



TELFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2019

BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE READY.

Open Morning for Year 2 Parents/Carers

It was good to meet with the Year 2 parents / carers who were able to attend the Junior School Open Morning on Friday 22nd November. There was an opportunity to have a tour of the school and to meet with school leaders and governors.

We thought that we would hold a similar event during the Spring Term, at 9.30 am on Friday 7th February 2020, for those parents/carers who could not make the November Open Morning. I will send out a reminder / invitation in the New Year.

During the Summer Term we will hold our usual New Parents' Evening, as part of the transition process that we deliver. More information will be sent out about this event nearer the time.

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Sportshall Athletics

Congratulations to our Sportshall Athletics team on winning the Level 2 Sportshall Athletics Competition Final, which took place at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre.

The team now progresses to a regional final of schools from Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull. This event will take place in the Spring Term, with Telford Junior School representing the Central Warwickshire area.



Rowing



"Telford Juniors' rowing team took part in the second round of the inter-schools indoor rowing competition at Newbold Comyn, having won the earlier round at Champion School. It was an exciting event and really good fun. I came second overall and would have won, if I hadn't fallen off the seat half-way through! Telford Junior School came first, as a team, and we are looking forward to the regional final in March."

Amarveer (Y6)

Personal Best Athletics

All the children in the school have taken part in sessions, run by sports coaches, to record their personal best indoor athletics times and distances. The idea is that the children will look to improve on these during the year and they will have an opportunity to work with the coaches again in the Summer Term.

Y3 Think Tank Visit

I was really impressed with the Year 3 children during their recent visit to the Think Tank, in Birmingham. Their enthusiasm was infectious. The children were able to experience a wide range of interactive displays. The day was very active and kept us all on the move.

Many thanks to the parents who helped with the visit – an enjoyable day was shared by all!



Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion was very grateful for the generosity shown by Telford Junior School families, with £563.47 raised in school through the Poppy Appeal.

Y5 Visit to Selly Manor



The three Year 5 classes visited Selly Manor, an enrichment activity to support their study of Tudor Britain. Here are some of the children's reflections ...

"Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Selly Manor. We shared lots of activities and played some games too. It was amazing."

Ellie

"I really enjoyed our trip to Selly Manor and I learnt lots of interesting facts. We also dressed up in Tudor clothing."

Josh

"My favourite part of our visit to Selly Manor was dressing in Tudor clothing and when the guide threw the pretend contents of a chamber pot on the class. I screamed!"

Y5 Classes Learn About Engineering

Year 5 enjoyed a visit from one of our parents, Mr. Ray, who is a materials engineer at Jaguar Land Rover and an expert in plastics. He spoke to the children about how different materials are used in engineering and the wider world.

Mr. Ray also talked to the children about how they might become an engineer and what it is like to work as an engineer.



The Year 4 classes visited Warwick Castle earlier in the term, as part of their Medieval History studies. Some of the children from Y4 Hazel have shared their experiences ...

"It was amazing, because there was so much to do and see."

"I learned a lot about castles and how people lived in medieval times."

Emily

"The trip was excellent. From the top of the mound I could see the trebuchet."

Sahas

"The guides explained really clearly about weapons and described the Battle of Hastings. It was amazing."

Vincent

"The bird show will fill you with explosive joy and amazement, as highly trained birds of prey swoop down."

Henry

"Sometimes the birds were so low over our heads that you could feel the breeze from their wings."

Heidi

Y4 Football Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 4 football team, hastily assembled to take part in the Leamington North Cluster tournament, hosted by Lillington Primary School. The twelve man squad, competing in this 9-a-side competition, were undeterred by the cold and windy conditions, winning all their matches and finishing as champions.

Sam has kindly written a report of the tournament:

On Thursday 5th December a group of Y4 boys went to Lillington Primary School to take part in a football tournament. There were some tough teams, but we managed to beat all of them. Our game against Milverton was one of the closest. Milverton were awarded a controversial penalty and scored, but we came back with minutes to spare and won 2-1. Blake was top goal scorer for the tournament. We were a great team and really enjoyed the afternoon ... and we brought back a trophy!

Sam

Christingle Service

Thank you to the members of the school choir who attended the Christingle celebration on Saturday 7th December at the Baptist Church in Leamington. The children sang beautifully and with great

enthusiasm. I should like to thank Mrs Spedding and Miss Merrick for organising the children's participation, which was appreciated by other members of the congregation.

