



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



Community Respect Perseverance

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

May 2024

COMMUNITY



At this time I wanted to share the news with you all that Mrs Wilson has made the decision to retire and will leave the school at the end of this academic year. Mrs Wilson has been an incredible servant to the school, having taught here at Meole Brace Primary, and previously at the old junior school, for a total of 27 years! A highly talented and dedicated teacher, who many of you will know well and may even have been taught by yourselves, Mrs Wilson will be sorely missed by all the children and staff.

With half a term still left to go, there will be plenty of time for proper goodbyes but I just wanted to take this opportunity to inform you all and on behalf of the whole community, to wish Mrs Wilson all the very best in her well-earned retirement and to thank her for everything she has done for the school.

COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY



In school we teach the children about a variety of charities and organisations that work for equality and change for the better and we encourage the children to support causes that they believe in. We call this courageous advocacy. This term we were visited by representatives of Guide Dogs for the Blind who taught us about the amazing, life changing work of the dogs and all the training they have to go through. Inspired by this, the children and Mrs Bowdler organised a cake sale to raise some funds for the organisation. Thank you for all your support in helping them to raise a fantastic £500!

CURRICULUM & LEARNING

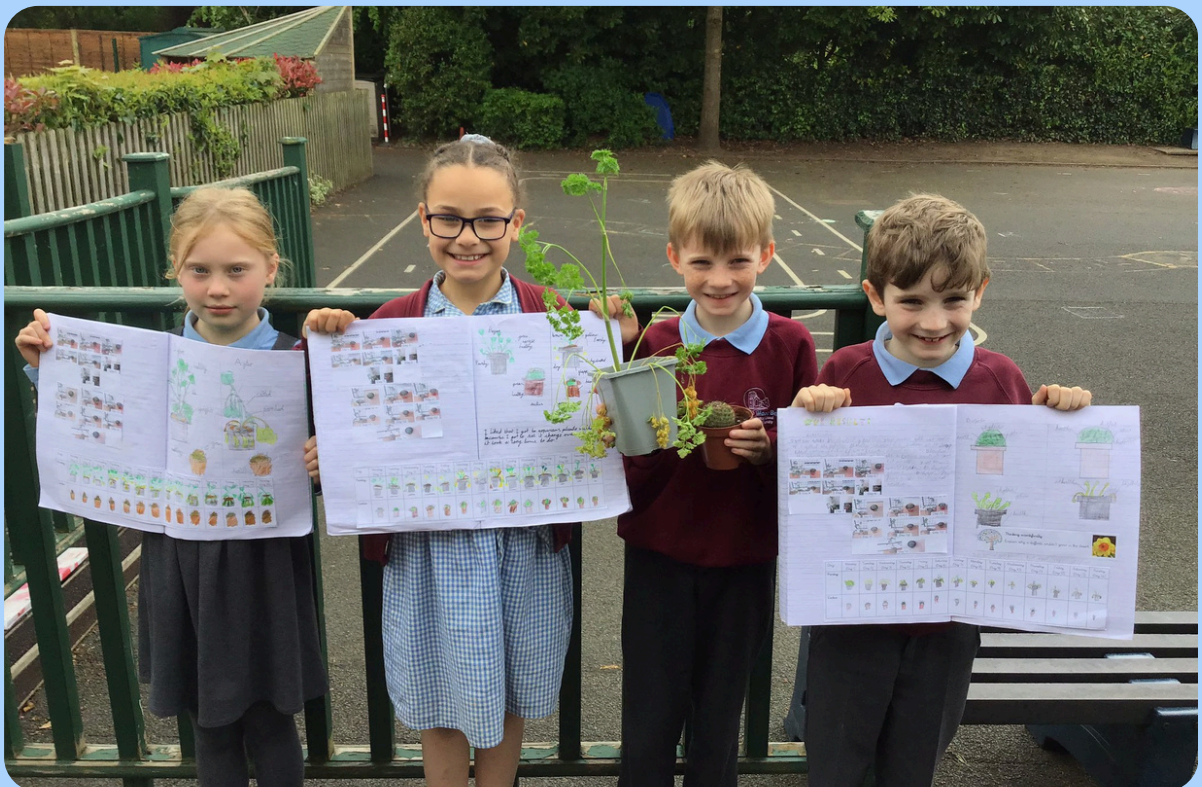


The summer term is full of outdoor learning and educational visits to make the most of the (hopefully) better weather. Already, Year 5 have enjoyed an exciting visit to Jodrell Bank as part of their science unit, Earth and Space. Meanwhile this week, Year 3 took a trip to Ironbridge to support them in their history learning about the industrial revolution.



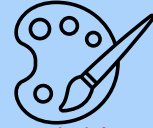
Year 3 have also been learning about Plants and Living Things in their science lessons, completing an investigation into the conditions needed for plants to grow and observing cactus and parsley plants with and without water over time.

In Year 6, as well as doing a fantastic job of tackling their SATs with real maturity and positive attitudes, the children have completed some brilliant work across the curriculum, including in Design and Technology where they learned about different types of stitch and practised sewing on buttons in preparation for their final project of making cushion covers.





AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



The wide range of after school clubs and activities have continued this term with Musical Theatre, Kickboxing, Board Games, Pottery, Chinese, Cricket and Summer Games, to name just a few!

Two of the most popular clubs always are STEM Club and Computer Coding Club. In STEM the children have been learning about forces and gravity by making and testing parachutes, while in Code Club, the children enjoyed coding using Micro:bits and Crumbles.



We are now very much looking forward to the swimming pool arriving during the half term break and then three weeks of swimming clubs after school with the team.

EVENTS - PATH TO PARIS



To celebrate the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games this summer, we are going to take part in Path to Paris, a virtual trip to Paris and around the world to encourage physical activity. To take part, all the children (and you) have to do is get active and then log those activities online to collect virtual kilometres for their house teams of Holly, Chestnut, Sycamore or Oak. We will then see which house team makes it to Paris first and celebrate all of their achievements. To get involved, visit the [website](#), enter PIN: **2639** and your child's house team .



Log your family activity here.
getset.co.uk/log-activity

1. Get active as a family

There's lots of ideas and inspiration on the website.

2. Head to the website

Key in the unique pin found on the back to find your team.

4. Track your progress

Keep track of how far your team has travelled on the website.

3. Log your activity

Your child's activity will be converted into a distance.

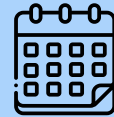
5. Win prizes

Teams that log their activity will be eligible to win prizes to bring home, athlete visits to their club or school, or money-can't-buy opportunities to attend Team GB and ParalympicsGB events.*



*see T&Cs for details

UPCOMING EVENTS



- 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
- Family Bingo Night – Thursday 20th June at 4.30pm
- 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 9.30am
- Summer Fair – Thursday 4th July at 3.30pm
- Parent/Carer Drop-in – Monday 15th July 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Year 6 Leavers Party – Thursday 18th July 4.30 – 6.00pm
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Friday 19th July at 9.00am

TERM DATES 2023/2024

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