

Dear Parents,

We are sending this to you from the NEC where we are at the Bike Show with Year 6. They have been tasked to design and create a new high visibility item to keep people safe on bikes as part of their work on Innovation, Invention and the Science Topic of Light. They are working with engineers, product designers, professional cyclists and Dragon's Den winners to design and create their own products. This is the second year we have been invited to go and I am really excited about the work they are doing.

At Finham we have always promoted Children's University and delivered it through our staff engaging children in our talents, to give them opportunities and experiences they might not normally get through the national curriculum but most importantly, to show them how important it is to have an interest or passion in something and the pathway that interest can take them. Today the children will see hundreds of different people from all over the world who have a passion for cycling and turned that into a successful future. Riders, Drivers, Engineers, Designers, Chefs, Coaches, Olympians, Tour Operators and plenty of people who just enjoy riding a bike.

We want to find our children's talents, interests and passions and then help them find a route way, through our Multi-Academy Trust to a bright and successful future. It is why our secondary partners have taken on Children's University so it no longer stops at Year 6 for our children.

The children will be pitching their new products to our very own Dragons Den later this term...and who knows, displaying their product next year at the NEC.

We had a great meeting on Wednesday with children and parents looking at starting up a 'Parents, Children and Teachers Group.' I was really humbled by the response and we have agreed to start this work. Children will be coming up with ideas and hoping to organise community and school events and parents and teachers will help facilitate them do this, giving advice, support and helping out. We want everybody to be able to get involved and everybody is welcome to take part. We have set up a 'Finham Families' page on FROG and will be using this as the place where we can organise what we are doing, getting together each term to ensure we are on the right track.

Mission 1 - Finham Fireworks on Friday 4th November.

All the dates are in the planner for the meetings or just keep helping out using FROG.

***'We are all just one drop, but together, we are an Ocean!'***

Our Value this week has been teamwork and started off with children in assembly working together to lift me up in the air. There is a real sense of 'Team' here this year at school and I thank you as parents for playing your part, it certainly inspires and empowers us when we are working with your children.

I will leave you with the 2 clips I showed the children and a link to the very finest example of teamwork I have seen in a long long time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9j3-ghRjBs&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.values.com/inspirational-stories-tv-spots/136-change-the-world>

[www.bbc.co.uk/sport/triathlon/37402716](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/triathlon/37402716)

Have a lovely weekend

Richard Machin

Headteacher

## **SECONDARY ADMISSIONS**

All Year 6 parents should have received their leaflet on how to apply for their child's Secondary school place. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016. If you are unable to apply online, please call the school office for a paper copy.

## **NASAL FLU VACCINE-YEARS 1,2 & 3**

For your information, please find below a YouTube link to the educational video demonstrating the administration of the Nasal Flu vaccine.

<https://youtu.be/T7DVzBLeo1Q>

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair in school 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September, 8.30am-8.45am and 3.30pm-4pm. We will be running a competition to promote the Book Fair. Children need to design a book cover for their favourite book. Please hand entries in by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to the school office. Prizes will be given out in assembly on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

We are supporting this worthy cause once again. So whether you bake it or fake it we would love to see you in school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 9.15am until 10.30am. All cake donations gratefully received on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. All offers of help welcome 'Save a Life with every slice'

## **GUIDE DOG NATIONAL BREEDING CENTRE, BISHOP TACHBROOK, WARWICKSHIRE, CV33 9QJ**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 11am-4pm (last entry 3pm), free parking and entry.

Blindfold activities, Sensory tunnel experience, Puppy viewing from galleries, Meet breeding stock and holders, Dog demonstrations children's activities, tombola's and raffles. Hog roast, soup, home-made cakes (please note no pet dogs allowed on site)

## **DATES FOR DIARY**

You will now find all dates for the diary on the information sheet that was sent out a couple of weeks ago.