

Dear All,

This half term has been exceptionally busy, and I continue to be proud of the children and all we achieve at Finham Primary School. We had a visit from three members of the Department for Education this week, and they were impressed with your children's behaviour and the quality of work they observed. The staff are so committed to providing an excellent education for each and every child. The Year 2 and 3 performances were fabulous, thanks to the great work put in by the children and staff.

I would also like to thank all the parents who work so hard in partnership with the school to ensure your child flourishes, whether through attending workshops, parents' evenings, or hearing your child read. I know everyone is ready to recharge their batteries and spend quality time together as a family, so have a wonderful half term!

We wish all families who are observing Ramadan a peaceful and reflective month.

Happy New Year to all those celebrating. May the year ahead bring happiness and good health.

To everyone making the start of Lent, we hope this season brings you reflection, renewal and of course delicious Pancake Day!

Kind regards,

Sarah Bracken

## **LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER**

This half term, Year 2 and 3 have been working incredibly hard to rehearse for their exciting production of *Splash*. This show tells the story of Noah's Ark from the animals' perspective, featuring a lively cast of characters including parrots, rabbits, mice, hippos, giraffes, and seagulls. There is also a group of pesky pie rats attempting to cause mutiny on board the ark! This week, our talented children showcased their hard work by performing for the school and their families, and they did an amazing job! It was wonderful to see their dedication shine through in their lines, songs, and dance routines. A special thank you also goes to the year 2 and 3 staff for working hard behind the scenes to bring the production to life!

Whilst year 2 and 3 have been busy working on their play, year 1 has also had a busy week learning about a variety of topics. On Wednesday, year one had a fantastic time visiting The Herbert Art Gallery where they explored a range of fascinating artworks and enjoyed a fun painting session. The children really enjoyed their day and were brilliant at showing their Finham values within the gallery. In science, the children have been delving into the world of electricity, creating and examining simple circuits with a bulb. Additionally, they also took part in Internet Safety Week lessons, learning about the importance of being responsible and staying safe online.

Miss Beale

## **Diary Dates**

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

- Return to school

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

- Year 4 swimming 12:30-15:30



## FINHAM SPORTS

**Sportshall Athletics** – Our year 5/6 team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the first round and we are now through to the plate final. The children pushed themselves in every race and supported each other brilliantly.

**Indoor rowing** – 4 girls and 4 boys from year 6 represented the school with hard work and commitment, so well done to all. The girls finished 8<sup>th</sup> and the boys finished 16<sup>th</sup> out of 21 schools.

‘Year 5/6 Boys Football team won 7-0 in their cup match this week. A great effort considering the weather, and thank you to all the parents for their support.’

There are lots of events next half term, and we will share all the information on the newsletters.

Mr Tickle

## WORLD BOOK DAY – CELEBRATING READER IDENTITY-THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH

This year, we will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 6th March**, linking our activities to the National Year of Reading and focusing on helping every child see themselves as a reader.

Children are invited to come dressed as a character from a book or story that they feel connected to or represented by. This might be a character they admire or relate to, or someone who shares something important with them – such as their personality, experiences, interests, strengths, or even their background, culture or beliefs.

Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive – something simple or symbolic is perfect. The focus is on meaning and connection, not dressing up for the sake of it.

We would also like children to bring in the book their character comes from, if possible, so they can share it with their reading PAL during the day and talk about why they chose it.

We’re really looking forward to celebrating the many different ways the Children at Finham Primary connect with reading and stories!

## ORACY QUESTION

If you were the teacher for a day, what would you do?

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<b>Nursery</b>	94 %	<b>3M</b>	97 %
<b>RT</b>	94 %	<b>4G</b>	93 %
<b>RW</b>	90 %	<b>4R</b>	97 %
<b>1B</b>	97 %	<b>5R</b>	99 %
<b>1L</b>	99 %	<b>5B</b>	97 %
<b>2R</b>	98 %	<b>6S</b>	99 %
<b>2W</b>	98 %	<b>6T</b>	95 %
<b>3B</b>	98 %	<b>Over all</b>	<b>97 %</b>



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

Monday	Year 1- Ball Skills Year 2 – Health & Well being Reception – Ball Skills
Tuesday	Year 3 – Gymnastics Year 5 – Gymnastics Year 4 – OAA
Wednesday	Nursery – Gymnastics & Ball Skills Year 4 – Swimming Xcel Year 5 – OAA Year 6 - Athletics
Thursday	Reception – Gymnastics Year 6 – Gymnastics Year 3 – OAA
Friday	Year 2 – Ball Skills Nursery – Gymnastics & Ball Skills Year 1 – Health & Well being

**Please can all children wear their PE kit to school on PE days**

Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo

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

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



***Happy Birthday to everyone who have celebrated a birthday this week!***

**Aiden - 5B Annelise – 6S Millie – 5B Zachary – 5R Methmi – 5R**

**Emilia – 1B Soniah – 6T Harriett – 2W Harveen – 3B Arthur – RT**

**Anaya – 2R Heidi – 4G Lilly – RW Jenson – 1L Oliver – 1L**

