

#### LANGLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

Toni McCarroll -New Headteacher

#### Dear Parents/carers,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing my first Head Teacher comment on to Langley's newsletter. I have been spending many days in school leading up to half term and it has been a joy to spend some time popping into classes, visiting the playground and lunch hall and starting to get to know the pupils and staff. I am very much looking forward to being part of Langley.

As we prepare for the half term break in school it gives us an opportunity to reflect on all that we have done this half term and all those things still to finish for the end of the school year. In the reception area in school the lovely creations from the work the pupils completed on the King's Coronation can be seen on display. Next half term we will be looking forward to sharing more information about what your child has been learning this school year through their annual report and inviting you to come in to speak to your child's teacher at parents evening. These dates will be shared with you soon.



Mrs Toni McCarroll Headteacher



#### **Reminders & Notices**

#### <u>Attendance</u>

All leave of absence requests will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are exceptional. A parent/carer should complete an absence request form which can be obtained from the school office and submit this to the school at least two weeks prior to the date required. School will respond to the request within two weeks.

Langley School will follow the 'Term Time Leave Guidance for Schools and Academies' (September 2021) and implement the Birmingham City Council Leave in Term Time Legal Process (September 2022) which could result in a referral being made immediately to the Education Legal Intervention Team (ELIT) for consideration. Any legal action required will be taken by the Education Legal Intervention Team. Parents should be aware that this could result in the issue of a fixed penalty notice.

#### Emergency Contacts:

Please ensure the school have two current emergency contact numbers on record should we need to reach you for any reason.

Langley is an Operation Encompass school. Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at or exposed to any domestic abuse incident.

#### C<u>alendar Dates</u>

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July Langley School Sports day

Wednesday 12th July Parents Evening Friday 14th July Parent Coffee Morning with Steve Brown



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### Firs Class

This month the children in Firs have enjoyed learning about the people who help us inside and outside of school. We did some role play and talked about who we would call and how to call them in the event of an emergency.

### Oaks Class

In Oaks class this month we have been learning about people that help us. We have made a grocery store, where we can buy fruit so we can learn through role play about money. In our forest school lesson this week we lit a fire for the first time.







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#### **Beeches Class**

Beeches have really enjoyed our topic exploring different types of weather. We have been reading the story Seren's seasons and have enjoyed understanding different seasons and weather. We have had a go at making and splashing in puddles, enjoyed rescuing the animals stuck in ice and have considered what to wear in different weathers.

# Acers Class

Acers have been really busy working hard, we have been learning to count in 2's and 10's and then using that knowledge to multiply! In English we have been learning our phonics sounds and putting that into practise by reading new books. We have also made kites, learnt about sequencing and played team games in PE. We are all now ready for our upcoming break!





### Art Club

For the next few weeks in Art Club we are looking at self portraits. Each week we are looking at a different medium to create a portrait. This week we used paint.

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# Maples Class

Maples have really enjoyed our topic this half term of Eco-Warriers. We have used the story 'The Under the Sea Cleaning Spree'. We used our story to look at the animals that live in the sea, how we can help them by not leaving our rubbish at the beach and by looking at what we can recycle in class. The children used this story in their reading, writing and topic lessons. The children are looking forward to starting swimming!

# **Poplars** Class

We have had a great half term in Poplars! In English we have been exploring Narnia, rewriting Lucy's entrance into the magical winter wonderland! We've loved learning about King Charles III's Coronation, we made our own party food as well as writing a fact file about the new King. In DT, we have enjoyed designing and making a diamond kite! We have been busy -Well Done Poplars!



#### **Cedars** Class

This month Cedars have been looking at healthy eating. We tasted lots of exotic and interesting fruits, they were delicious!

We have also been enjoying forest school sessions. As they're coming to an end we celebrated by building a fire and making rainbow toast!

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### Larches Class

What a fabulous half-term we've had in Larches. The children have really enjoyed learning about King Charles III's coronation. In particular, they enjoyed learning about wheels and axles in DT which we then applied to our own royal carriages. We designed, made and decorated them – we think they would be fit for the King! The children have also loved going swimming this half-term and have all gained so much confidence in the water. Well done everyone!

#### **Rowans Class**

Rowans have had lots of fun this half term. We have been learning about the Kings Coronation and we had a celebratory picnic on the small playground with our neighbouring class, Willows. We loved dressing up as Royals for the day and enjoyed baking cupcakes in Cooking.

For the remainder of the term, we have been learning about the weather. We have made some beautiful wind chimes in art! We have also enjoyed going to the park every Wednesday afternoon where we learn road safety, map skills, turn-taking, and work on our communication targets.

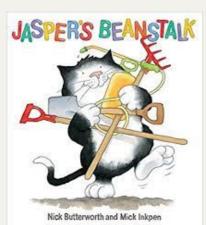


# Willows Class

This month we have had a great time in Willows. This terms topic has been Weather! We have enjoyed weather based sensory tray and making a sensory rain cloud in Science.

In English we have focused on 'Jaspers Beanstalk' From Sequencing the story to answering comprehension questions.

In addition, play skills and communication has been a highlight this month. Staff have enjoyed having time with each child 1:1, building on social skills. Interventions included: a visit to the forest school, making playdough, role play with the shopping till and stories and much more.







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#### Sunday Friends

All are welcome, especially people with a learning disability and or autism and carers, to join us for an inclusive, fun afternoon. All ages welcome

#### Sunday 11th June

2-4pm Newman Community Centre Boldmere Road B73 5US Access from St Nicholas Church car park