



Perryfields Primary PRU



Friday 9th February 2024

Please take the time to read and talk about the newsletter with your child. Thank you.

A message from Mr Hines!

Welcome to our latest edition of the newsletter. As you will see the children have been engaging in lots of wonderful opportunities. We are delighted at their efforts with their learning behaviours and they continue to make excellent progress.

We have a really positive announcement that Ms Vaughan was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List! This is to do not only with her work at Perryfields but on the Department for Education National Behaviour Hubs Programme.

We have supported many schools with establishing a positive behaviour culture and Ms Vaughan has been an integral part of this. I am absolutely delighted that her hard work and incredible impact in schools across the country has been recognised this way. Her skill, dedication and hard work are an inspiration to us all.

Please see the article in the Worcester News below that explains the details.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.



A DEDICATED teacher who has improved the lives of some of the most vulnerable children across the country is among those from Worcestershire being recognised in the New Year Honours.

Ms Vaughan leads Perryfields' work for the Department for Education National Behaviour Hubs Programme which supports schools as far afield as Kent and Carlisle to improve their behaviour culture and develop their inclusive practice.

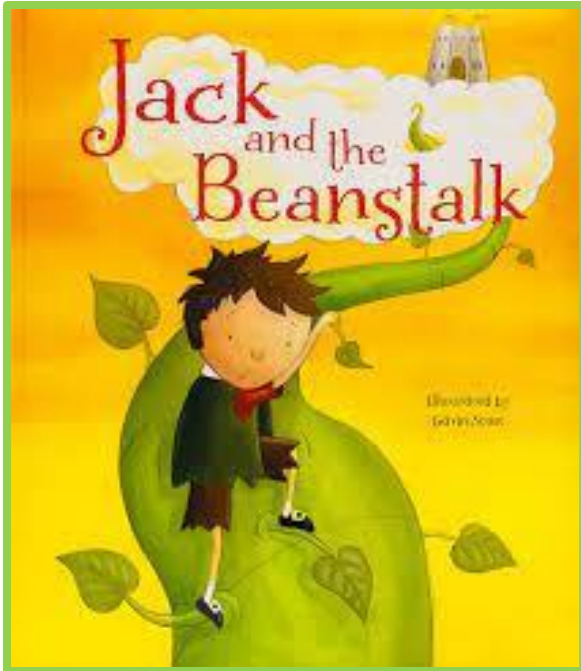
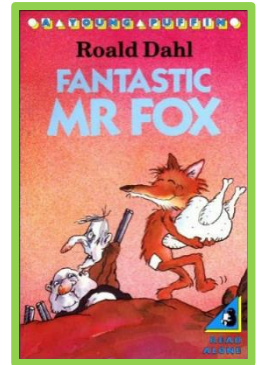
After hearing the news she said:

'I am humbled and very honoured to be receiving this award and I feel very lucky to have worked with amazing colleagues over the years. I love my job at Perryfields and feel incredibly fortunate to meet and collaborate with inspirational people in supporting similar schools across the country.'

Staff Book of the Month!

Staff: Mr Hines
Title: Fantastic Mr Fox
Author: Roald Dahl
Genre: Fiction

Mr Hines' favourite book is Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. He loves the way that Mr Fox and his family manages to get one over on Farmer Boggis, Farmer Bunce and Farmer Bean!



Pupil Book of the Month!

Pupil: Jack L
Title: Jack and the Beanstalk
Author: Joseph Jacobs
Genre: Fiction

Jack, a poor country boy, trades the family cow for a handful of magic beans, which grow into a massive, towering beanstalk reaching up into the clouds. Jack climbs the beanstalk and finds himself in the castle of an unfriendly giant. The giant senses Jack's presence and cries, Fee-fi-fo-fum!

