

Dear All,

As we head into another Easter break, I wanted to say a big thank you for all your support over the term. As I have said before, I am enormously (eggstrordinarily) proud of the way in which you, your children and our staff have worked together to ensure that all children have the best possible experiences.

Wishing you a happy Easter
Mrs Bracken

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

In numeracy, Year 4 students have been revisiting key concepts such as multiplying by 10, dividing numbers by 100, and understanding hundredths. They have been actively engaging in various activities to reinforce their understanding of these topics. In Mandarin, the children have been learning how to use family member titles correctly. They have been practising their pronunciation and have been encouraged to engage in conversations using the correct terminologies for different family members. In Science, students have been expanding their knowledge of soundproofing and ear safety. They have been investigating different materials and techniques to prevent sound from travelling and have been discussing the importance of protecting their ears in different environments.

Year 5 began studying the subject of ocean pollution last week. This week, they have continued to add to the information they gathered, organised the points and evidence into a coherent argument and explained the counterargument in a balanced, formal style. The children were pushed to deliver their balanced argument using oracy skills, which was taught this week too. The children had to work together to build on each other's viewpoints, challenge statements and clarify through probing questions. In their history lessons, the children have finished their (6-lesson) topic about the rise and fall of the Kingdom of Benin. They have studied the reasons why the Kingdom of Benin achieved such power, the art they produced, the history of their rulers and finally how the British played a part in the downfall of their empire.

In numeracy, Year 6 students have been working on developing their understanding of perimeter and area. They have focused on calculating the area of compound shapes, including those with missing lengths. Students have also explored the properties of parallelograms and learned how to use the formula $\text{area} = \text{base} \times \text{height}$ to calculate the area of a parallelogram. Year 6 have also been working hard with their topic sessions. During their science lessons, the students continued their study of evolution. They explored the concept of natural selection through the example of the Peppered Moth, using the text 'Moth' as a reference. In art, the children explored watercolour techniques. Inspired by the work of artist Maria Sibylla, they have been using these techniques to create their own butterfly-themed artworks.

Diary Dates

Monday 8th April

- Return to school

Friday 12th April

- Eid Celebration Day



AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

As we are going into the Easter holiday, children might be looking for new ways to connect with their friends online. We would like to provide some information which parents might find useful in helping them understand the age restrictions of many popular social media apps or sites that children may try to use. All of the most popular sites such as Facebook, Snapchat and TikTok have age restrictions of 13+. Additionally, many online gaming sites (such as Fortnite) allow in-game communication and that contributes to why they have an age restriction (PEGI) of 12+.

Below are some links to additional reading sites, which are useful for reading further into the reasons behind the decision to give each of the main social media sites a particular age restriction.

Saferinternet.org.uk

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

Parentline

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-old-does-your-child-have-be>

EID CELEBRATION DAY – FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

On Friday 12th April we will be celebrating Eid in school. Children are welcome to come into school wearing celebration clothes (no football kits please) We would like to ask if your child is taking part please can they bring in a donation for the Coventry Food Bank.

FORMS ON 'REACH MORE PARENTS' APP

If you have not done so already please can you **urgently** sign up / log into your Reach More Parents app and complete all of the available forms. The forms which need completing are:

- Home-school agreement form
- Internet consent form
- Trip consent form
- Photograph consent form

If you are having any trouble logging in or have not yet signed up and require your log in details please contact us here at the office. You can email us at admin@finhamprimary.co.uk

PTA DATES

Friday 12th April - Eid celebration 3:30-6pm

Join us after school to celebrate Eid. We will have musical chairs, arts & crafts, Eid Photo Booth, a raffle, henna, candy floss, refreshments and more

Tuesday 16th April - Year 1-3 Disco - £3 including drink and snacks, tickets on sale via PTA Events, sales close on 13th April any tickets purchased after close will be subject to a 50p charge

Thursday 18th April -Year 4-6 Disco - £3 including drink and snacks, tickets on sale via PTA Events, sales close on 13th April any tickets purchased after close will be subject to a 50p charge

www.pta-events.co.uk/finhamptaevents/index.cfm

Vaisakhi colouring competition - more details to follow

If you have any issues accessing PTA events or any questions please contact the PTA directly finhampta@gmail.com

