Batchley First and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter

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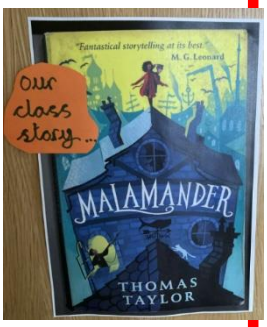
Learning Opportunities

It has been a calm and productive week in school with lots of learning throughout the curriculum. School has a prompt start every day with our phonics learning. Groups are off to brisk start and it is great to see and hear phonics and reading in every area of the school. We have also secured two reading volunteers and become a school readers partner school. This means that children are having more opportunities to read every day.



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KEEP READING!

Don't forget to keep reading every day it is so important.

When children have a home library, as little as **20 books** of their own, they achieve **3 more years** of schooling than children who don't have any books at home.

Stars of the Week

Chosen for good work or demonstrating the School Values of VIPS

		Geckos	Bailey and Molly
Dragonflies	Nadia and Benji	**Frogs**	Millie and Neve
Ladybirds	Lucas and Taj	**Giraffes**	Alice and Ryllee
Fireflies	Zayn and Inez	**Elephants**	Callen and Amy
Crocodiles	Chase and Saskia	**Lions**	Kian and Elsie
Turtles	Arlo and Jackson	**Zebras**	Amelia and Madison

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

Safeguarding

Batchley is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils. We take child protection and safeguarding very seriously. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Brough. The deputy safeguarding lead is Mrs Downes. If you do have any safeguarding concerns, please do inform Mrs Brough.

Justine Fitzer is the Home /School Family Support Worker and she can be contacted on 07809330825.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Key Dates

Friday 27th October 2023 – School closes for half-term
Monday 6th November 2023 – school opens
7th November 2023- Year 4 School Trip
17th November 2023 – Year 2 School Trip
Friday 22nd December 2023– School closes
Tuesday 9th January 2024 – school opens

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**.

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 and will be making follow up telephone calls/arranging meetings in order to work in partnership with our families to improve attendance.

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Free School Meals

It is really important that if you think you are entitled to FSM and you have not previously signed up for them that you use the link below and apply now.
Applying for Free School Meals | Applying for Free School Meals | Worcestershire County Council

Then look for this message.

Complete a new free school meal application

Make a new claim for free school meals ›

Please do this even if your child receives universal free school meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as the school and your child will be entitled to other benefits.

Open Evening

School will be hosting an open evening on the 5th October 2023.
The school will be open from 5:00-7:00pm for any parents looking to apply for places.

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 2024. 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.

Golden Table

Ladybirds - Alfie H
Fireflies - Melissa
Crocodiles- Ruby
Turtles- Alina
Frogs- Jenson
Geckos – Jessica
Elephants – Anniyah
Giraffes- Thea
Lions- Logan
Zebras- Ruby-Rose

Well done to the children who have been recognised for their good manners, politeness and ability to demonstrate the school rules. I am so looking forward to eating with the children at the golden table on **Monday 25th September.**

Holiday Club

Fit4Sport are looking to offer a half-term camp to all pupils at Batchely First School.
It would provide provision for children during the hours of 9:00am-3:00pm.
The cost would be £15:00 per day.
Children would need to bring their own lunch.
Use the form below to indicate your interest in this club.
https://forms.office.com/e/tMXGYLvfUg

School Uniform

If for any reason you're struggling with a particular item, please see us and we may be able to help. If we haven't heard from you then we would expect to see children in full school uniform.
Thank you for your support.

Sports and Morning Club

Fit4Sport- Morning Club. Please contact Mr Morris if you require a place on 07557946721 and book sports activities Using this link https://fit4sport.class4kids.co.uk/