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Books to Read before you leave Primary School

Title: We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Author: Michael Rosen
Genre: Fiction

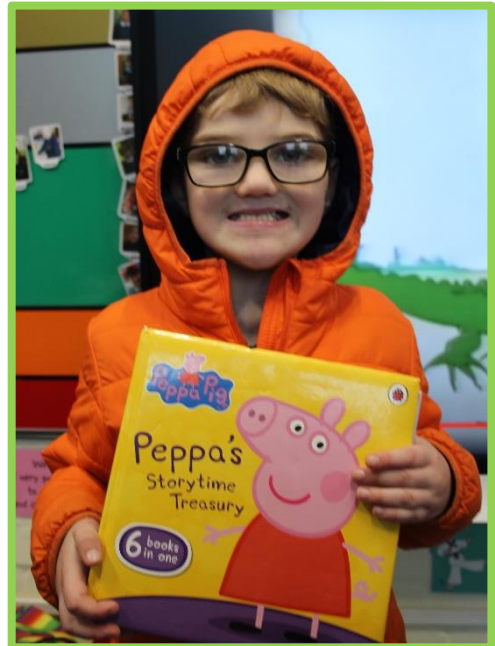
Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!



Well done to the children who have completed the Reading Challenge by reading at home every night!

- Leon
- Archie J
- Jakub
- Alfie

Also, we have a few others who are close to completing the Challenge!



A big well done to Reggie who read a story to Class 2. He was very fluent and the children listened very well. Keep up the good work Reggie and Class 2!



Worcester Panathlon Challenge

Some of our children competed against other schools in the Panathlon Challenge. There were a number of sports such as table cricket, parachute ball collection, bean bag target throw, curling and slam dunk basketball. The children gained points for their achievements in each event, with everyone's points counting. Through a real team effort, collaboration and resilience the team managed to come in 3rd place overall, gaining a high quality medal each! Well done children – you should be really proud of your achievement.



Acton Mill Care Farm

Please take a look at some of the recent photographs taken at the farm. These visits are vital for the children to learning new skills and interact socially. Some of the skills they use at the farm are:

- Taking responsibility
- Collaborating with one another
- Demonstrating independence
- Being curious to find out new knowledge and skills.

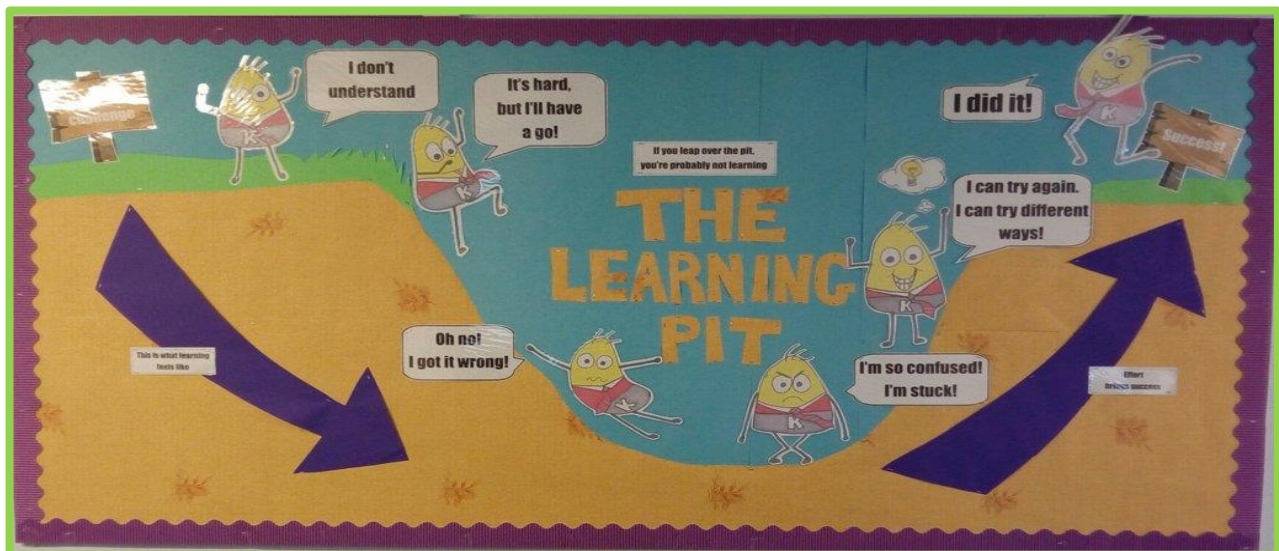




Pear Game Assemblies

Since the last newsletter we have looked at things such as:

