



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an extremely busy few weeks here at school, filled with exciting activities and memorable experiences for our pupils.

Year 6 Residential Trip

The month of June commenced with our Year 6 children visiting the Pioneer Residential Centre. The children had a fabulous time engaging in activities such as raft building, high ropes, and caving. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied this trip and made it such a great experience for our pupils. I know wonderful memories were created that the children will cherish for years to come.

Hawaiian Disco

We recently hosted a Hawaiian Disco where children donned their best summer wear. They had a super time partying the summer away. We raised money to support school fund as well as one of our chosen charities this year, NSPCC, for which we raised £200.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Hales Valley Athletics Event

Children from Years 3 and 4 attended the Hales Valley Trust Athletics Event at Gig Mill Primary School. The children demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, and all tried very hard. Well done to everyone who participated! Our overall position in the competition was 3rd place.

Visit to Perryfields High School

Year 4 travelled to Perryfields High School to watch a performance of *Annie*. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the production. Year 5 also attended Perryfields as part of a Flight Day. It was great for our older pupils to visit one of our local secondary schools. The children were lucky enough to see a Falconry show, complete challenges throughout the session

Raising Aspirations Day

Additionally, last Thursday, Year 5 pupils attended the Halesowen Teaching and Learning Community Raising Aspirations Day. The children returned to school buzzing, talking about the people they had met, the skills they possessed in their roles, and careers they may potentially want to explore in the future.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

- **Early Closure:** A reminder that we will close at 2pm for all children on Friday, 19th July to support classroom preparation for the next academic year. Please note there will be no after-school club on this day.

Summer Fun Day: We are looking forward to our Summer Fun Day this Saturday. Please come along and support this event, we have a range of stalls and activities for the whole family to engage in. The event runs from 1pm to 4pm. If you can help, we would be most grateful for any additional volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs J Turner
(Executive Head)

Diary Dates

Summer 2024 Term starts

8th April

Half term

27th May – 31st May

Term ends

19th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 22nd July

Lapal Family Fun Day

Saturday 6th July

Friday 19th July – 2pm
finish

INSET DAYS—2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Please see our online calendar on our website for all our event information.

Year 1

This month Year 1 pupils visited Birmingham Botanical Gardens to investigate the glasshouse, identifying the different plants in the Tropical, Mediterranean, Japanese and Arid Greenhouse. We then looked at the conditions the plants needed to survive in each environment. We took part in an interactive plants workshop where they found out all about parts of the plants and how they reproduce. They acted out the important roles of the bees for transferring pollen and nectar to make honey and help in the reproduction. Well done to our little superstars.



Year 2

Year 2 had some very special visitors this month. Four firefighters came into school to tell us all about their very important job. We travelled back in time to 1666, to put out a 'fire' by passing a bucket of water down a long row of people before throwing the water on the 'fire.' We reflected on how much time it would take to put out all of the fires during the Great Fire of London and compared it to the resources that we have available today. The firefighters, Sarah and Peter, talked about how they use speaking, listening and teamwork skills in their role as firefighters. For example: Firefighters have to work as part of a team to keep each other safe. Each member of the team has an important job to do. It's important that each person does their part of the job so the whole job is done well. They also show each other respect, just like we do in school.



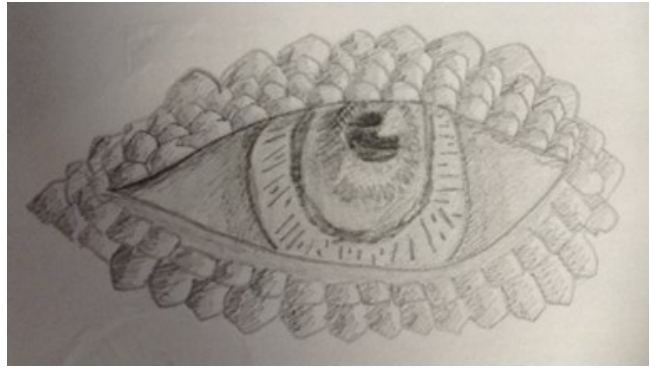
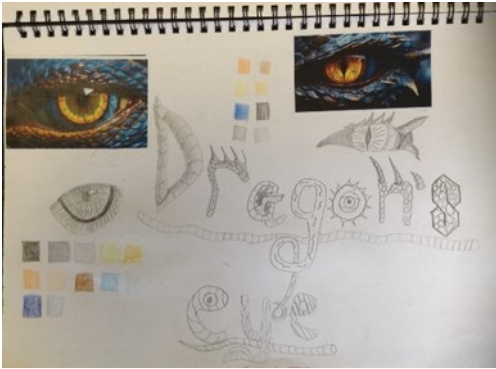
In science this term, we have been learning all about plants. We have enjoyed planting our own sunflower seeds and we are very excited to nurture them so they grow tall and healthy.



All of our year 2 children are fantastic readers. They have really enjoyed bringing their favourite stories into school to share with their friends during our reading for pleasure sessions this half term. We have listened to our friends talk about a range of different stories by many different authors. This has inspired us to broaden our book choices and enjoy texts by different authors.

Year 3/4

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils have loved being artists! They have taken inspiration from dragons and mythical creatures this half term! First, they created a mood board to gather their ideas and completed initial sketches. Second they built on their illustration unit in the Autumn term; using different gradings of pencil to add lightness/hardness and darkness/softness to add detail to their sketched eyes. Next, they have added detail through hatching, cross-hatching, scribbling, contouring and blending. Then, they have used clay to sculpt their eyes using a variety of clay tools. Finally, we will be painting them this week.



Year 5

Year 5 were invited to Perryfields High School for a 'flight day' to get a taste of what Secondary school life is like. The children were lucky enough to see a Falconry show, complete maths challenges, make paper aeroplanes and experience a trampolining session. The children had lots of fun throughout the day and the Teacher's at Perryfields were able to see just how amazing they all are!



On Thursday 28th June Year 5 went to Halesowen Town Hall to take part in an Aspirations afternoon. The children started by listening to a speaker and were then able to visit a variety of careers stalls. They could discuss and take home some freebies!

Throughout both trips the Year 5 children represented our school values extremely well. Well done - you have made your teachers and school very proud!

Century Winners

On the 3rd July Paul Leahy from Century joined us for our assembly to announce the following winners:

Sarah in Year 4 won £50 for guessing the most amount of questions completed on Century by children across the all of our trust schools

Isma in Year 6 was presented with a goody bag for being the top using girl, completing the most amount of nuggets on Century

Edward in Year 6 was awarded the top using boy for completing the most amount of nuggets on Century

Mr Rizzo was awarded for setting the most amount of nuggets on Century

February Attendance

RHall	98%	3/4JD	95%
RHopkins	95%	3/4G	90%
1M	97%	3/4SD	97%
1RW	95%	5M	95%
2C	96%	5SB	93%
2CG	96%	6R	95%
		6W	94%

House Points

Diamond 2808

Sapphire 1857

Ruby 2131

Emerald 3197

Sports Day Results

Diamond 1st (397)

Sapphire 2nd (375)

Ruby 3rd (309)

Emerald 4th (238)

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mrs Atkinson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Turner, Mr Maynes, Miss Gillon or Mr Rizzo.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If we are concerned about a child we have a duty to contact Children's Service, if you are concerned about a child, outside school, then you can call 0300 555 0050 with your concerns and seek advice. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our school website.