



# Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

**Excelsior**  
Multi Academy Trust

18TH OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week.

## **Attendance**

School attendance remains a priority at Turves Green Primary School. An attendance of 90% or below is recognised as Persistently Absent (PA) and equates to 19 days missed over a school year. Once a child has been absent for 19 days or more, they remain PA for the rest of the academic year. When a child accumulates 10 days absent, they are identified as 'Risk of Persistent Absence' As you know, to achieve their full potential a student must have regular high attendance and punctuality.

We understand that there are of course, genuine reasons (such as illness), which can make attendance at school difficult, therefore we would urge you to encourage your child to attend every day that they can. We value your support with this matter.

## **Girls' Football Team**

Congratulations to our girls' football team who were in action on Tuesday evening and who beat Colmers Farm 2-0. Well done to everybody who took part.

## **Year 6 Parents**

Just another reminder to apply for your child's secondary school place, if you have not already. If you live in Birmingham, please submit your child's application before the final closing date of 31 October 2024 (11:59 pm) via the following link <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> . Applications received after this date are less likely to be offered one of their preferred schools.

## **Year 4 Maths Inspire**

On Thursday, we held a special Year 4 maths workshop for parents and their children. This session focussed on developing children's multiplication skills and fluency with these. Being fluent with these is an important skill for any mathematician to master. This session was led by our resident maths expert, Mrs Susarla. We were delighted by the turnout of parents for this. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend this session. We hope that you and your children enjoyed this and found it to be useful. I am sure you'll be using what you have learnt to support your child at home.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Many of you have engaged in our Parents' Evening this week and thank you for taking the time to do this. If you were unable to attend a Parents' Evening, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher and they will happily try to organise an alternative date. The benefit of having meaningful conversations between the most influential people in a child's education (home and school) is not to be underestimated; effective feedback is widely accepted to be the key to supporting our children's learning most successfully.



Beyond their immediate family and school, there are of course many other people in our children's lives who are highly influential: grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends. Wikipedia defines, "It takes a village to raise a child" as a proverb that means an entire community of people must provide for and interact positively with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment.

At Turves Green, we recognise the privilege it is to be part of your children's 'community of people' and the importance of our partnership with you.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams  
Headteacher



**Attendance  
Matters**

## Composer of the week

Stevland Hardaway Morris (born May 13, 1950) known professionally as Stevie Wonder, is an American singer-songwriter, musician, and record producer. One of the most acclaimed and influential musicians of the 20th century, he is credited as a pioneer and influence by musicians across a range of genres that include R&B, pop, soul, gospel, funk and jazz.



Previous composers:

Mozart, Beethoven, Paul Simon, Art Garfunkel, Chopin, Florence Price and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor



Have a conversation about the story behind these pictures which were shown in our No Outsiders assemblies this week and how they link to No Outsiders and British Values:



Inclusion Corner  
World DLD Awareness Day is Today!

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is referred to as "The most common childhood disability you've never heard of." This is due to 7.6% of the population having it, which is equivalent to 1 in every 14 people or 2 children in every average UK school class. DLD causes difficulties with understanding and using language for no known reason. The 2023 DLD day theme is DLD Around the World, highlighting that DLD occurs in every language.

For support, please see the attached information.

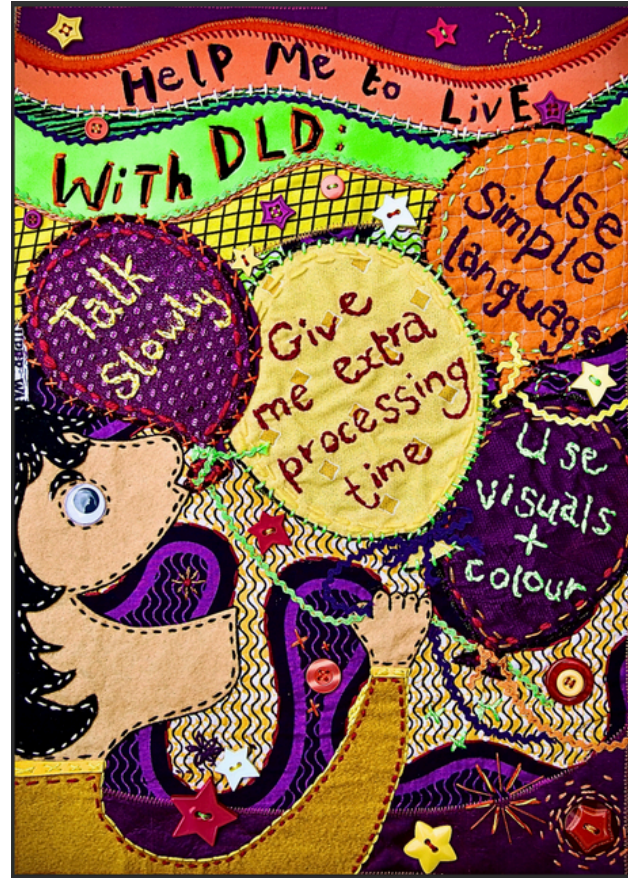
- Attached to this newsletter: Two DLD support sheets for parents and carers.
- DLD Fact sheet - available to download in 30 languages: [DLD Fact Sheet - RADLD](#)

Follow this link to read more about the poster on the right, which was designed by Siouxsie Webster, a young adult with DLD, please click [here](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Laura Alden  
(Inclusion Lead/ AHT)

**SEND**  
**BIRMINGHAM**



Communication Friendly Environments:

## Language Learning Interactions

3/4

Help children and young people's Speech, Language and Communication grow through the way you interact with them.