- ADHD – A Superpower
- Dreams and goals
- Staying in control
- Always think before you act
- Easter Island
- Mind your manners
- Marsupials
- Don't judge others
- What is meant by fairness?
- Help others to help you
- The Learning Pit
- Burns Night
- King Henry the Eighth
- Viva la France
- Passions and Talents
- Mindfulness and Internet Safety Day
- Mental Health Week



Learning Powers

The Learning Power we are focussing on this half term is being **Independent**. **To be an independent learner the children will be able to complete tasks on their own without the need for adult support.**

- I can use things in the environment to support my learning
- I have completed a task on my own.
- I am learning on my own.
- I know what to use; resources, learning wall, IT.

Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum

Some of the children visited the Worcester Art Gallery and Museum. Using his specialist knowledge from his Fine Art Degree Mr. Cotton focused the pupils on the different materials that had been used to create the pieces of art. Also, as part of their unit on photography they used a camera to document their experience. One of the children said: 'I enjoyed finding out about how to spot the differences between oil paintings and watercolours.'



Well done children!
Your behaviour and
engagement was
brilliant!

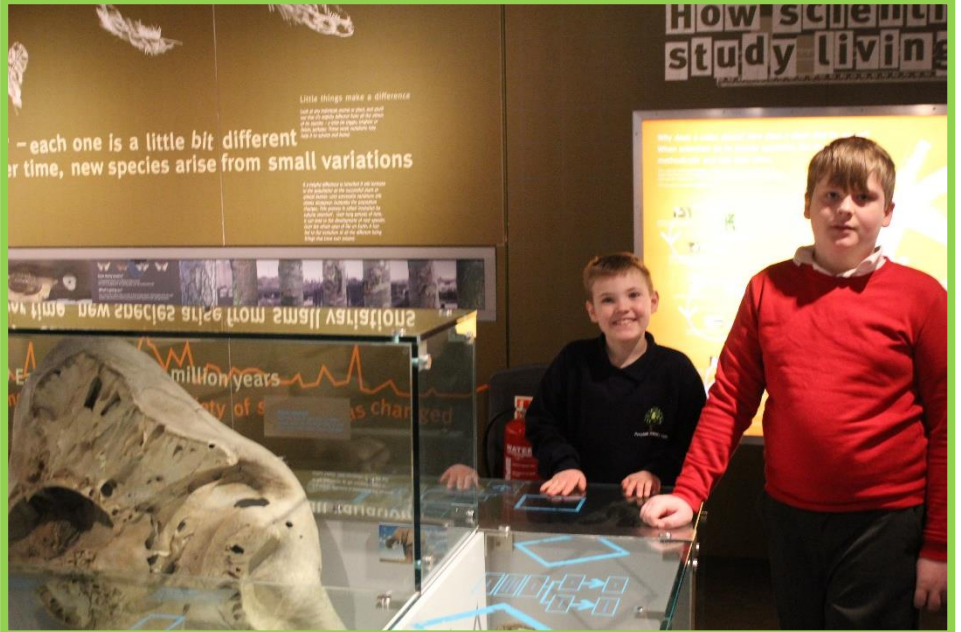
Botanical Gardens Trip

Classes 1 and 2 have been learning all about plants and went on a trip to Birmingham to see The Botanical Gardens. They looked at the different plants that were growing there and the different conditions that they all grow and thrive in. An added bonus was seeing the talking parrots and the children had great fun and their behavior was impeccable.





Think Tank Museum
Classes 3 and 4 visited the Think Tank Museum in Birmingham. They went as part of their topic on space but were given the opportunity to visit other exhibits and interactive activities. Staff asked them to retrieve knowledge from their previous topics and were amazed at how much they could remember. The guide at the museum commented that they were one of the best groups he had seen in terms of their science knowledge and engagement in the subject.



