

PAGET NEWS

12TH JANUARY 2024



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How to Contact Us...



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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

Welcome back everyone and a Happy New Year to you all!

I hope that you all enjoyed some quality family time together over the Christmas break and that the children are well rested and ready to face all that a new year and a new term brings.

I will start the year with some staffing news. This term we have been joined by two new and permanent teaching assistants. We have been joined by Mrs Lowndes in Year Two, and Miss Bailey. Miss Bailey has been working with Nursery for a while now and she will continue to do this on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; on a Thursday and Friday, she will join the Panthers team.

As we look ahead, this term may be a short one but that does not make it any less busy for us in school. This half term we have various things to look forward to such as Maths workshops for parents, Year Four visiting Tamworth Castle as part of their history learning and the KESSP annual dance competition. These are just a few of the exciting things we have to look forward to in addition to the usual activity in school. Remember to look out on Twitter/ X to keep up to date with all that is happening in school.

As the weather turns colder, just a reminder that should we experience heavy snow and school needs to be closed, parents/carers will receive a text message informing you if this is the case. Please rest assured, closing school will always be the last possible option and if this action is taken it is not done so lightly.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Vicky Nussey

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

NURSERY: Remi & Hristiana

RECEPTION: Cealen, Abdullah, Khaleel & Kemora

YEAR ONE: Rozina, Muhammad M, Minsa & Cameron

YEAR TWO: Sophia, Kiaus, Ollie & Adam

YEAR THREE: Omarion, Josiah-Jordan, Josiah & Ellie

YEAR FOUR: Deen, Fatima, Omar & Esmail

YEAR FIVE: Cameron, Lexi, Napatsorn & Blossom

YEAR SIX: Jake-James, Liam C, Courtney & Abdi

PANTHERS & PUMAS: Ethan & Joshua

HOUSEPOINTS

THIS WEEK'S TOTALS:

THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS:

KS1: 2D

KS2: 6B

THIS WEEK'S WINNING HOUSE:

KS1: Mercury

KS2: Mercury

BEST ATTENDANCE

Class: Leopards with 97%

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

CONTACT DETAILS

Have you changed your address or phone number recently? If so, have you informed the school office? If we needed to get hold of you in an emergency, do we have the right number to get hold of you?

Please ensure you update the office with any contact details changes throughout the year.

SEPTEMBER 2024 - RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

If your child was born between 1/9/2019 and 31/08/202 they will be able to start school in reception in September 2024.

Applications for Reception places are managed by BCC admissions centrally. Applications should be made online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/admissions

Deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.

All children must apply for a reception place in whichever school they choose.

Even if your child currently attends Paget Nursery and you wish them to attend Paget Reception, you must complete an online application form. If you need any help or support with this process, please ask a member of school staff and we will find the right person to help you.



04 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Measles (MMR) Vaccine Reminder

There is an increasing number of people with measles in Birmingham. Most of these are young children who have not had their MMR (measles) vaccine.

Measles is a highly infectious disease, which can be very serious. Two doses of the MMR vaccine is the best protection against measles. Over 80% of Birmingham children and adults have had the MMR vaccine. We need everyone protected.

The MMR vaccine is safe for every faith. There is a type of MMR vaccine that does not contain pork gelatine, so it can be used for people who do not touch any pork products. This vaccine is available at every GP practice, and it is free.

Please contact your GP to book an appointment for Measles (MMR) vaccine.

Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccines. Children should have the first dose at 1 year old and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months old. Two doses of the MMR can provide life-long immunity.

Anyone unvaccinated who is exposed to someone with measles may be advised to isolate for 3 weeks. This would disrupt their learning or work and could happen repeatedly.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Mary Orhewere MBBS MPH FFPH

Assistant Director, Public Health Division, Birmingham City Council

For more information visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://Measles-NHS)

COLD WEATHER

As the weather is turning colder, please ensure children have appropriate clothing for school - a warm coat, hat scarf, gloves and suitable footwear. Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name - labelled clothing is easy to return to the rightful owner when misplaced.



Spotlight on Safeguarding

Winter Water Safety

Stay safe in winter – the dangers of frozen waters. In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter. Areas with frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can be beautiful places to visit during the winter months but all too often many people risk their lives by venturing onto frozen water. Here are some useful tips to help you know what to do in an emergency.

