

PAGET NEWS

29TH SEPTEMBER 2023



#Team Paget
#Stronger Together

TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

How to Contact Us...



Email:

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Telephone:

0121 464 3902 or 07493838732



Twitter: @PagetPrimary

Concerned About a Child's Safety?

Contact Birmingham CASS on 0121 303 1888. If you feel a child is at risk of immediate, significant harm then call 999 OR contact a DSL in school: Mrs. Nussey, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Spiers, Mrs. Ewbank or Mr. Merriman.

Child Line

Children if you need to talk
to anyone, please email
www.childline.co.uk

Or ring

0800 1111

HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

This term we have seen an influx of issues with mobile phones coming into school. Children should only be bringing mobile phones into school if they walk to or home from school alone and usually this should only be children in Year Six.

If children need to bring their phones into school for this reason, they are to be handed in to the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the school day as they do not need their phones once they have arrived in school. If I find phones in school that have not been handed in, they will be confiscated and only returned once a parent/carer comes to collect them. Continued issues caused in school may result in a re-think about whether we allow children to bring phones into school at all.

Thank you to those of you that supported our MacMillan coffee morning today, this is a cause that is very dear to my own heart. It is wonderful to have occasions when we can all meet together, and hopefully we will see more of such events in the coming year.

Next week, we look forward to our Chinese visitors, who are coming to look at all of the wonderful things we do with PE and sport at Paget. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase what we are really good at.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Take Care

Vicky Nussey

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

NURSERY: Elodie & Ayesha

RECEPTION: Iren, Yousef, Abderrahmen & Eshaal

YEAR ONE: Yusra, Harlie-Rae, Arjun & Serena

YEAR TWO: Kai Lola, Teddie & Logan

YEAR THREE: Mia, Jordan, Hadiya & Shayan

YEAR FOUR: Tharef, Keira, Abigail & Subhan

YEAR FIVE: Wareesha, Eric, Ava & Ivy

YEAR SIX: Ranim, Leo, Koveah & Vincent

PANTHERS & PUMAS: Ivy & Theo

HOUSEPOINTS

THIS WEEK'S TOTALS:

THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS:

EY & KS1: 2W

KS2: 4H

THIS WEEK'S WINNING

HOUSE:

EY & KS1: Venus

KS2: Mercury

BEST ATTENDANCE
Class: 1W with 99.5%

Focus on Reading: EY & KS1

KS1 English and RWI

I have really enjoyed seeing the RWI and English groups working hard over the last few weeks and seeing a love of reading and writing shining through.



Year 2 are using our new KS1 & KS2 English scheme, Literacy Tree to develop reading and writing. They will be using high quality texts in both English lessons and Whole Class Reading.

Look at the books they have used so far... what super books to unpick and help develop writing and reading skills! We hope they have come home and told you all about it.



Handwriting

We need your help – can your child tell you all the RWI Rhymes? We encourage them to say these as they form their letters as this aids correct formation. By removing this barrier, our children can focus on the content of their sentences and develop their ideas, be able to read back and edit their work. Simply Think It, Say It, Write It, Read It, Edit It.



Parental Support

We are a Team at Paget, and we cannot do this without your support. It is important that you;

- Read with your child at least 3 x times per week and sign their reading record
- Ensure your child has their book back and Reading Books in school daily

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any queries, please drop myself an email at g.waring@paget.bham.sch.uk or speak to your class teacher on the playground.

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Mrs Waring
KS1 RWI and English Leader.

SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM: SCIENCE

Science newsletter

At Paget, we strive to encourage curiosity about Science and the natural world. We aim to present scientific ideas, arguments and practical experiences to promote the children to establish their own views and opinions.

At the centre of all the amazing practical experiences we provide, are the Science enquiry gems. All classes at Paget display these gems to represent the skills that are being performed in a lesson. This allows the children to know which scientific skills they are using.



Here are some of those scientific skills in action!



Observing closely



Taking measurements



Asking scientific questions



"What features do I have on my face?"

In the Autumn term, each year group has a different scientific focus:

Year 1: Animals including humans - the human body.

Year 2: Living things and their habitats.

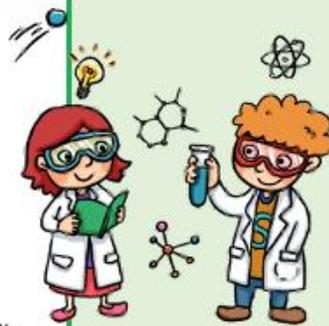
Year 3: Rocks

Year 4: States of Matter

Year 5: Properties and changes of materials.

Year 6: Light

Each topic provides a unique opportunity to apply specific scientific skills.



INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Forest School Competition



Design and name the sign for the Forest School bug hotel and be in with a chance to win an amazing prize! Please bring your design into school and pass to Mrs Holmes. All entries need to be in by, 06/10/23 9am. Happy designing, Mrs Holmes.

Visitors to Paget

On the 4th of October we have some special visitors to Paget, a group of students from China through the Youth Sport Trust will be coming to see how fabulous we are at PE and Sport.

The project is funded through Nike and Mrs Spiers is hoping for a return visit to China for the students and her!

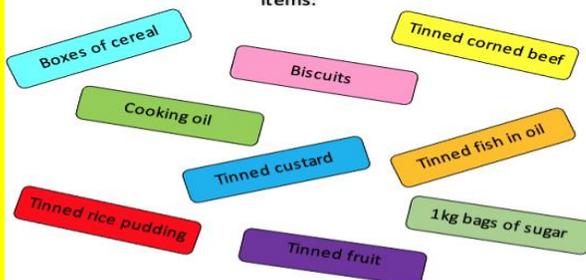
Nike have advised they will be bringing a film crew with them and have asked for permission for our students to be photographed and video footage obtained throughout the visit. If you do not wish your child to be involved in filming, please email Mrs Spiers on g.spiers@paget.bham.sch.uk

Harvest Collections

Once again, we will be collecting donations for harvest time and donating them to Erdington Food Bank.



The foodbank would be particularly grateful for the following items:



Donations to be given in by Friday 13th October.

Communication and Autism



Communication and Autism Team

Autumn Parent Session - NORTH BIRMINGHAM

Come along and meet Wendy and Jo from the Communication and Autism Team (CAT).

This is an opportunity for you to:

- Meet other parent/carers with autistic children and young people
 - Find out a bit more about autism
 - Ask questions
- Have some time to reflect and recharge

The sessions will be delivered face to face termly at the following venue and time:

Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Primary School Kingsbury Road, Erdington, B24 9ND	Thursday 5 th October 2023 9.30 – 11.30am
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Please note: we do not have any childcare facilities at the venue.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Just turn up on the day - there is no need to book. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Gibb & Jo Clifford

CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

What is Safeguarding?

This section of the newsletter is designed to support parents in deepening their understanding of topical safeguarding issues that may affect their child, themselves or members of their local community. Safeguarding children is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every single person who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play. You will see below who to speak to if you have concerns about a child's safety or welfare, however all our staff are trained in safeguarding if you want to discuss any concerns with them.

Child Protection

Child protection is part of the safeguarding process. Child protection means focusing on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child.

What to do if you are worried about a child?

If you have concerns that a child living is suffering from harm, please ring Birmingham CASS on 0121 303 1888. If a child is in immediate danger, then ring 999 and ask for the police. You can also always speak to a DSL for advice and support.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

At Paget, we have five trained DSLs. These are Mrs. Nussey, Mrs. Spiers, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Ewbank and Mr. Merriman.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. A DSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns, and often until at least 5p.m.

DSLs are trained to take on this role and that training is updated every two years with additional training and conferences in between. The DSL has many responsibilities including working with staff and agencies involved in safeguarding children, working with parents and families, giving advice to staff, training staff, managing referrals from staff and investigating concerns passing them onto the correct body as necessary, managing the records of safeguarding and Child Protection concerns, keeping own knowledge up to date etc.

Early Help

Early Help means taking action to support a child person or their family early in the life of a problem, as soon as it emerges. It can be required at any, young stage in a child's life from pre-birth to adulthood and applies to any problem or need that any family cannot deal with or meet on their own. It also applies to all children and young people, with any form of need. This could be linked to housing, debt, managing children's behaviour, finances and many more aspects of life. Sometimes this will be a one-off piece of support, other times it may be more complicated, and an Early Help assessment and plan may need to be carried out with you and your family.

If you require any support of any kind, please speak to either a DSL or any member of school staff you are comfortable talking to. We are here to work together with our families - Team Paget: Stronger Together

SPOTLIGHT ON VALUES: HONESTY

**‘No legacy is so rich as honesty.’
William Shakespeare**

Honesty is the ability to be truthful and sincere. Not only honest in your words but in your actions too. We want to teach our children about the importance of honesty. We want all at Paget to see that it is important to speak the truth, act truthfully and take responsibility for the actions and decisions we make.

In my opinion, honesty is one of the most, if not the most, important value we can teach the children at school. Indeed, honesty is the foundation for trust and trust is necessary for a relationship or friendship to thrive.

When we are always honest with someone, it tells them that they can trust us and the things we say. It helps them know and believe that we will keep our promises.