Archie J's Space Quiz!

See him with your answers! You will get a prize for finding the answers out!

1. Which planet has the greatest mass?
2. What do planets orbit?
3. What is gravity?
4. Who was the first British astronaut to visit the International Space Station?
5. Who invented the telescope?



DT Burglar Alarm Project

Some of the older children have been engaged in a burglar alarm project. They are using their creative and engineering skills to build houses from lego and then their science knowledge of electrical circuits to try and create a working burglar alarm. They have worked really hard and shown plenty of resilience to be successful!



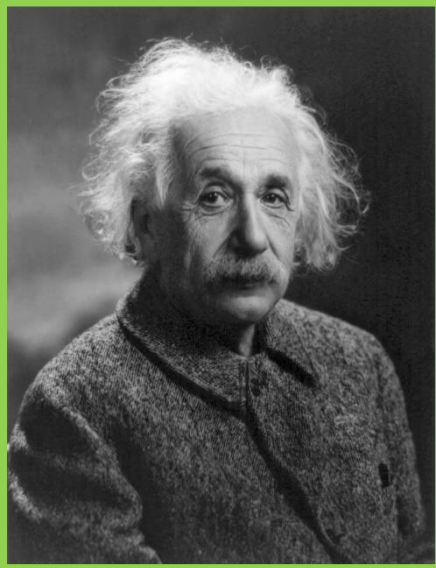
And Class 1 have been doing some excellent work on ordering numbers!



Mr Grindrod's Quote of the Month!

Mr Grindrod has taken inspiration from Albert Einstein, one of the most famous scientists ever.

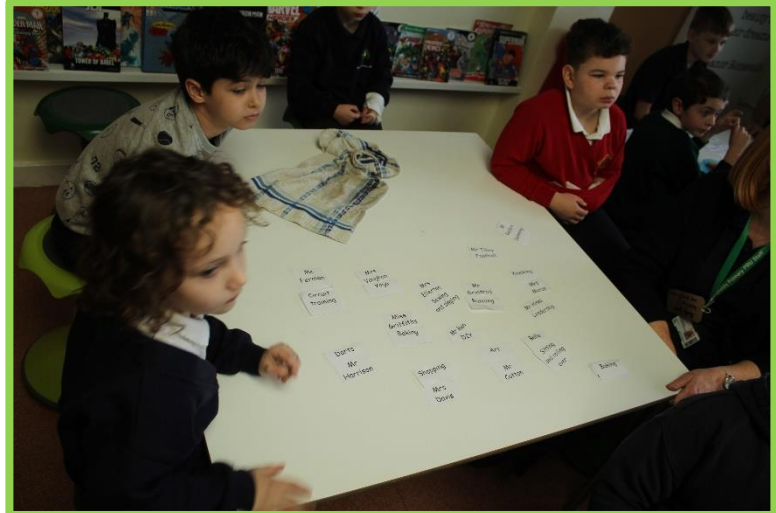
“You never fail until you stop trying.”



Children's Mental Health Week

To recognise Children's Mental Health Week the children have been looking at ways that we can help our brain stay regulated and our feelings stable. If we have a healthy mental health then we can flourish in the world and are more likely to take the opportunities to discover new interests and talents.

Mr Harrison did an assembly on one of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing – To Give! The children looked at strengths and talents and allocated them to members of staff. They have also been doing kindness labels for everyone around school.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some children do not always want to talk and voice how they are feeling, or their opinion on things that are going on in their lives. However, some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

Have you any worries at the moment?

Tell me about your day...

What was the best thing about today?

5 Ways to Wellbeing
At Perryfields we focus on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and include plenty of opportunities for the children to practise these regularly.



