

Hearsall News

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This Week at Hearsall

Well we seem to have missed the snow so far! The mornings have certainly been bracing on the gate and, although the children will be disappointed, I am secretly pleased that the snow isn't bringing disruption and risks of slips and falls! Wednesday saw an amazing performance by our Year 6 pupils in their family assembly - what a talented bunch!

Fortnite - I want to alert you to the dangers of this popular online game. We have had a serious incident this week that has affected a number of our older children and has been reported to the Police. Fortnite is an online game played by an estimated 40 million people worldwide. It is free to play online and up to 100 players can play at once. It draws inspiration from the 1999 Japanese novel Battle Royale and The Hunger Games. Players scavenge supplies, build structures and find weapons to eliminate each other. Our concerns surround the language children are using at school including some of our youngest pupils; killing others and killing themselves, children watching people playing Fortnite on You Tube and listening to conversations about killing. We are hugely concerned about the impact the online conversations are having and the potential **exposure to swearing, offensive and threatening language** in the chat parties that accompany the play for many of our children. Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12 and they recommend 'It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'. For these reasons **none** of our pupils should be playing although being realistic I would strongly urge you to monitor your child's activity, exposure and ensure they are not subject to offensive language or threats. Please be observant in watching for changes in behaviour or language. Maintain an open dialogue in talking to them about their online activity and be aware that you can report players who are behaving inappropriately. For further advice please go to: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>



Horizon Holiday Club - You should have received a letter regarding holiday clubs and Horizon teacher training day cover. Please can you return the form, even if it a no, as we can begin to plan according to need to support working parents. We would like to offer this service if the uptake will make it viable. Please contact the office for more information or for a replacement letter.

Wanted! - Can you help? Mrs Bailey is after a small animal cage for her new Thrive room. If you have a spare cage, please contact the office or see Mrs Bailey on the gate.



Coventry Children's Mile - Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to support or run on 17th March. Please see Miss Lewis's post on the school story on Class Dojo for more information about the run and the valuable charities it will support this year.



Have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm!

Claire Jones, Acting Head Teacher



The School Calendar upcoming events!

Don't forget to check
Class Dojo for regular
updates



w/c 04.02.19	05.02.19 - 5-a-SIDE INDOOR COMPETITION - Boys Kick off 4pm Sports Connexion 06.02.19 - Year 6 trip to Birmingham Museum
w/c 11.02.19	13.02.19 - Year 5 Family Assembly 15.02.19 - Year 2 Cake Sale

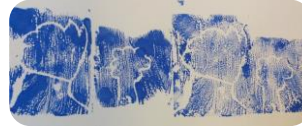
Other News



Reception We have absolutely loved learning about The Enormous Turnip. The children had a fantastic time acting out the story and writing a story map with pictures of their actions! The farm shop has captured the imaginations of the children and we have had some brilliant shop keepers. This has linked nicely with learning about money, the children have done a super job of adding coins together to get the correct amount for the items in the shop!



Year 1 and 2 This week in Year One we have been looking at different Coventry landmarks. The children chose their favourite landmark and drew it onto a polystyrene tile. They then printed the picture using sponges and paints. Well done Year One!



In year 2 this week we have been learning all about 3D shapes in maths, looking at their properties and how to group them. We have also been learning to read the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to and past the hour. In English we have been looking at the features of an information text. Linked to our theme work we have started to research all about London ready to make our own information booklet.



100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RP	95%	3H	98%
RW	88%	4W	91%
1T	95%	4L	97%
1C/P	86%	5J	99%
2N	97%	5G	97%
2C	91%	6T	98%
3P	93%	6M	99%

Well done to 5J & 6M on the highest attendance this week!!

Years 3 and 4 Year 3 have spent the last couple of weeks reading the story of 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have used it to help us to use ambitious vocabulary in our writing and have



written some amazing setting descriptions. We are now looking forward to using our own ideas to write new endings for the story next week! Year 4 have been learning all about the importance of Roman Mosaics and how they often told a story. They have them designed their own pattern before sticking the tiles together. They are starting to look great.

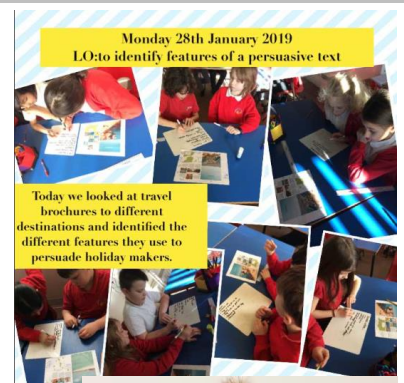


Years 5 and 6 Year 5 Theme This week, Year 5 have started looking at travel brochures for their persuasive writing unit. This ties in really well with our theme, as we are going to be creating a travel brochure for Greece. The children have all been very engaged and have enjoying their learning so far.

Year 6 Family Assembly

Congratulations to Year 6 this week, who delivered a fantastic and very well prepared Family Assembly on Wednesday

Morning. From Ancient Greek dancing, to a modern day Greek Song, the assembly was certainly one to remember! Here are a couple of photos from the event.



Monday 28th January 2019
L.O. to identify features of a persuasive text

Today we looked at travel brochures to different destinations and identified the different features they use to persuade holiday makers.



Merit Awards



Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Maheswar V-K Sofia M	Alfie T-W Samuel Y	Zayed H Dineth P	Billy P Anna J	Harley H Madara G	Ashrith S Yahya A	Sophie R Amyon K

Birthday Zone

Birthdays from 28th January - 3rd February - Happy Birthday!

Aiden B-M - Y1
Luna G - Rec

Rueben T - Y5

Harry C - Y5

Ella M - Y5

Johnnie N - Nur