

## Diary Dates

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 -Dol Y Moch – Return Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 4 – Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Year 6 – Inspire Workshop

Dear All,

I can't help but feel a buzz of excitement as we are coming to the end of the second week of the Spring Term. At times we can face challenges, but within classrooms lies incredible potential, ready to be unlocked and nurtured. And that's why here at Finham Primary, we're setting the bar high- aiming for nothing less than excellence as our standard. I'm not talking about simply achieving good outcomes in assessments, although that's important too. It's about instilling a love of learning, a thirst for knowledge, and a drive to go above and beyond. It's about nurturing critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills- the vital tools our children need to navigate the ever-changing world.

This commitment to excellence starts in every classroom, every day. Our dedicated teachers are passionate about creating engaging lessons that spark curiosity, challenge thought, and inspire confidence. We're continually innovating, exploring new pedagogical approaches, and fostering a dynamic environment where ideas can flow freely. Excellence isn't just about what happens inside the classroom. It extends to every interaction, every conversation, every decision we make as a school community. It's about fostering a culture of our values where all students feel valued and supported.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Inspire Workshops this week. I hope they gave you an insight of what we do in school and how you can support your child at school. All the resources will be available on Frog.

I hope all the Year 5 children going to Dol Y Moch over the weekend have a wonderful time. I'm sure you will make lots of memories of your time together in Wales.

Have a great weekend

S Bracken

## UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Year 4 has been very hard on building electrical circuits which will power lights. Once they managed to put together a working circuit, they integrated them into a useful night light. Now the children have a greater understanding of how the lights in their house are powered and can appreciate the engineering which is involved when planning where to place electrical wires and know which electrical power supplies are suitable.

The anticipation of next week's learning has been even higher in Year 5 because they are off to Dol Y Moch on tomorrow. The children are a mix of excitement and nerves but they will enjoy every minute, I'm sure. While there they'll be taking part in activities such as kayaking and orienteering and learning to build their resilience. For some children, their biggest challenge will just be sleeping away from home for the first time. We hope they create many amazing memories, achieve more than they imagined and come back full of pride in their achievements.

The children in Year 6 have begun their new geography topic about the rainforest. The children have been learning about the way the rainforest is structured into various canopy layers. They've also been exploring the ecosystems and the biodiversity that exist. It's amazing to think that rainforests support the largest variety of plants and animal species of any other ecosystem in the world and influence the Earth's weather patterns.



## **MEASLES**

There has been an increase in measles cases across the country and parents/carers are being encouraged to be aware of the symptoms of measles and to make sure their children have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Measles is a very contagious (easy to catch) infection which can lead to illness such as ear infections, vomiting, diarrhoea and pneumonia. Measles is one of the world's most highly infectious diseases. Measles is spread through coughing or sneezing and can remain in the air or on a surface for up to two hours. Spending as little as 15 minutes in contact with someone infected with measles is enough to catch the infection. Measles symptoms: • high fever or temperature • sore, red, watery eyes • coughing • aching and feeling generally unwell • a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

## **EMOTIONAL REGULATION PARENT WORKSHOP - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am-10.00am**

Tania Wagstaff from Autism Specialists will be running a workshop for parents on the subject of supporting your child to regulate their emotions. This is open to all parents, regardless of whether your child has a diagnosis of Autism, or not, as this is something that all children can find difficult at some point in their lives. Tania works very closely with the school and has a wealth of knowledge to share, so it would be great to see as many parents as possible. For parents who are unable to attend, we will make sure that any materials are shared after the workshop. The workshop will be held in Squirrels. Please come to the Squirrels' entrance at 9.00am.

## **GRAPES IN SCHOOL**

This is just a polite reminder, if you are sending your child in with grapes to school, please can you ensure they are being cut in half or into smaller pieces as they are a choking hazard for children. Thank you.

## **BOOKS!**

If anyone has any books they are able to donate to our school library, especially for the older years that would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance, Mrs Hands – Librarian.

## **CLEARING OUT OUR NATURE AREA**

Miss Bird is currently planning a much needed clear our Nature Area from weeds/nettles etc and is wondering if any parents/carers were willing to spare some time and lend a hand and help her out on the Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30pm! This would be highly appreciated! 😊 if you could please let the School Office know if you are willing to help so Miss Bird knows how many people are coming.

## **SCHOOL PROJECT MATERIALS**

Mrs Brooks-Keith has requested if anyone has any spare white / silver fabric, netting, voile or net curtains they no longer need please could they be donated to us for a school project. Thank you.

