



# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Streetsbrook Value of the Term

# Love & Respect

Life Ready  
Solihull

Last Friday, the children in 2F were extremely privileged as they were invited to attend an off-site encounter at Aston University, as part of our 'Life Ready' initiative.

The children were introduced to Mechanical Engineering and they participated in lots of activities to explore this. They had an amazing time making a wind turbine and leading an investigation into the suitability of materials. The children were particularly mesmerised by using the Computer Aided Design software to create and then physically make their very own box with the Streetsbrook logo on!



When 2F returned to school, many children commented that they would like to work within the Mechanical Engineering field and even some of the adults were particularly inspired too!

The children were able to identify lots of the key Life Ready skills that they would definitely need to develop whilst at school, to work within this job field!

A massive thank you to Mr Thomson, for organising such an inspiring and incredibly well-planned and resourced 'Life Ready' experience!

Little Princess Trust



Last Friday Macey had her hair cut in aid of the Little Princess Trust. She is still receiving donations but has already smashed her £400 target all to be donated to Birmingham Children's Hospital. **Great Work Macey!**

### School Nurse – Drop In Session for parents



Tuesday 12 June  
2.00-3.15pm

School Nurse  
the expert

## Diary Dates



- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** - 2F at Blackwell Court
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** - 2F at Blackwell Court  
- 3.15-4.45pm - Football  
- 3.15-4.15pm - Magical Maths Club
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** - 2F at Blackwell Court
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** - PM 1S Forest School  
- 2.45pm - 'Stranger Danger' Assembly  
- 3.15-4.15pm - Gymnastics Club  
- 5.30pm - Governor's Finance Committee
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Non-Uniform Day – red white & blue  
- Royal Wedding Street Party Lunch  
- PM – Water & the Environment Assembly  
- 3.15-4.15pm - Dance Club

## SNAG Meeting – NEWSFLASH

The SNAG and Eco team had an extremely productive meeting this week. Miss Dorow and Mrs Ward brought their teams together to discuss how we can make our garden and school more Eco friendly. The children amazed us with their in depth and thoughtful discussions, they had some fantastic ideas and were extremely excited about how we can put those ideas into action. Mr Wilkinson, our new Gardening Champ, had only been in the garden five minutes before children were sharing their ideas with him, and handing over our wish list.

We are extremely excited to have Mr Wilkinson as our new School Gardener and the children and staff are very much looking forward to working with him.



## 'Get your Bearings'

WADSWORTHS  
SOLICITORS

You may have noticed our new member of staff this week, located in the foyer greeting our visitors! Wadsworth Solicitors in Shirley have kindly loaned him to us after winning him in 'The Big Sleuth' auction. He remains with us until 23 May and we are thrilled to have him!



## RECEPTION

We would like to thank everyone who has brought seeds into school. It has been great to compare and learn about the range of seeds we've received. Linked to this we have explored the story of 'Handa's Surprise' and enjoyed retelling it verbally and in writing using ordinal language. Continuing on with our fruit theme, the children have been developing their artistic skills by sketching a still life fruit bowl.



In Maths we have been extending our addition knowledge by using counting on to find the total. Next week in our Maths lessons we will be building on the children's 'shopping' role play experience by looking at coins and their different values.

It would be beneficial for your child to have a closer look at a range of coins and any numbers they can see on them. In RE our theme this term has been 'What is right and what is wrong?'. We have explored this theme through the Christian story of Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours. This supported our PSHE Jigsaw learning about friendship.

Please note that R2 Swimming Lesson on Tuesday will be in the afternoon next week.

## YEAR 1

This week in English, the children have continued to focus on 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They have discovered how to use adjectives in sentences and have used this knowledge to help them write character descriptions for Jack and the Giant. Next week, the children will be learning how to structure and write a letter to Jack and the Giant!

Within Maths, the children have been learning how to find half of a shape and half of a number. It would be great to consolidate this learning over the weekend.

In Science, the children have been learning about the differences between evergreen and deciduous trees. They have even taken part in their very own hunt around school to identify the trees that we have and some of the key features of them! Maybe you could go on a tree hunt around your local area and see if your child can name any!



Streetsbrook  
Childcare



Little Rockets have enjoyed the sunshine this week and played outdoors with the water and sand. The children have also used their physical skills to chop up fruit and vegetables in the spot tray. With the Royal Wedding next week, we will be focusing most of our activities around this. Can we please remind morning groups who swim to be here for 8.30am as we have a specific time slot to use the pool. Unfortunately anyone in later will not be able to swim.

In Little Stars this week we have been focusing on numbers and counting 1 to 5 and finding hidden number in the sand and water. We will continue with the rhyme 'Insects all around' as we have lots more activities planned around this.

## YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week focusing on 'Traction Man' and his adventures Around the house. They have thought of very creative villains and different ways for 'Traction Man' to defeat them!



2F are very much looking forward to Blackwell Court next week. 2A hope that they have a fantastic time and can't wait to hear how exciting it all was!

Next week, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, we will be asking the children to make their requests for possible classes at Sharmans Cross Junior School. The children will be asked to write the names of three children that they would like to be in a class with; they are promised to be in a class with **at least one** of these children. Should parents have any significant concerns, please discuss this with any member of the Year 2 team. As we are sure you are aware, this is an extremely difficult job to ensure that all children are happy and have one of their choices. Ultimately, due to Streetsbrook and Blossomfield merging to create the Year 3 classes, Sharmans Cross will also be ensuring that the classes are fair and well mixed.

## NURSERY UPDATE

This week in Nursery, the children have been getting to grips with the Characteristics of Effective Learning.



Each CEL animal has its own important job, whether it be 'concentrating', 'persevering' or 'having a go.'

We can't wait to show you all of the amazing circus skills we have linked to each one for our upcoming circus workshop on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**.

We have also been very reflective learners and have started looking back through our learning journeys and deciding on our own 'next steps.' The children have gotten very good at understanding their fantastic progress and deciding how they can push themselves to be even more amazing!

Many thanks to those of you who continue to sign up as swimming volunteers on the doodle poll. PM Nursery are still seeking a superhero grown-up to save the day and run their weekly library! Please let Miss Palmer know if you are available. Thank you.

**Nursery Wraparound Children** – could all children please bring in a family wedding photo for us to look at next week for the Royal Wedding.