

Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

Excelsior
Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final newsletter of this calendar year. I hope that you have had a good week and for those of you that are celebrating Christmas, I hope that your preparations are going well.

KS1 Nativity

Nothing quite gets you in the mood for Christmas like a KS1 nativity performance and our KS1 pupils certainly put on a magnificent performance. The singing, acting and narration was all wonderful and the oracy on show was just fabulous. Well done to all our KS1 pupils. We hope that all of you that were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed this. Thank you to all our KS1 team of staff for putting this performance together.

School Choir

Keeping the Christmas theme going, our school choir was in action on Monday night singing carols in the playground. They were in very fine voice and I hope that all the parents/carers who stayed to watch this enjoyed it. A big thank you to Mr Millington for his time and effort with organising this.

Governor Award Assemblies

On Tuesday, Turves Green Primary School had its first ever Governors' Award Assemblies. This new termly assembly is a way to further celebrate the efforts of the wonderful pupils at Turves Green Primary School, as well as being a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to meet our Governors. For our first Governors' Award Assembly we were joined by the Chair of our Governing Body, Mrs Wadley.

During our Governors' Award Assemblies, we presented three awards in each year group. They were for:

- Improving the well-being of others;
- Being a role model to others;
- Excellent progress and/or attainment.



Congratulations to our twenty-one very deserving winners for this term. Please see the following page for the names of the winners and why they were chosen by their class teachers.

Super Badger Award

Congratulations to Toby in 5E, who has achieved the Super Badger Award as a St Johns Ambulance Badger. This award is achieved after Badgers complete a range of fun activities covering a wide range of topics from first aid to communication skills, to healthy living and being safe and is the highest award a Badger can achieve. St Johns Ambulance have written to us to tell us that they are really proud of Toby for achieving this award and we are too. Well done Toby!

Film Nights

This week, we held two film nights after school, one for KS1 and one for KS2. The popcorn was flowing on both evenings. These events were suggested, organised and ran by our school parliament and the proceeds from these will go towards the project that our school parliament is currently undertaking to create a sensory room at our school. They managed to raise £312. Well done! Also, a big thank you to the staff who gave up their free time to support this event.

Punctuality Prize

Coming to school each day on time is very important. Over the last few weeks, we have been running our punctuality competition. Congratulations to our winners who were drawn out in our celebration assembly. They were:

Reception - Hallie (RC)
Year 1 - Shay (1SB)
Year 2 - Maddison (2W)
Year 3 - Khalid (3B)
Year 4 - Iden (4W)
Year 5 - Aryan (5W)
Year 6 - Nyarai (6CS)



6SC

As you may be aware, unfortunately Miss Foster-Clee has been off school for a while. We naturally wish Miss Foster-Clee a speedy recovery. To help provide consistency to 6CS for the rest of the year though, Mrs Susarla (Turves Green's maths lead) will be teaching the class each Thursday and Friday. This will be fabulous for getting 6SC ready for their SATs tests. Miss Smith will continue as the class teacher from Monday to Wednesday.

Panathlon Event

On Thursday a group of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children went to King Edwards School in Camp Hill to take part in the Excelsior Panathlon event against the other schools in our trust. They took part in a range of activities including Target Throw, Bowling, Floor Basketball and Ping-Pong Rally. Although we did not win this event these children represented our school magnificently and demonstrated an excellent team spirit throughout. Well done to everybody who took part. We are proud of you.

Safeguarding

The safety, welfare and care of our pupils is always paramount to us as a school at all times of the year. If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our pupils, or any children generally, during the holiday period, please contact Birmingham City Council Children's Trust on:

0121 303 1888 - Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm
and Friday 8:45am to 4:15pm.

Outside of these hours please telephone 0121 675 4806.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break with your families and we look forward to seeing everybody back safe and well in school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



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Christmas Word Search



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Word list:

BELLS
CANDLES
CHRISTMAS
FAMILY
GIFT
JINGLE
MERRY
REINDEER
SLEIGH
SNOWMAN

Turves Green Primary School - Termly Award Winners Autumn 2024

Headteacher Award for Excellence

Reception - Arthur has had an amazing start to his time at school. He always comes to school with a positive attitude for learning. Throughout his time at school, he has developed his confidence and resilience in the classroom. As a result of his positive effort, Arthur has made great progress since starting school.