Don't go on the ice to rescue a dog Don't go onto ice or into the water to rescue a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.

Keep back from the edge

When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.

Teach children not to go on the ice Teach children not to go onto the ice under any circumstances.

Keep dogs on their leads

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.

water safety Scotland #RESPECTTHEWATER

WATER SAFETY CODE

Stop and Think, Spot the Dangers
If you are thinking of being near or entering the water, have you considered the following?

- Be aware of cold water shock
For more info visit www.watersafetyscotland.org.uk/coldwatershock
- Keep off all frozen waters
- Check for safety signage
- Avoid alcohol and drugs
- The depth of the water may hide underwater ledges, hidden currents and unseen items
- Be aware of other water activities
- If it is safe to enter the water, ensure you have a safe way out
- At the coast, consider rip currents, wind and the tide

Stay Together, Stay Close
It is better to get near the water with a friend or family member

- Float. Lean back, extend your arms and legs
- Float until you can control your breathing. Then call for help or swim to safety

In an Emergency, Call 999

- If you see someone in trouble DO NOT enter the water
- Look for a throw line or life ring to help whilst you wait on the emergency services
- Call 999 or 112 For inland waters ask for the Fire and Rescue Services. For coastal waters ask for the Coastguard

TOP TIP: Thinking of taking part in a planned activity?
To enjoy your activity to the full, check that your provider is fully insured, with a valid staff and the relevant accreditation.

What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for 'help'
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you anyway
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water
- Once you are safe, go to hospital immediately for a check up

Spotlight on Reading: KS2

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the festive period. This term, we will continue to focus on Reading this term. Reading underpins everything we do and becoming a fluent reader is a key part of your child's education. Please continue to listen to your children reading at home and encourage them to complete their reading journals. We love to hear about your reading at home so keep updating twitter using **#getpagereading**

Miss V.Nevitt - KS2 English Lead

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.



Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.



Learn more:

smartreading.org/parent-resources



What are we reading?

New year, new book! This is what we are currently reading in our English lessons:

Year 3 - The Pied Piper of Hamelin - Michael Morpurgo

Year 4 - Winter's Child - Angela McCallister

Year 5- The Lost Thing - Shaun Tan

Year 6 - The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick

Echo Reading

As part of our Whole Class Reading sessions, we use something called echo reading. Echo reading is a rereading strategy designed to help students develop expressive, fluent reading. In echo reading, the adult or confident reader reads a short segment of text, sometimes a sentence or short paragraph, and the student will echo it back.















Why not try it at home?

Spotlight on Reading: KS2 (Continued)

How well do you know books?

Can you name the book using the clues given? Find the answers next week! Hand in your answers to your class reading champions. The winning child will receive a prize!

Name the Children's Book...

1 	2 BEAUTY BEAUTY ← BEAUTY	3 S H ₂ O I P	4 D d d	5 
6 WAONLDEIRLCANED	7 BOWLER	8 N 	9 	10 CIUNPDBIOAARD
11 PANTS 	12 1914-1918 	13 	14 	15 
16 	17 	18 	19 	20 

#BOOKMATCH
Books for fans of Louis Sachar



IF YOU LIKE LOUIS SACHAR, READ THESE
For more #BookMatch & similar suggested reads, visit TheReaderTeacher.com

SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM: History

Understanding the significance of history for children is crucial as it provides them with a deeper comprehension of the world around them. This knowledge helps them develop critical thinking skills, as they learn to analyse and interpret historical events and their consequences. Moreover, history fosters empathy and understanding by exposing children to diverse cultures, traditions, and perspectives. It allows them to appreciate the struggles and achievements of those who came before them, cultivating a sense of respect and tolerance. Ultimately, history empowers children to become informed and engaged citizens, equipped with the knowledge to thrive.



At Paget, we provide a wide range of opportunities for children to dive into the history curriculum.

In year 2, our focus was on the topic of remembrance, where we explored the significance of different poppy colours and their meanings. Additionally, we looked at the living conditions of soldiers during World War One and engaged in discussions about the emotions we would experience if we were to leave our families behind. As part of this immersive learning experience, we organised a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, which proved to be an incredibly enriching and memorable experience for the children.

In year 1, they have been exploring the unit of me myself and I where they brought in special objects from their family history. The teachers year one were delighted to listen to the fascinating stories



about various extraordinary objects, and they even took the initiative to bring some of their own to share with their classes.



