

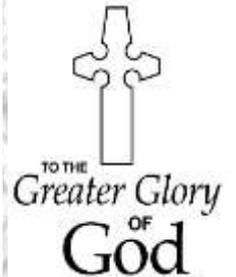
NEWSLETTER



What a delightful time we had last Friday to mark the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Children had their photographs taken, sitting on the throne, whilst wearing their Royal inspired clothes. Kites were made, decorated and flown during an afternoon of celebration and song. A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support and to all of our staff, to make a truly memorable occasion.



We are tremendously proud of our year 6 children this week as they have undertaken the end of key stage 2 tests. They demonstrated an abundance of character and resilience, taking each day in their stride. Well done children. A huge thank you to all of the adults involved in the lead up to the tests and during this week, providing a calm environment and an encouraging word.



GRACE Evelyn RHM
Rosalie 1B
Daisy 3C
All pupils in 6A

FAITH Lucas 2R

JOY Ella 5T

LOVE

HOPE

PEACE Vedika 5MC

Deanery Values

Pupil Voice

Katie RHM - "We have been reading 'Journey'. I brought in a holiday photograph for our class scrapbook."

Marcee 3C – "I really enjoyed flying the kites for the coronation!"

Noah 4P – "We made flags and kites. The kites were really fun as we got to play with something that we had made."

Clara 4P – "At the coronation, we did lots of arts and crafts. I really enjoyed making a collage to go into the entrance hall."

Aiden 4P – "In DT we made Greek flatbreads. I really liked making the dough because it got really messy and it was fun to roll out. It tasted delicious."

Isa 4P – "I liked kneading the dough and eating my final product. It had all my favourite vegetables in it. Scrum-diddily-umptious!"

Ariana and Jessica 5MC – "For our Coronation day last Friday, we made some flags and some kites for a parade we had at the end of the day. We also had a picnic lunch outside and we were allowed to wear red, white or blue or royal clothes. Our favourite bit of the day was the parade and flying our kites."

Edward 5T – "I enjoyed making our kites and then going on the field / MUGA to fly our creations because it was an historic day. The king's coronation is a piece of history which I was happy to be part of."

Jasper 6A – "We are preparing for our end of year activities and are writing our profiles for our yearbook."

George 6A – "I enjoyed Art this week, pairing up with friends to design a model for an outdoor space through exploring brave colours."

King's Coronation Celebration Day



What a wonderful day we had on Friday to celebrate King Charles III coronation! Thank you so much to everybody who made such an effort to dress up in their royal attire or red, white and blue colours, to those who entered the Great Royal Bake Off and for donations made on the day towards the sale of the cakes. The whole day was a roaring success and it was so wonderful to see the children enjoy flying kites and being part of their very own royal parade!



King's Coronation Celebration Day - continued

Thank you to everybody who took the time to take part in the Great Royal Bake Off. What an amazingly talented set of bakers we have at Deanery! It was so difficult to judge, but the ladies from Lingard House and His Deputy Lieutenant Jenny Loynton came to the decision of:

1st place: Scarlett and Ria

2nd place: Milly

3rd place: Ariana

Congratulations girls!



From your generations donations on the day and along with the after school cake sale, we are thrilled to announce that we made £496.51! This money will go towards developing the Key Stage 2 outdoor area.

There is still time to purchase your child's coronation portrait artwork that they produced in school from <https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login/> Information about this has been previously sent out, but please do get in touch if you need further help logging into the parent portal.

Mental Health Awareness Week 15th May - 21st May

On the theme of 'anxiety', this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is from 15 to 21 May. We are inviting children to mark this week, on Monday 15th May, by wearing a green item of clothing in addition to school uniform, such as green socks, a ribbon, a hat or a scarf.

You can find out more information about why 'anxiety' has been chosen as a focus, by clicking on the following link provided by 'The Mental Health Foundation'.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

Children's Book Project Book Drive 22nd May to 25th May



About the Children's Book Project

In the UK 1 in 3 disadvantaged children owns fewer than 10 books, whilst 1 in 8 has none at all. This has an impact not only on these children's academic outcomes but also on their wellbeing, emotional development and sense of themselves as a reader.

The Children's Book Project directly tackles this 'book gap' and gifts donated books to targeted communities across the UK. Over 500 schools, community groups, women's groups and prisons nationwide put on book gifting events at which children are invited to choose a book to take it home and keep. The charity expects to gift upwards of 350,000 books this year.

For more information visit www.childrensbookproject.co.uk

Deanery are holding a Book Drive!

We are holding a Book Drive for the charity from 22nd May to 25th May. Please bring in any books your children have grown out of so that they can find new homes with others across the local community. We can accept any 'gently used' children's books in good condition.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor, if you are interested or know anyone that might be please visit the school website for more details.

Peripatetic Music Lessons - September 2023

If you have a child in Year 1 to Year 5 and would like to sign them up for Peripatetic music lessons for the next academic year starting September 2023 please complete the form below by Monday 15th May 2022. Please also complete the form if you would like your child to continue with their current music lessons.

All lessons are taught by visiting music teachers so please note that if demand for a specific instrument is high, it may be necessary to add your child's name to a waiting list and bookings will be treated on a first come first served basis.

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Missing Library Books

Could we ask you to have a check in bags, under beds and wherever you might hide if you were a school library book! We currently have over 400 books overdue and would love to get them returned so that other children can read them and enjoy them. Thank you!



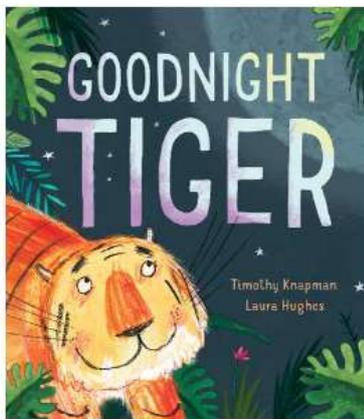
Response to Curriculum Evening feedback

If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure culture and encourage children to read at home.

It also has some great tips as to why reading is so important and how to read with your child and the kinds of questions you can ask.

Bedtime story recommendations

Age 3-5



Goodnight Tiger by Timothy Knapman. Ideal to reinforce end of the day routines.

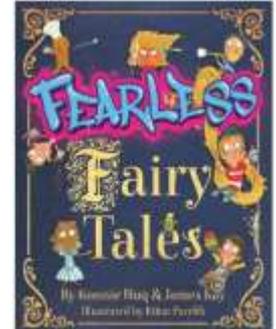
The Faber Book of Bedtime Stories by Sarah McIntyre

This diverse collection of new stories from cultures around the world features contributions from a stellar cast of contemporary authors including Aisha Bushby, Kieran Larwood, Emma Carroll, Lou Kuenzler and Natasha Farrant. Each tale promotes a sense of warmth, wisdom and positivity. A substantial hardback, *The Faber Book of Bedtime Stories* is beautifully presented with colourful illustrations to share and discuss. It's the perfect gift for 6-8-year-olds and their parents.



Fearless Fairy Tales by Konnie Huq and James Kay

These are bedtime stories for independent-minded children! 17 well-known tales have been re-imagined and loosely intertwined for the 2020s, including Trumplestiltskin, a farting president who lives in a house full of mirrors, Rap-Unzel – a long-haired talent show star with rhymes, and Jack and the baked-beanstalk. This book is great fun and a perfect bedtime read to share with 7-11-year-olds.



Birmingham Grammar Schools - Registration for entrance test

Registration for entrance test to The Grammar Schools in Birmingham is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2024.

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below and the closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2023.

The test will take place on 16th September 2023.

<https://westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk/>

Online Safety

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to lead an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide features an array of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, links and sign for adults.

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a myriad of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children's stock to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the ability to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a mobile phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile plan. This might take the form of a tiny sim card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and apps on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's SchoolTime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-busting police siren if (worse case device isn't found at home). If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worn with hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden to (where possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have heart rate detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will send the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercises. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Henry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for over 20 years, writing for titles such as the Sunday Times, WHOTV, PC Pro and ComputerWeek. He's reported regularly on technology trends and consumer news, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 4's The World This Week and Tech in Focus. He's also written about health-related issues for healthily.com.



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Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support.

Use the QR code to access our **Family Connect Form**

Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.



If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Dawn & Danielle
communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org

School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)

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