

Newsletter

Dearest Parents,

I just want to say how brilliant the children in Year 2 have been this week as they started their SAT's. Many will have a view on whether or not it is appropriate to be testing children in the way that we do and I have a very strong one, which I have shared on many occasions. However, whilst we still have to, it is important that we do it in a way that is as appropriate and empowering as possible. The children have been amazing. They are so calm, so focussed and they are really enjoying them. This is testimony to the hard work and appropriate preparation of the teachers and parents - putting the children at the heart of the process and not the results! Children are children at Finham Primary School - not Data!

This is also the case in Year 6. We have had our final preparations this morning for their SAT's next week and they are soooo ready!!!! With the older children the testing is a lot more formal in preparation for their transition to secondary school. I always say to the children and staff, 'you can't cheat pride!' Success is a result of the hard work and practise that is put in before you start the race. Well we have a group of children that are bright, hardworking, positive, self-motivated, supportive and up for the challenge that want to do their very best...no excuses! Success in life is having those skills and attributes so in my humble opinion they have already passed with flying colours.

Staff Update

I have to unfortunately share that Mrs Duffy will be leaving Finham at May Half term having been working to support children and families in this school for 18 years. We wish her every happiness as she moves on and know she will be sadly missed.

Have a well rested weekend and we look forward to a great week next week.

Kindest regards
Richard Machin
Headteacher

Pembrokeshire Trip

A reminder to Year 6 parents to complete the Consent Form and Surfing Form for the Pembrokeshire Trip. The deadline for returning the forms was **Friday, 3rd May 2019**, if these could be brought to the office as soon as possible.

Princethorpe College have a number of fourthcoming summer events at the College;

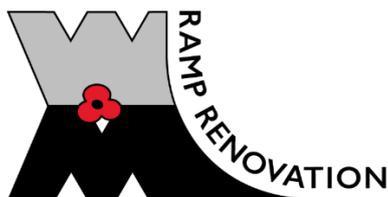
Open Evening – Wednesday 5th June 2019 – 6.30 to 8.30 pm

This is an informal opportunity for families to look around and there is no need to book in advance. Children will be able to participate in a variety of fun, subject-related activities and Ed Hester, the Headmaster will address visitors during the evening in the Chapel.

Year 5 Build a Rocket Day – Saturday 15th June 2019

This morning is aimed at children who love science and space exploration. In the College's well-equipped laboratories, children and their parents will work as a team to build their own rocket. They will hone their design and construction skills before counting down to lift off from our launch pad.

There is no charge for this event and all equipment will be provided as well as refreshments. The day will commence at 9.00am and end at approximately 2.00pm. Those interested should email Helen Morgan on helenmorgan@princethorpe.co.uk or telephone 01926 634262. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



We are a group of children from a Coventry primary school and we are campaigning to renovate the skatepark at the War Memorial Park. We have launched this campaign because the ramps are very run down and the park is too small for the number of people who want to use it. We have visited many skateparks around the country and have seen what fantastic facilities other places have. We have a lot of talented BMX riders, skateboarders and scooter riders in the city but everyone often has to travel outside Coventry for decent facilities. We want a skatepark Coventry can be proud of and that can help develop the talent within the city. You can help us! Please sign our petition: <https://myaccount.coventry.gov.uk/Petitions?title=WarMemorialRampRenovation>

You can also follow the campaign online: Instagram @wmrrcampaign - Facebook War Memorial Ramp Renovation campaign - Twitter @ramp_war

Thank you for your support!

Diary Dates

Monday, 13th – Friday 17th May – Year 6 SAT's week

Thursday 16th May – Year 4 Lunt Roman Fort Trip