To support our work at school, it would be great if you could discuss honesty with the children at home. To carefully explain to them, not only the meaning of honesty, but what it looks like in real life. To stress the importance of honesty and the potential consequences when we tell an untruth.

What do they think about the following situations?

- 1) The cashier only charges you for two chocolate bars when really, you've bought 3?
- 2) The rule states that you must be 13 years old to play a certain computer game. Who will know that you're only 10 years old?
- 3) You think no-one will notice when you take 2 biscuits from the tin when the rule is that you only have one?
- 4) You promised your mum that you would clean your bedroom, but you watched TV instead?



Tea &



Talk

Date: Friday 6th October

Time: 2:30pm

Come and join us for a chat about SEND provision at Paget and how we support our children





Cutting the cost of keeping warm

We understand how difficult it can be when energy bills start to rise. By making some small, simple changes we can all save money while staying safe and well.

Save money when cooking

When cooking, put a lid on your pan as this can save you money on your energy bill. Putting a lid on your pan allows water to boil faster and the lid keeps the heat in the pan, rather than letting it escape, speeding up cooking time and helping you use less energy.

Slow cookers save money! Slow cookers are an extremely efficient way to cook, you can batch cook meals. Likewise, microwaves and air fryers are also great alternatives to using ovens.

Switch off your appliances

Turning off lights and switching appliances off standby when not in use can save **£85¹** a year on energy bills.



Do not over fill

Only boil as much as you need, overfilling your kettle wastes energy.



Turn down your thermostat



By turning down your thermostat from 22°C to 21°C, you could save **£115²** on your energy bills.

Wash on eco or 30°C or cooler cycles when you can. Washing at 30°C rather than higher temperatures could save **£15³** a year

LED lights

Switch your lights to energy-friendly LED light bulbs. Replacing all the light bulbs in your home with LEDs can save around **£65⁴** a year, lasting five times longer.



Full load

Only wash with a full load, cutting back on just one washing cycle a week can save you an additional **£15** a year and further savings on metered water bills.



Use a washing bowl

Using a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap can save you money on your energy and water bills if you have a water meter. You only need to run a typical tap for 95 seconds before you would have filled a washing up bowl.⁵

Take shorter showers

Spending just one minute less in the shower can save **£20** a year in a typical household and uses far less energy than taking a bath. Sticking to 4-minute showers could save a typical household **£75** on energy bills and around **£65** on metered water bills every year.⁶

Replacing an inefficient shower head with a water-efficient one can reduce your yearly gas bill by **£45**. If you have a water meter as well, you can save another **£25** – that's a total saving of **£70** each year.⁷



Maximise your income

Every year, millions of households miss out on thousands of pounds worth of benefits, that they are entitled to. Turn2us's benefit calculator easily and quickly identifies any benefits you are entitled to claim to increase your income: [Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#).

We're committed to helping our customers keep safe and well. We work with a number of services and organisations that can provide help and support on energy fuel efficiency.

Help and support with energy bills



National Energy Action (NEA)

If you need advice and support on your energy bills, please visit NEA's website via the link for more information: [National Energy Action NEA](#)



Citizens Advice

If you need information on grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills, please visit: [Citizens Advice](#)



Groundwork

If you need help with saving money on your energy bills or improving efficiency within your home, please visit: [Groundwork](#)



The Priority Services Register

The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free service that helps energy companies to look after customers who have extra communication, access, or safety needs. It helps us tailor our services to support households who need extra help with everyday energy matters like bills, and also in the unlikely event of a power cut or gas supply interruption.

Find out if you are eligible and register at: [Priority Service Register](#)



Safer Homes Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Fitting a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm in your home is a great way of keeping you and your family safe from the dangers of (CO). CO is an odourless, tasteless, and invisible gas that is dangerous, and can be created from faulty gas appliances.

The Safe Homes programmes offers households a free CO alarm (maximum of one per household) - [you can request your free CO alarm here](#).

Please use the below details when requesting your free CO alarm:
Username = coalarms Password = Saferhomes123



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 18th October - Parents Evening

Friday 6th October - Tea and Talk for parents of pupils with SEND *

Half Term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

Thursday 30th November - Y6 trip to Warner Bros Studios

Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term 2024

· Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2024

· Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

· Term Ends: Friday 22 March 2024

Summer Term 2024

· Term Starts: Monday 8 April 2024

· Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

· Term Ends: Friday 19 July 2024

(Please note there are teacher days for next academic year yet to be agreed with ATLP - these will be shared when finalised)

This section will be regularly updated once new dates are known and confirmed.

**Indicates newly added or changed items*