Get their attention 1st  
some pupils will need to be cued in by name



Get face to face with them



Give instructions in sequence



Adapt your language  
simplify your language - reduce how long or complex your sentences are and adjust the vocabulary you use



Chunk information into small manageable bits, pause in between each chunk...



Slow the pace of your speech  
...keep it natural, but don't talk too fast...



Pause - allow thinking time  
...allow at least 10 sec. before repeating questions or instructions.



Use visuals, objects & gesture to support understanding

created by Kate Starr  
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Developed using materials from the 'Better Communication Research Programme' inc. 'Communication Supporting Classrooms (CsC) tool' (Dockrell et al., 2012). <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/better-communication-research-programme>

### SEND Coffee Mornings

Everyone Welcome!

**Date: Thursday 7th November**  
**Time: 9am -10am**  
**Subject: Behaviour**

**Date: Thursday 30th January**  
**Time: 9am -10am**  
**Subject: All About Autism**  
**Lead by the Communication & Autism Team**

**Date: Thursday 3rd April**  
**Time: 9am -10am**  
**Subject: Autism**  
**Lead by the Communication & Autism Team**

Summer dates coming soon

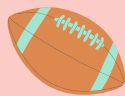


# Before and After School Clubs

## WB 21st October 2024

Please note all school clubs are on an allocation basis and your child must have received a letter confirming their place to attend.

MONDAY	3:15pm - 4:15pm YR 5 & 6 Girls Football Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Young Voices Choir Practice
TUESDAY	No afterschool sports club
WEDNESDAY	No afterschool sports club
THURSDAY	3:15pm - 4:15pm YR 5 & 6 Boys Football Club
FRIDAY	No afterschool sports club



# Upcoming events:

**Friday 25th October - School Photograph Day**

**Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November School closed for Half Term**

**Monday 4th November - School reopens after Half Term break**

## Is your child a fussy eater?

The Local Authority are providing free training to parents and carers of children in the Birmingham area.

The session will be delivered by Maximus, Birmingham's Family Weight Management provider on Monday 21st October 2024 from 6pm to 7pm and will cover:

- what fussy eating is
- the causes of fussy eating
- the types of fussy eaters
- a range of practical solutions to manage and improve fussy eating

To sign up to the session, please use the following link:

[Supporting Fussy Eaters](#)



# Next weeks PE:

MONDAY	2C, 2W 3B & 3P
TUESDAY	5E, 5W, 6CS & 6M Swimming
WEDNESDAY	1C, 1SB 4C & 4W
THURSDAY	No PE
FRIDAY	EYFS

EYFS, Years 1 & 2 to leave PE kits in school to change into on PE days  
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days



# Turves Green Superstars!



## Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all the children who have been nominated.

This week's winners are:

- Year 1 - Vinnie (1C) & Hayden (1SB)
- Year 2 - Amaya (2C) & Bertie (2W)
- Year 3 - Joleen (3B) & Charlie (3P)
- Year 4 - Renesmee (4C) & Theo (4W)
- Year 5 - Abdul (5E) & Ollie (5W)
- Year 6 - Shadab (6M) & Jamie (6CS)

## House Points

Armstrong



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Earhart



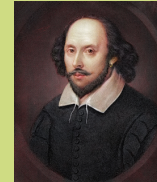
1483

Seacole



1475

Shakespeare



1625

## Superstar Mathletes



- Year 1 - Emelia-Rose (1C) & Shay (1SB)
- Year 2 - Mohammad (2C) & Phoebe (2W)
- Year 3 - Rheo (3B) & Sapphire (3P)
- Year 4 - Ian (4C) & Karter (4W)
- Year 5 - Eva (5E) & Aryan (5W)
- Year 6 - Louis (6M) & Rollover (6CS)

## Handwriting Heroes



- Year 1 - Maeve (1C) & Arizona (1SB)
- Year 2 - Lois (2C) & Lynden (2W)
- Year 3 - Abdulhadi (3B) & Olivia (3P)
- Year 4 - Mirabella (4C) & Tazanna (4W)
- Year 5 - Noah (5E) & Fin (5W)
- Year 6 - Chelsea (6M) & Rollover (6CS)



## Lunch Menu

## Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken and Coconut Curry Chickpea Stew	Chicken Carbonara Pasta Bake Tomato & Garlic Pasta	Pork Sausage Quorn Roast	Beef Burger Quorn Burger	Pizza Selection Fish Fillet
Steamed rice Sweetcorn Mixed vegetables	Garlic Slice Garden peas Sweetcorn	Roast New Potatoes Creamed Potatoes Broccoli Carrots	Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn Baked Beans Garden Peas	Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit Salad	Raspberry Jam Doughnut	Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Crunch & Custard	Ice Cream Roll



# Be an attendance HERO Here Everyday Ready Ontime