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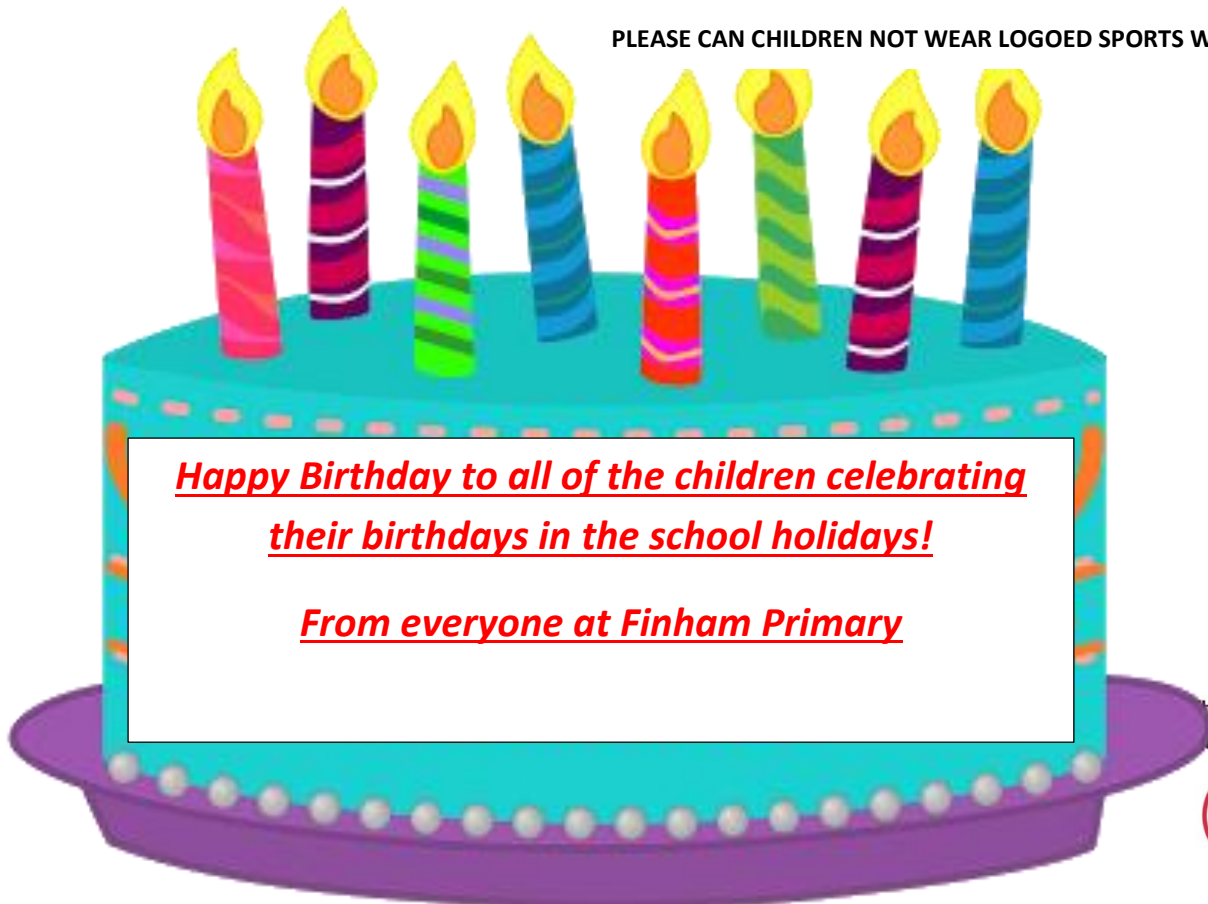
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM - 90%	RM-96.3%
NNPM -90%	RL- 98%
1W – 91.9%	4L- 98.3%
1B – 98.1%	4J-96.1%
2S – 94.7%	5B-97.5%
2B – 93.7%	5R-93.3%
3W – 92.6%	6T -97.7%
3S – 89.3%	6R – 96.7%

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	<p>Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days (except Reception)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME</p>
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 NOT WEAR LOGOED SPORTS WEAR



Happy Birthday to all of the children celebrating their birthdays in the school holidays!

From everyone at Finham Primary

