

Meole Brace  
C of E Primary School and Nursery



# HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

April 2024

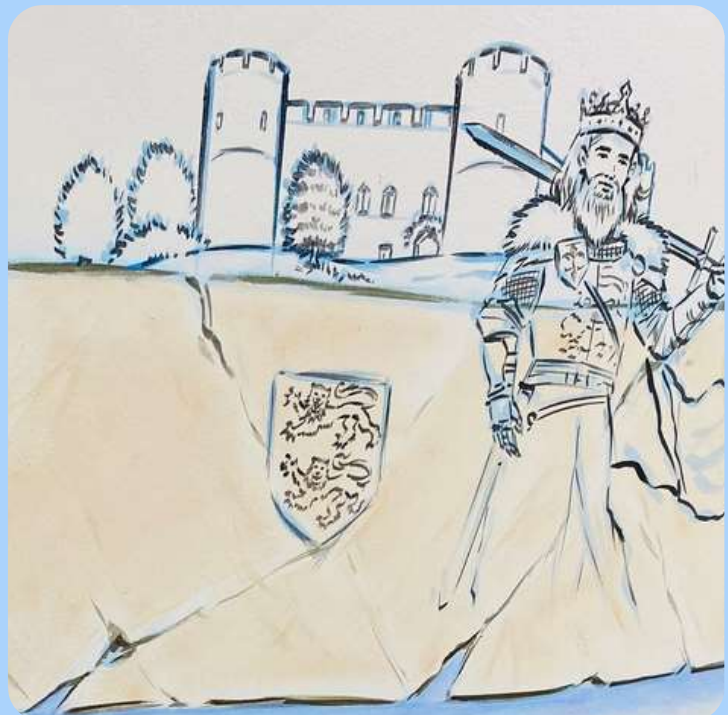
## CURRICULUM AND LEARNING



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

We were delighted to receive the Artsmark Gold Award just before the Easter break. This prestigious award is testament to our school's commitment to developing the arts and providing the children with culturally enriching experiences as a fundamental part of our curriculum. If you are yet to do so, please read [my letter](#) to find out the full details of the award.

One of the reasons for this success, which was commented on by the assessor, was the way in which we show children the career paths that the arts can open up for them and we have enjoyed welcoming professional mural artist Rory McCann back into school to create a stunning timeline in our KS2 corridor to showcase our History curriculum and help the children to recognise when the events they learn about took place. We will post more pictures of his amazing work on our website when it's complete.



## EVENTS - CHURCH VISIT

To round out the Spring term, we visited the Church for a special Easter service from Reverend Cansdale, Cerys and Judith. The children learned more about the Easter story and thought about the half term value of "Forgiveness." This half term, our focus value is "Friendship" and the children will be learning about this, along with our three school values, in Collective Worship each week.



## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP



Thank you to all of the Reception and Year 1 parents/carers who were able to attend the Reading and Phonics Workshop to find out more about how we teach phonics and early reading and what you can do to support this at home. We were so pleased with the turn out which meant we had to use both halls for the interactive part of the afternoon. We will continue to hold these events for different year groups and curriculum areas and please see below for the date and timing of a parent/carer drop-in to see the children's lovely work.



# SPORTS FIXTURES & EVENTS

The sporting fixtures and events continue to come thick and fast with the netball and football seasons coming to an end, just as the athletics events start gearing up. Just before the Easter holiday, we had great success in a cross country running event held at Attingham Park where we won the team competition and since the break, we attended a swimming gala at Shrewsbury School. We had winners in several races, including the girls 25m freestyle relay.

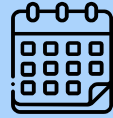


Over the course of last term, the children were also completing a half marathon, running a mile a week (sometimes more) and then some of the children attended the finale at the West Mid Show Grounds on Saturday morning. It was wonderful to see so many of our children taking part as the most highly represented school – well done all!



Our Sports Days are always highlights of the summer term and we would once again like to invite you all to join us for them on the school field. Please see the dates and times below and let's hope for some dry weather!

# UPCOMING EVENTS



- May Day Bank Holiday (School & Nursery closed) – Monday 6th May
- Key Stage 2 SATs Week – Week beginning Monday 13th May
- PD Day (School & Nursery closed to all pupils) – Friday 24th May
- May Half Term break – Week beginning Monday 27th May
- Class photographs – Thursday 6th June
- Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 7th June
- Musical Showcase – Friday 7th June at 2.00pm in the KS2 Hall
- Year 5&6 Sports Afternoon – Monday 24th June at 1.15pm
- Year 1&2 Sports Afternoon – Wednesday 26th June at 1.15pm
- Year 3&4 Sports Afternoon – Tuesday 2nd July at 1.15pm
- Nursery & Reception Sports Morning – Wednesday 3rd July at 9.15am
- Summer Fair – Thursday 4th July at 3.30pm
- Parent/Carer Drop-in – Monday 15th July 3.30 – 5.30pm

## TERM DATES 2023/2024

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