## **PTA**

Date for your Diary

Friday 23rd February PTA Quiz Night - more information to follow

Do any parents, carers or friends of Finham Primary have experience or knowledge in Health and Safety who could assist the PTA with a few questions? please contact us on the email [finhampta@gmail.com](mailto:finhampta@gmail.com)

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## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM - 92.7%	RM-95.7%
NNPM - 86.7%	RL- 93.3%
1W – 95.6%	4L-96.3%
1B – 95.3%	4J- 91.6%
2S – 99%	5B- 94.7%
2B – 98.3%	5R- 99.1%
3W – 97.1%	6T –98%
3S – 97.3%	6R – 97.3%

## PE DAYS – Please ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform on the correct day.

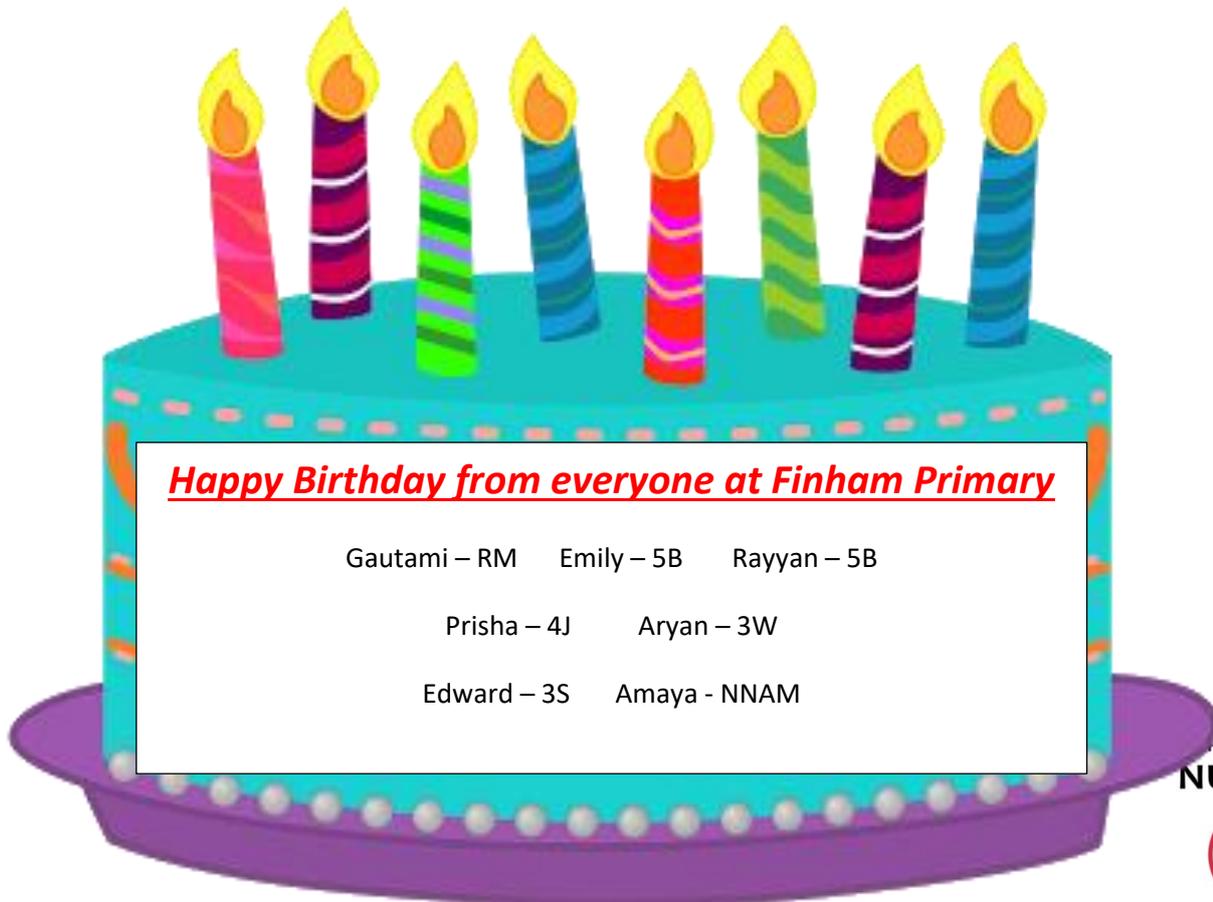
Monday	Year 1 – Dance Year 2 – Understanding Games Year 4 – Dance
Tuesday	Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 4 – Swimming Year 5 – Dance
Wednesday	Year 5 – OAA Year 6 – Dance
Thursday	Year 1 – Understanding Games Year 3 – Dance Year 6 – Invasion Games
Friday	Year 2 – Dance

**Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days (except Reception)**

1. Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo
2. Plain navy blue or black shorts
3. Plain navy blue or black joggers
4. Plain navy blue or black leggings
5. White Socks
6. Black trainers/pumps (that fit well)
7. Plain navy jumper
8. Navy Hoodie with Finham Primary logo

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**

**PLEASE CAN CHILDREN NOT WEAR LOGOED SPORTS WEAR**



**Happy Birthday from everyone at Finham Primary**

Gautami – RM    Emily – 5B    Rayyan – 5B

Prisha – 4J    Aryan – 3W

Edward – 3S    Amaya - NNAM

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