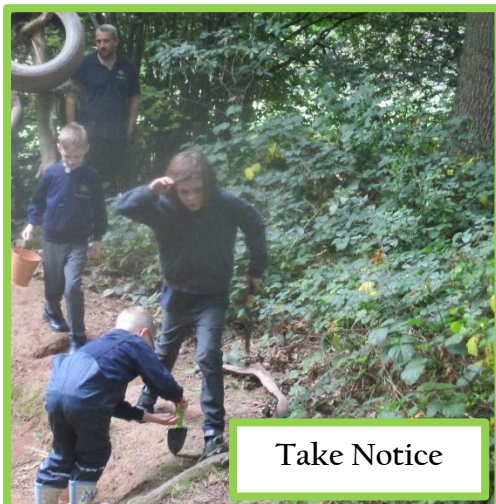
Be Active



Give



Connect



Take Notice



Keep Learning

Chinese New Year

We celebrated Chinese New Year this week – it is officially the Year of the Dragon!

We had a special assembly and also took part in:

- Mandarin Maths – adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using Mandarin numbers
- Tangrams – shape puzzles invented by the Chinese
- Chines Lanterns
- Calligraphy
- Chinese Art
- Making dragons
- Chinese Cooking and Food Tasting



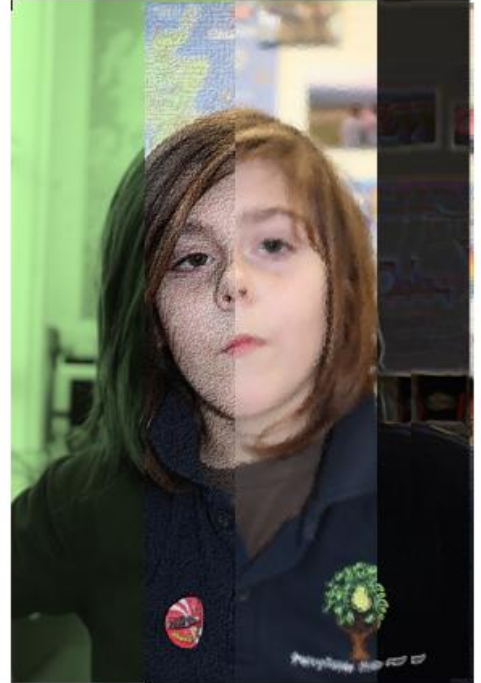
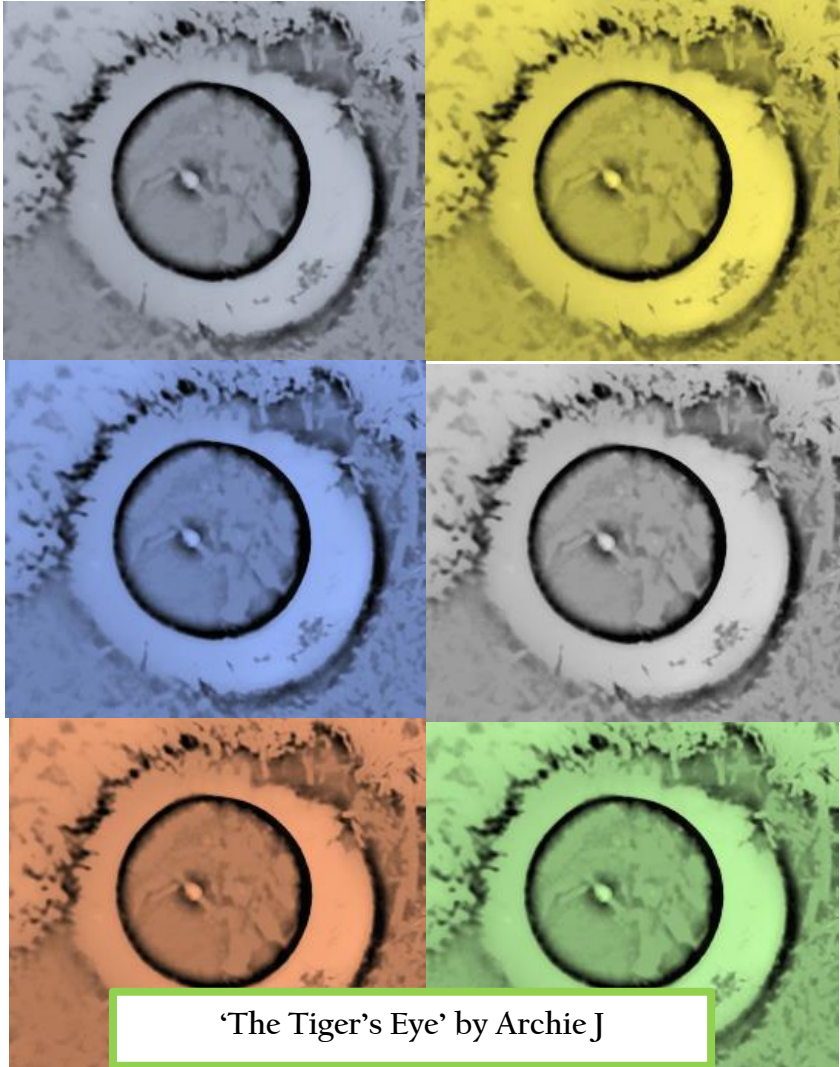


