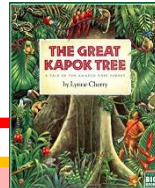




Learning Opportunities

Another lovely week in school with visitors commenting on the good behaviour and lovely manners observed around school. The Nursery children were having a great time reading, writing and drawing in the classroom. It was lovely to see them so settled and happy. The Reception children were really enjoying experimenting with sugar, salt, hot water, cold water and hammers to see how best they could rescue the penguins from the ice! It was great to see the engagement on their faces. Year 1 were continuing with the reading of the book 'Goodnight Spaceman' and exploring the new vocabulary within the text. Year 2 the children were learning about the Great Fire of London and we heard some super new word choices with children excited about explaining the word 'extinguish'. Year 3 were exploring poetry and creating similes to use when compiling their own poem. They were also classifying animals in science and using a variety of different methods to multiply in maths. Year 4 were enjoying the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. They were also thoroughly enjoying their science lesson about 'Sound'. They were exploring how sound travels through solids, liquids and gases.



Stars of the Week

Chosen for good work or demonstrating the School Values of VIPS

Butterflies	Nate and Pippa	Geckos	Kayla and Elias
Dragonflies	Freya and Jaxon	Frogs	Rylee and Elsie
Ladybirds	Artemis and Logan	Giraffes	Theo H and Jack G
Fireflies	Aria and Noah	Elephants	Kian & Imogen M-D
Crocodiles	Autumn and Fatima	Lions	Elizabeth and Isla
Turtles	Aidan W and Harley M	Zebras	Jack & Sylwia

Mrs Downes, Mr Reeves and all the staff are very proud of you all and your learning this week.

Summary

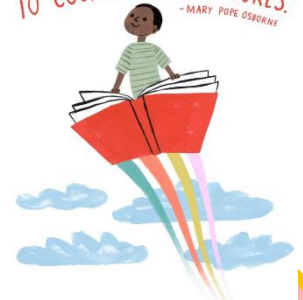
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KEEP READING!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss

We are encouraging everyone to read more regularly. We welcome your support with reading. Just 5 minutes a day of daily reading impacts positively in all areas of the curriculum.

"READING IS A PASSPORT TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES!"
-MARY POPE OSBORNE



Morning Club and Sports Clubs

These has been very successful and the children are really enjoying the morning and sports activities. There are spaces available in Fit4Sport- Morning Club. Please contact Mr Morris if you require a place on 07557946721 or email info@fit4sport.org.in Sports Clubs <https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

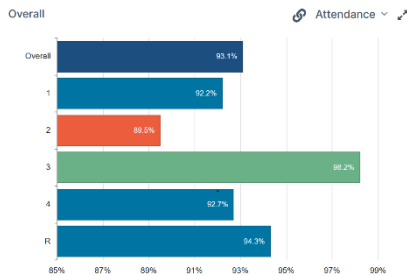
Friday 17th February School closes for half-term
 Monday 27th February School opens
 Friday 31st March School closes for Easter break
 Monday 17th April School opens for Summer term
 Key Stage 1 SATs for Year 2 children May 2023
 Year 1 Phonics Screening week beginning 12th June 2023

Attendance

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Attendance in school is directly linked to improved learning outcomes. It is vital that the children are in school so they don't miss out on key learning opportunities and start to fall behind their peers or not make as much progress as they are capable of.

The Government expects all schools to reach **at least 95% attendance.**

The weekly attendance for the week beginning 9th January 2023 is at 93.1%. Room for improvement.



Well done to Year 3 they achieved 98.2% for the week

If your child has an illness and is unwell, please contact the school office to report this to us before 9am. We will be monitoring attendance very carefully each day. We will be making follow up telephone calls, house visits and arranging meetings in order to work in partnership with our families to improve attendance.

0152762926 office@batchley.worcs.sch.uk

Batchley Online Profile

We are raising our online profile to give you the best chance to discover all you need to know about school news and your child's learning journey, and for the wider world to see all the amazing things that happen here!

Please follow and like us on any platforms you use and help us to share our children's successes with a wider audience.

This is where you will find us...

New school website:

<https://www.batchleyfirstschool.co.uk/>

Prospectus: <https://sway.office.com/EumL8QB6zAHdKGGD?ref=Link>

Facebook: @Batchleyfirstschool

Twitter: @Batchley1st

Class Dojo: please let us know if you are not connected to your child's class and we can quickly set this up.

We would appreciate comments and feedback on any of these methods of passing on information to you. Please let us know if there is anything you would like that isn't available at the moment, or anything that is available and is particularly effective for you. This will help us to best meet everyone's needs. You can do this by contacting us at

feedback@batchley.sch.uk

Reception and Year 4 Middle School Applications

Please **don't forget** to apply for your child's place at middle school. You **must do** this online by **15th January 2023**. The facility is now open on

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

You will need an email address and access to the internet. If you do need assistance, then you can contact the Worcestershire Hub on 01905 822700.

Panathlon Team Event

This morning we took a team of seven children to Arrow Vale High School to compete in Panathlon Multi skills event. All of our children were very well-behaved, they were a credit to our school. Their teamwork was incredible and a pleasure to watch. Their hard work resulted with them winning the event. The proud gold medal winners will go on to represent Redditch in the county finals.

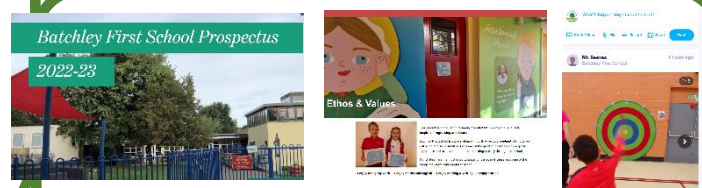


A huge thank you to Mrs Timbrell for organising this event and Mr Reeves in supporting the children at the event.

Parent Governor

School is looking for a parent governor. If you are interested in the role use the link below to register your interest.

[Click here](#)



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Downes

At Batchley we are all VIPS - valued, Inspired, Progressing, Secure