Year 1 - Bramish has a positive attitude, eagerness to learn and consistently works hard across all curriculum areas. She is keen to do well and to keep improving. Bramish is inquisitive and always asks lots of questions ensuring she makes the most of all of her learning opportunities. Well done Bramish, and keep aiming high!

Year 2 - Vishnu always strives for excellence. He is always looking at how he can challenge himself and make his work even better. He has made great progress this term and his enthusiasm for learning is superb.

Year 3 - Jay tries his best in every lesson. He always presents his work clearly and neatly. He participates in all lessons and shares his ideas using sentence stems and subject vocabulary. Jay also consistently challenges himself to apply his knowledge and make links in his learning. This has led to Jay making super progress over the term.

Year 4 - Charlie always gives his absolute best in everything he does and follows our school rules without exception. He is a fantastic friend and role model to others and we are very lucky to have a child like Charlie in our class. He is always looking for ways to improve and shows great resilience with his learning.

Year 5 - Ethan can explain his thinking in many different ways. He looks for interesting ways to explain new concepts and always tries to apply them to his work. Ethan is always up for a challenge and has been a fun and engaging learner!

Year 6 - Hanlin has been given the award because of his constant striving for excellence in every subject. What an impressive first term!

Governors Certificate for Well Being of Others

Reception - Ava Grace is a caring and empathetic member of our class. She tries very hard to include others in her play and is always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it. Well done, Ava Grace for being a welcoming and kind individual who supports her peers.

Year 1 - Hayden is a kind and caring member of our class. He is always looking out for his friends, whether that is to make sure they have got a chair to sit down, whether they need help with a task or just need a friend to play with. The world needs more Haydens!

Year 2 - Kendal is one of the most kind, caring and considerate member of our class. She is always considering other people's feelings, both the adults and the children and supporting them if and when needed. She has always got a huge smile on her face, making other people feel happy and confident with her kind and aspirational words! Not only in the classroom, she is also a fantastic role model for 'No Outsiders' on the playground, ensuring that everyone is included! She is a delight and children can definitely learn a thing or two from her.

Year 3 - Harry cares for all the children in our class. He is an excellent friend. Whenever someone is worried or upset, he is the first to support them and make sure they are ok. He is a wonderful member of our class.

Year 4 - Holly is an absolute delight to have within the classroom. She constantly looks after others and ensures that our learning environment is calm and positive.

Year 5 - Tian shows great care and empathy for others in our class. She always checks in on people who are sad and can be counted on to offer smiles and support.

Year 6 - Izabella always puts the well being of others first. She is kind and considerate and goes out of her way to make sure that people feel happy when at school. She is also one of the first to help someone out.

Governors Certificate for Being a Great Role Model

Reception - Freya is an amazing role model in our class. She has a great attitude to learning and is always keen to learn new things. Freya follows our school rules at all times and is always kind and respectful to her friends and teachers. Well done Freya, we are all very proud of you!

Year 1 - Jamiel is an excellent role model and always follows our school rules of being ready, safe and respectful. He has shown exceptional behaviour by always being considerate, helpful, and respectful towards others in class and his teachers. Keep up the fantastic work, and continue to be the wonderful role model that you are. We are all very proud of you! Well done Jamiel.

Year 2 - Holly As soon as Holly's teacher saw the title of this award, they immediately thought about Holly. She not only ensures that her own behaviours for learning are fabulous, she also encourages others to make good choices too. She is also a very kind and caring member of our class and is always on hand to help out. She is a joy to have in our classroom.

Year 3 - Olivia is an excellent role model because she always tries her hardest, follows the school rules and is kind to others. She takes great pride in her presentation and learning. She is a superstar!

Year 4 - Tazanna is always striving to do the right thing and ensure that others are following our school rules. She is always respectful to everyone she meets throughout the day. Tazanna never leave anyone alone and ensures that nobody is an outsider. She is a fantastic role model.

Year 5 - Ollie is always polite, respectful, hard-working and is an overall wonderful example of the behaviour expected in school

Year 6 - Yashashvi ALWAYS sets a fantastic example to others. Whether that be at play and lunch times, being ready in the classroom, helping others out or her dedication to her learning. She is a great role model to her class and the wider school.

