

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exhilarating week it has been at Finham Primary! The days have flown by, filled with a whirlwind of exciting activities. Alongside our outstanding curriculum work, our pupils have fully embraced the fun of **British Science Week**.

This week, the children took part in a fantastic range of activities, including our cross-curricular **Orienteering Day on Tuesday** for Years 2–6. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to apply their learning in a hands-on, engaging way.

Throughout the week, the children have explored a variety of practical science experiments, developing their scientific enquiry skills and deepening their understanding of the fascinating world around them.

As the weather continues to be unpredictable, please ensure your children bring a **warm coat every day** and **wellies** so they can enjoy playing on the field at lunchtimes.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend filled with adventure!

Sarah Bracken

Headteacher

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, all year groups have been engaged in exciting scientific learning as part of Science Week, designed to ignite children's interest in various scientific concepts.

Year 4 has been focusing on the water cycle, building upon their previous understanding of evaporation and condensation. The children explored these processes as integral components of the water cycle. In addition, they planned an evaporation experiment to investigate how air temperature affects the rate of water evaporation. The findings from this practical investigation will be documented in their science books, fostering their skills in scientific inquiry and evidence collection.

Year 5 began the week by participating in a live lesson with Tech She Can, which aimed to inspire students about future career opportunities in technology. This initiative was linked to their science topic on space, where they learned about the development of technologies, such as smartwatches, originally designed for astronauts. They also examined the health challenges faced in space and the innovative technologies being researched to overcome these barriers, promoting interest in STEM careers. Furthermore, Year 5 conducted a science investigation to explore forces, specifically testing the effectiveness of different parachute designs in slowing the drop of an egg from a height, thereby creating air resistance to protect the egg.

Year 6 focused on the theme of evolution, learning about Charles Darwin's theory. They investigated how different beak shapes of birds are adapted to their specific diets, linking adaptation to reproduction and survival.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th March

- Year 4 Go Ape/Coombe Abby trip

Wednesday 18th March

- Year 5 Inspire workshop 09:00-10:00
- Year 4 swimming 12:30-15:30

Thursday 19th March

- Comic Relief Red Nose Day, wear something red or silly

Friday 20th March

- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING



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THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



Additionally, the children planned their own investigations to understand why certain animals are more challenging for predators to hunt, allowing them to devise their own questions and engage deeply with the scientific method.

LUNCH AND SNACK REMINDER

Finham Primary School is proud to be a nut-free school to keep all our children safe, particularly those with severe nut allergies. We kindly ask all parents and carers to carefully check food packaging before sending snacks or packed lunches to school. Please look out not only for products that contain nuts, but also for labels that state “may contain nuts” or “may contain traces of nuts,” as these can still pose a serious risk. Your support and vigilance help us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for every child.

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY- Thursday 19th March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day here at school. If you would like your child to join in please wear something red or something silly for £1 donation. Many thanks

NURSERY NEED YOUR HELP

Nursery are currently looking for donations of cardboard toilet roll tubes and kitchen roll tubes. Please hand into the office or to your class teacher.

ALLERGIES

Please can we remind all parents and carers if your child has an allergy that we need to be aware of, please can you notify the school office as soon as possible. If we need to hold medication for these allergies, please visit the school office and complete the required form.

EID CELEBRATION DAY – MONDAY 23rd MARCH – NON UNIFORM DAY

On Monday 23rd March, we will be celebrating Eid with a non-uniform day. Children are welcome to come in their celebration clothes (please remember children will still be playing outside at lunchtime). To mark this special occasion and reflect the spirit of generosity and community associated with Eid al-Fitr, we will also be collecting donations for Coventry Foodbank.

Please bring in any food donations on Monday 23rd March to support local families in need. Each year group will be taking part in a friendly challenge – which year group can bring in the most donations? Let’s work together to make a real difference for our community.

Items currently needed:

- Cereal
- Tinned Fruit
- Dry Noodles
- Jam
- Tinned Meat
- Fruit Juice or Squash
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Vegetables

No water, fruitshoot-type drinks, Fizzy Pop or alcohol. Please ensure all donated items are long dated.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	89 %	3M	91 %
RT	92 %	4G	95 %
RW	90 %	4R	99 %
1B	90 %	5R	97 %
1L	95 %	5B	99 %
2R	99 %	6S	95 %
2W	96 %	6T	95 %
3B	97 %	Over all	95 %



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

Monday	Reception - Athletics Year 3 - Striking/Feilding Games Year 1 – Team Building	Please can all children wear their PE kit to school on PE days
Tuesday	Year 3 – Dance Year 4 - Dance Year 2 – Team Building	
Wednesday	Nursery – Athletics/Dance Year 4 – Swimming Xcel Year 5 – Invasion Games Year 6 - Dance	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
Thursday	Reception – Dance Year 5 - Dance Year 6 – Invasion Games	
Friday	Year 2 – Dance Nursery – Athletics /Dance Year 1 – Dance	PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME

