



PRINCE OF WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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Listening Excellence Achievement Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

We are happy to inform you that the KS1 extension works are drawing to a close and we look forward to using the full playground and the new sports area.

Our overall attendance percentage was badly affected by the icy conditions last week and seasonal illness. Whilst children who are sick must stay at home, please endeavour to send your child to school at all other times so that they don't miss out on their learning.

Jan M Bless
Headteacher



Word of the Week

This week the children learned about the word *COMPROMISE*. They recognise that they need to use this skill in different situations when negotiating at school and at home. Ideally both parties involved end up in an agreement. This is called a Win-Win situation. Ask your child to explain this when disagreeing about which programme to watch on tv, what game to play or whose turn it is to start.

Writing as Authors with Antony Lishak

Last week, we were visited by the Author Antony Lishak who made us imagine a Greek mythical story with a modern twist. He gave us a story starter with a hero - Hercules. We made up the next part of the story with our own imagination including a football trophy and a Hydra. We also presented a powerpoint presentation to the rest of Yr 5 at the end of the day.

We all felt extremely excited and learnt how to become really good authors.

By Shaayiini and Shenel (Year 5)

Attendance

KS1

1C 95.86% 2R **97.58%**
1M 82.33% 2S 88.27%
1N 91.33%

KS2

3D 87.77% 4A 94.48% 5F 88.96%
3F ** 98.96%** 4K 87.14% 5G 92.75%
3W 94.81% 4U 98.00% 6B 95.33%
6H 94.33%



Well done to 2R & 3F for best attendance this week.

School Target: 95%

Overall attendance since September: 94.33%

Mother Child Education Program (MOCEP) for Turkish speaking parents

The Parents Group on Monday afternoon was a great success. 16 parents attended showing interest in the programme to support Turkish families and their children aged between 4-7 with strategies to use at home to enable their children to settle in or progress in their learning at school.

The programme is scheduled to start in October at Prince of Wales and involves 25 weekly meetings of 3 hours long. The sessions will cover topics such as relationships, resolving conflicts, listening to children, language used when speaking to the children, healthy eating and well-being.

MOCEP, which has been replicated in 13 countries and reaches over 700,000 people, has been shown to have a positive, long-lasting impact on mothers and children: participating children were more likely to go beyond compulsory education and demonstrate better cognitive and social development patterns into young adulthood than comparable children who did not participate. Studies have also shown that the programme's effects on employment and education lasted into young adulthood.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Mrs Teke at school, there are a few places still available.

ICT visitors

On Thursday, a group of teachers from the Netherlands visited our school to see how ICT enhances learning. They visited many classrooms from Nursery to Year 6, the ICT room and the radio room, and were impressed by what they saw. They especially liked the variety of resources and way they were used to support learning. They took lots of ideas away with them. They thought the school was very welcoming, and commented on how both children and staff were enjoying their learning. They also commented that children worked well together, and that pupil targets and levels were clearly visible in the classrooms.

Bird Fortnight

During the last two weeks every class participating in Bird Fortnight. The children have been identifying and learning more about birds in our environment. Every class has made a bird feeder which the birds really must have appreciated in the snowy weather. Records of birds that have been spotted around school have been forwarded to the RSPB Birdwatch.



Ask your child what they learned about birds.



Dates

04.02 Parents Phonics Workshop
18.02 – 22.02 Half Term Break
22.03 Report Cards
26.03 Parents' Evening
29.03 – 12.04 Easter Break
06.05 May Bank Holiday
27.05 – 31.05 Half Term Break
24.07 Staff Training (start Summer Break)

New Language of the Month: **SOMALI**

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Have a nice day!