-24

Fri 22nd March:	Break up for Easter Holidays
Mon 25th Mar—Fri 5th Apr:	Easter Holidays
Mon 8th April:	Return to school—start of Summer term 2024
Mon 6th May:	Bank holiday—school closed to all
Fri 24th May:	Break up for half-term holiday
Mon 27th May—Fri 31st May:	Summer half-term holiday
Mon 3rd June:	Return to school
Fri 19 July:	Pupils break up for Summer holidays



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Poem competition winner

A big well done to Lul Nur in 3K for taking part in a poem competition and winning. Her poem will be published in a book that will be placed in the British Library Archives and will remain there forever! This is an amazing achievement. Well done Lul! Here is her poem:

A wonderful winter

Snowflakes slowly slide off the ceiling,
Covering the earth in its warmth.
Twinkling like a diamond necklace,
In the moon's magical majestic light.

Snowmen stand silently like a statue
Their bright blue scarves sparkle in the enchanting moonlight.
Children slide on the soothing ice.
Chuckling cheerfully as they glide in delight.

Winter birds gracefully tweet, attracting everyone to the lovely little sounds.
Their songs make you feel content and cosy at home.
As the world peacefully lays under an icy sheet.
Natures beauty, a masterpiece of art.



Parent Information

The next coffee morning will be held on **19th April 2024**. Please do try to attend. We will also be joined by a guest from Adult Education who will be carrying out a presentation on warmer homes, supporting parents with gas and electric usage.

If any parents are interesting in maths and English courses (all levels) please come and see Mrs Khan as we will be holding some assessment afternoons in May.

Please also see Mrs Khan if you would like to attend the Creative Art sessions on Tuesday mornings.

Sports

Over the last fortnight, a number of our children have taken part in some local sporting events. Year 4 children played earlier this week in the Aston League. A few of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a basketball competition at Broadway Academy. Well done to all children that took part.

Kurling

Earlier this week, Year 3 took part in kurling. They worked together as a year group to score as many points as possible. We will wait to see where they came after all the other schools have taken part. Fingers crossed!