Well done children ~ it was a great day and you showed brilliant collaboration, curiosity and independence.

Art Gallery

The older pupils have been working hard on a photography unit. They have used photographs and various techniques to manipulate and create images as pieces of art.

Self Portraits



They also did some macro photography of objects with fascinating textures.



Parent Zone!!!

We are committed to supporting the physical and mental health of our pupils and families. We will regularly signpost you to useful support organisations or resources that may help you and/or your child flourish in the community.

Contacting Children's services

Family Front Door: 01905 822666 (Office Hrs) 01905 768020 (Emergency Out of Hrs)

The Emergency Deputy Team (EDT): 01905 768020

Get Safe (Child Exploitation): 01905 845568 / getsafe@worschildrenfirst.org.uk

**If you have reason to believe that a child, young person or adult is at immediate risk from harm
CALL 999**

Are you worried about domestic abuse or conflict in your relationship?

Women's Aid 24hr Helpline - 0800 980 3331

Male Domestic Abuse 24 hr Helpline - 0800 014 9082

[Money Helper](#) - free debt advice

If you're struggling with debt, it can be hard to know where to turn. But with lots of free advice services available across the UK, you can find help in a way that's best for you.

Free Debt Adviser, click the link above and search for support in your local town.

Local food banks

Worcester City (Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 11am—2pm)
0808 2082138 7 Lowesmoor Wharf, Worcester WR1 2RS

Droitwich (Tues 1pm—3pm & Fri)
07532 130604 / 07532 130604 Droitwich Baptist Church,
Ombersley Street East, WR9 8QS

Redditch & Bromsgrove (Mon—Thursday 11am —2pm
& Fri 10am– 1pm) 01527 69161 Number 24, Church
Green East, Redditch, B98 8DE

[Help for households](#)

- Income Support
- Finding Work
- Energy Bills—Cost of Living Payments
- Childcare Costs
- Household costs
- Childcare Costs

**Help for
Households**

Online safety

Use [Perryfields' free online safety hub](#) to find out about the latest apps, how to put parental controls onto devices, how to report concerns and much more!

<https://perryfieldsprimarypru.onlinesafetyhub.uk>

Mental Health Support

Mind. Information and Support on mental health. <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support>

National Self Harm Network <https://www.nshn.co.uk>

Samaritans <https://www.samaritans.org>

The Ollie Foundation. Mental health charity for young people <https://theolliefoundation.org/contact>

Mental health support in Worcestershire <https://www.talkingtherapies.hwhct.nhs.uk/localsupport>

Mental health support for children in Worcestershire <https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/reach4wellbeing>

Place2Be - <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

[Too Good To Go.](#)

Use the app to explore shops and restaurants in your local area and save Surprise Bags of surplus food from going to waste at a great price.



Key Dates Coming Up.....

Please note that items highlighted in green are for selected classes or pupils so you will hear if this is the case for your child!

Monday 19th February - Pupils back to school

Friday 22nd March – Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 8th April – Teacher Education Day – no pupils in school

Tuesday 9th April – Pupils back to school