Composer of the week
Zakir Hussain

Zakir Hussain (1951-2024): Zakir Hussain Allarakha Qureshi was an Indian tabla player, composer, percussionist, music producer and film actor. He's known for bringing classical Indian music to a global audience.

Throughout his life, he has worked with musicians from across the world, inspiring them and changing the way they look at their own music. Before his death in December, he came and performed with the Indian Symphony Orchestra at Birmingham's very own Symphony Hall, performing his Concerto for Bansuri and Tabla.

Previous composers:

Mozart, Beethoven, Paul Simon, Art Garfunkel, Chopin, Florence Price, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Stevland Hardaway Morris, Toumani Diabaté, Quincy Delight Jones Jr, Isaac Albéniz, Glenn Miller, Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Johann Sebastian Bach and John Rutter



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:

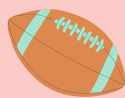


Before and After School Clubs

WB 7th January 2025

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

MONDAY	School closed for teacher training
TUESDAY	No afterschool activity club
WEDNESDAY	No afterschool activity club
THURSDAY	No afterschool activity club
FRIDAY	No afterschool activity club



Upcoming events:

- Friday 16th December
School Closes for Festive Holiday Period

- Monday 6th January
School Closed for Teacher Training

- Tuesday 7th January
Children return to school



Inclusion Corner

Merry Christmas? For some children and families Christmas can be a stressful time...change in routines, lots of visitors, loud noises, flickering lights, lots of presents etc. Here are some suggestions which may help reduce stress for you and your little one:

- Pre-build presents (including batteries) before wrapping. This means no waiting time to go and play!
- Use see-through paper or a rip in the paper if anticipation is stress inducing.
- Only give one present at a time - or spread throughout the day so that your child does not get overwhelmed.
- Have empty cardboard boxes with days written on so your child can place the present in the box to play with later.
- Use a simple social story with visuals (Widget.com is free for 21 days!) to prepare your child for changes in routine.
- Allocate a safe space for your child to go to whenever they need it.

I do hope these tricks support you to have a very merry Christmas.

Laura Alden
Inclusion Lead
Assistant Headteacher

Next weeks PE:

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

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



More Turves Green Superstars!



Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all the children who have been nominated.

This week's winners are:

- Year 1 - Elyas (1C) & Aceson (1SB)
- Year 2 - Kezari (2C) & Noah (2W)
- Year 3 - Leah (3B) & Eunice (3P)
- Year 4 - Jeremiah (4C) & Vidhyuth (4W)
- Year 5 - Alyssa (5E) & Emmelia (5W)
- Year 6 - Yashashvi (6M) & Wasifa (6CS)

House Points

Armstrong	Earhart	Seacole	Shakespeare
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Care and Compassion Award



- Year 1 - Caylan (1C) & Amelia S(1SB)
- Year 2 - Evie (2C) & Maddison (2W)
- Year 3 - Kevin (3B) & Alexia (3P)
- Year 4 - Wahiba (4C) & Naqiyah (4W)
- Year 5 - Noah (5E) & Harley (5W)
- Year 6 - Harley (6M) & Lillian (6CS)

Resilience and Perseverance Award



- Year 1 - Zahra (1C) & Charlie (1SB)
- Year 2 - All of 2C (2C) & Zack (2W)



NEW LUNCH MENU!

Week 1

Salad Cart, Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Available Daily

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausages Vegetable Spring Rolls	Chinese Chicken Curry Mac N Cheese	Roast Beef Cheese, Chive & Potato Pie	Pasta Bolognese or Sea Stars with Lemon & Tartare Sauce. Mediterranean Tomato & Basil Ragu	BBQ Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza, Homemade Margherita Pizza
Creamy Mash, Peas, Oriental Noodles & Vegetables,	Boiled Rice, Naan Bread/ Garlic Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn	Yorkshire Pudding & a Rich Gravy Sauce Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Baked Beans	Diced Potatoes, Broccoli, Baked Beans	Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas, Sauces
1/2 Waffle with Toffee Sauce Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Syrup Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Ice Lolly	Chocolate Chip Cookie	Strawberry Mousse



Be an attendance HERO Here Everyday Ready Ontime