The year five children have been diving into the world of ancient Greece. Their extensive research has covered various aspects, ranging from the magnificent architectural wonders to the intricate sculptures depicting the gods. It is truly awe-inspiring to witness the remarkable creations that have emerged from their exploration.

I cannot wait to see what amazing pieces of work the children come up with this year!

Have a look at the year groups that are doing history this half term and what they will be learning.

Year 1	Local history of Birmingham
Year 3	Stone age to Iron age
Year 4	Anglo Saxons and the Vikings

I have been so impressed with what I have seen already! I cannot wait to see more of the amazing work that has been created.

Miss Wheeler
(History Lead)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2024

15th January - closing date for Reception 2024 applications

Thursday 25th January 2024 - Year Four trip to Tamworth Castle *

Friday 9th February - Last day of half term - children break up *

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

Monday 19th February - Children return to school *

Friday 22 March 2024- Last day of term - Break up for Easter holidays *

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8 April 2024 - School Closed to children - Staff training Day *

Tuesday 9th April - Children return to school *

Thursday 18th-Friday 19th April - Year Two Residential

Thursday 2nd May - School closed to children - Elections

Monday 6th May - School closed - May Day Bank Holiday *

Week commencing Monday 13th May - Year Six SATS Week *

Friday 24th May - Last day of term - Break up for half term *

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

Monday 3rd June - Term starts *

Week commencing Monday 3rd June - Year Four - Multiplication Check Week *

Week commencing 10th June - Year One - Phonics Screening Check week *

Week commencing Monday 1st July - Sports Week *

· Friday 19th July - Last day of term

(Please note there is one more teacher day for this 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*



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

Welcome to One 2 One you Matter Wellbeing service, for all the family

ANXIETY MANAGEMENT COURSE AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS!

- Are you feeling stuck?
- Do you want to learn how to manage your anxiety?
- If so, join our fully funded course for Erdington young adults.

Monday 22nd January 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Venue is at **Erdington Library community room, Orphanage road, Erdington, B24 9HP**

Get in touch with Nurse and Therapist Sarah to book. Please book now, Limited availability

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BookTrust Storytime

Pop into your local library and try something new!

Join in the fun for Under 5's BookTrust Storytime and Rhymes at **ERDINGTON LIBRARY**

Every Tuesday
9th January 2024 – 6th February 2024
11:30 – 12:00

Discover the 5 books shortlisted for the BookTrust Storytime Prize for this year and how you can vote for your favourite book. Receive a Book Trust Storytime Certificate if your child visits all 5 sessions.



For more information contact Erdington Library on 0121 464 0798

Come and have fun with stories. It's FREE!

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

UDB Youth Activities

January - March 2024

MONDAY The Underground School Years 7-9 5:00-6:00pm @ The Underground	TUESDAY UDB Youth Cafe 3:15-4:30pm @St Barnabas Church, Erdington High Street
WEDNESDAY Football School Years 7-13 5:00-6:00pm @ NBA	The Underground Senior School Years 9-13 6:00-7:00pm @ The Underground
FRIDAY Erdington Hall Youth Club School Years 7-11 4:45-5:45pm @ St Chad's Church Centre	Pype Hayes Youth School Years 7-13 4:45-5:45pm @ St Mary's Church, Pype Hayes
	Wyrley Youth Club School Years 7-13 6:00-7:00pm @ Lakeside Centre, Wyrley
	UDB Gaming, Fortnite 7:30-9:00pm Epic Games: UrbanDevotion_2

The best way to stay up to date is by scanning here and following us on social media!

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UDB Children & Families Activities

January - March 2024

TUESDAY Perry Common Family Cafe All ages; 3:15 - 4:15pm @ Hope House, 148 Witton Lodge Rd	MONDAY The Underground Junior School Years 3-6 3:15-4:30pm @ The Underground
THURSDAY Pype Hayes Children & Families, All ages 3:30-4:30pm @ St Mary's Church, Pype Hayes	WEDNESDAY Wyrley Birch Kids Fun Club All ages 3:30-4:30pm @ Lakeside Ctr - Wyrley
Short Heath MYV All ages 4:00-5:00pm @ Erdington Oaks Play Park	FRIDAY Erdington Hall Kids Club School Years 3-6 3:30-4:30pm @ St Chad's Church Centre

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