

# Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful week looking at the value 'Enjoyment' and it has been great to see the children and staff so enthusiastic about what they are doing. I had a great lesson with Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday when we were taught how to 'Beat Box' by Mrs. Thompson where her enjoyment and enthusiasm about music was infectious and we had an amazing learning experience. We are very lucky at Finham to have so many talented staff who share their passion with the children and those talents will be pulled together for the children to choose from as we start 'Finding Your Element' again.

We always let the children settle into the new school year before we share the choices and hope that having the opportunity to spend time with staff in school who are sharing their 'Element,' the children will find what inspires them.

On Saturday, Mr Reed is travelling to Shanghai with some of the children who started learning Mandarin here at Finham Primary and have joined the Mandarin Excellence Programme at Finham Park. I can't believe it is 4 years since Mrs. Bracken, Mrs. Sambhi and Mrs. Hobman came out with me to start our link work with China. He is being accompanied by Barnaby Bear from Year 1 and we can't wait to find out about his travels and learn more about the Chinese culture back here at school. He has set up a special page in FROG and we will be linking with him every day next week as he teaches the Chinese children and shares some of his learning for us all. We will be encouraging the children to ask him questions on his FROG Blog and he will try to find out the answers. I hope it inspires the children to learn Mandarin and also to choose Mandarin as an option in 'Finding Your Element,' run by the fantastic Warwick Volunteers from Warwick University.

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards

Richard Machin  
Headteacher

## **Request for Reading Volunteers**

If there are any parents, grandparents or volunteers that would like to hear children read in school, please contact the office or Miss. Lomax in Year 1.

## **Firework Night**

Tickets are selling well and are available from the school office. The children who are organising the event are working flat out to get things ready and it looks to be an amazing evening. The children are planning the display today and ordering the fireworks. They are so excited 😊

## **Coming into School**

Please be mindful when you are coming in or out of the main front door of school, it is not an exit for children. Please do not hold the door open for anyone unless they are with you.

## **Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination**

Please may we remind you to return your child's flu vaccination form by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October latest**. If you **do not** want your child vaccinated against flu you must indicate this on the consent form.

### **Year 4 Inspire Workshop**

Year 4 are looking forward to holding their Inspire Workshop for parents and carers on **Wednesday 17th October**. We look forward to seeing you at 9:00am in the school hall.

### **Year 5 Dol-Y-Moch Information Evening**

Our Dol-Y-Moch information evening for Year 5 parents and carers will take place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at 5:30pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **School Disco**

The Disco is next week on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**.

3:30pm to 5pm for Years 1, 2 and 3. The children will be collected from their classroom exits at 5 pm, just as they would at the end of the school day. They need to hand their money, £3, over to the teachers when they come to school in the morning and we will ensure they have time to get changed ready to start at 3:30pm.

5pm to 6:30pm for Years 4, 5 and 6. The children will need to come to the main school entrance and money will be collected on entry. They will also be collected from the main entrance at 6:30pm.

Children that go to Squirrels Club after school need to let Ryan know and he will ensure they are where they need to be.

### **Squirrels Staff**

Today, Finham Primary said goodbye to Louise and this Monday coming, we say goodbye to Brenda. Louise is leaving Finham Primary to continue her sculpting business on a full-time basis and Brenda will be retiring. Both Louise and Brenda have been very good employees of the school and have supported with the Squirrels provision for many years. We would like to wish them all the best in their futures.

### **Squirrels Club**

The bookings for Autumn 2 for Squirrels Club are open for Breakfast and After School Clubs. The booking system is available on FROG. If you still need your login details, please be sure to speak to your teacher. If you struggle to use the booking system, please email [r.atkins@finhamprimary.com](mailto:r.atkins@finhamprimary.com)

### **Year 6 "Finham Buddies"**

Towards the end of this half-term, Mr Atkins has been trailing a "Finham Buddies" system with Year 6 pupils. These pupils have been supporting KS1 children during lunchtimes playing various games with the children and making sure that all KS1 children are having fun during their lunchtime. If any other Year 6 pupils are interested in becoming a "Finham Buddy", please let Mr Atkins know.

### **Lunchtime Activities**

This half-term, certain pupils have been taking part in dodgeball during lunchtime with thanks to the staff from CV Life. This half-term has been very successful with loads of pupils accessing the club in both KS1 and KS2. Next half-term, the activity will change, bookings for next half-term's activity will be on FROG the first week back after the half-term holiday. If you or your children have any suggestions on activities that they would like to see during lunchtimes, please speak to Mr Atkins or email [r.atkins@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:r.atkins@finhamprimary.co.uk)

#### **DIARY DATES**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 Coventry Cathedral Trip**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – School Disco, KS1 3:30pm, KS2 5:00pm**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 Inspire Workshop, 9:00am**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Dol-Y-Moch Information Evening, 5:30pm**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Teacher Training Day**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term Holiday**