Children in Need

As part of the children's Personal Development curriculum, each class followed a 'Children in Need' assembly presentation and undertook some reading comprehension questions on the work of the charity. They also took part in some Maths and exercise activities. By dressing in 'spots and stripes' and bringing a donation into school, £318 was raised in school for 'Children in Need'.

Christmas Assembly

We are grateful to the Rev. William Smith for coming into school this Thursday, to help with our Christmas celebration, by talking to the children about the Christmas story and allowing us to reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Songs in School

It was great to see so many parents, carers and grandparents in school last week to hear the children singing their Christmas songs. All of the year groups produced a terrific sound and were supported by excellent acting, narration and soloist performances ... and the Christmas bells performed by the Year 3 children that I forgot to mention on the day!

Instrumental Performances

Thank you to Mr. Hughes, of the Warwickshire Music, for staging the Christmas Strings Assembly. The children work so hard on their music during the course of the year and really appreciate the opportunity to perform in front of the school and their parents/carers. This Wednesday Bev, of the Steel Pan Academy, is organizing performances by the various steel pan groups that exist in different year groups across the school. Their festive tunes always go down well with their audience ... putting everyone in a festive mood!

Bethlehem Star

During this final week of the term, we look forward to Year 3's Christmas performance of Bethlehem Star. Due to our limited hall space and the demands on its use, the year groups take it in turns to stage a Christmas production. During the children's time in the school, they all have an opportunity to be involved in a Christmas performance and, of course, their Year 6 Leavers' production. The year groups not involved in these stage class assemblies at different points in the school year. Good luck to Year 3!

Looking Ahead

Parents' Forum – 7.00 pm on Monday 20th January 2020

During the post Ofsted meetings last half-term, we agreed that there would be an opportunity to follow up the points raised and to hear about the progress the school is making with its Development Plan, through the re-introduction of the Parents' Forum. The first of these meetings is scheduled for 7.00 pm on Monday 20th January 2020. I thought 'communications' should be the focus of this meeting, considering the information sharing that the school currently provides and parents' thoughts on how this can be improved.

Parents' Evening Appointments – Wednesday 5th February and Thursday 6th February 2020

Following on from the November 2019 Parents' Evening Appointments, there will be a further set of appointments offered in the Spring Term, on the evenings of Wednesday 5th February and Thursday 6th February 2020, between 4.00 – 6.30 pm.

Open Afternoon – 2.30 -3.20 pm on Thursday 13th February 2020

There will be a further Open Afternoon, planned for 2.30 pm on Thursday 13th February 2020. During this session you are welcome to visit your child's classroom and share their work. It is a drop-in session, with parents/carers free to arrive when you are able to do so. Similarly, children can be taken home once you have shared their work.

Thank you to the children of Y6 Willow for creating the wonderful decorations for Telford Junior School's Christmas tree, entitled "Joy", which you can see at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, in Lillington.

As we approach the end of term and look forward to the Christmas holiday, we should like to thank all our families for the support offered over the last term and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Richard Siviter and all the staff at Telford Junior School



Dates for 2020

Monday 6 January	Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday 7 January	Start of the Spring Term
Tuesday 14 January	7 pm Parents' Association Meeting
Monday 20 January	7 pm Parents' Forum
Tuesday 21 January	6 pm Board of Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 5 February	4 – 6.30 pm Parents' Evening Appointments
Thursday 6 February	4 – 6.30 pm Parents' Evening Appointments

Friday 7 February	9.30 Y2 Open Morning 6.30 pm Parents' Association Bingo Night
Thursday 13 February	2.30 pm Open Afternoon – for current parents/carers
17 February – 21 February	Half-Term Holiday
Wednesday 11 March Thursday 12 March	Y3 classes visiting St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Lillington
Friday 13 March	7 pm Parents' Association Quiz Evening
Tuesday 24 March	6 pm Board of Governors' Meeting
Friday 3 April	3.20 pm End of Spring Term
Monday 20 April	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 23 April	Y4 Residential Visit
Friday 24 April	Y4 Residential Visit
Thursday 7 May	Teacher Training Day / Police & Crime Commissioner Election (school used as a Polling Station) -school closed
Friday 8 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
11 May – 14 May	Y6 End of Key Stage Tests
Tuesday 12 May	6 pm Board of Governors' Meeting
Saturday 16 May	12 – 2.30 pm School Fair
25 May – 29 May	Half-Term Holiday
Tuesday 7 July	6 pm Board of Governors' Meeting
Friday 17 July	3.20 End of Summer Term

- *These dates will be added to over the course of the school year and will be included in future newsletters. They can also be viewed via the School Calendar on the new school website, at www.telfordjuniorschool.com*