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## Newsletter October 2021



### World Mental Health Day - 10<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

The World Health Organisation recognises World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October every year.

The theme of this year's World Mental Health Day, set by the World Federation for Mental Health, is 'Mental health in an unequal world'.

From the beginning of the pandemic, the WFMH have been tracking its impact on people's mental health. Their research has shown that some of the people struggling the most are those who were already facing considerable challenges - people with long term health conditions, or those facing discrimination, or parenting on their own. That is why they are launching a £2 million Covid Response Programme to work with partners to help some of the people who have been hardest hit.

World Mental Health Day is also a chance to talk about mental health in general, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to talk about things and get help if you are struggling.



## School Council

Congratulations to our School Councillors who have been chosen by their classmates to represent their class voice within school. The Council will meet the first Friday of every month as well as completing tasks in between meetings. We are looking forward to some work the children will be doing with our local MP during Parliament week in November.

### Year 6 School Council 2021 - 2022



Base 13: Poppi Marson  
and Charlie-Reese Draper



Base 14: Teegan Parsons,  
Leon Enever-Saunders and Kashish Sharma

### Year 5 School Council 2021 - 2022



Base 11: Callum Brassington,  
and Lebenam Agodigbe



Base 12: Gerrard Agyemang  
and Jesse Opoku-Agyeman

### Year 4 School Council 2021 - 2022



Base 9: Macey Newland, Beau Jones  
and Logan Evans



Base 10: Matilda Draper-Bradley,  
Kayla-Mae Hill and Ollie Harris

*Year 3 School Council 2021 - 2022*



*Base 7: Zannah Clements-Raymond,  
Janice Wiafe and Jake Phillips*



*Base 8: Sienna-May Grant, Lacie Trafford  
and Joseph Dulson*

*Year 2 School Council 2021 - 2022*



*Base 5: Toby Bowditch, Esmee Malin  
and Charlie Hill*



*Base 6: Mila Cree-Rogers, Lucas Williams  
and Emily Mayall*

*Year 1 School Council 2021 - 2022*



*Base 3: Logan Williams and  
Robyn Platts*



*Base 4: Denis Badea and  
Nevach Hudson*

## Year 4 Wrekin Visit



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Year 4 took a trip up the Wrekin for a day of Forest Schools and Art activities. While they were there, they made large pieces of artwork of The Wrekin using only what they could find in the woods. They also created their own drawings of The Wrekin where they coloured their pictures in using wax rubbing techniques and different surfaces and textures they could find.



The other activities included learning to light a fire, where they watched their science learning in action as they boiled water to make hot chocolate, before toasting a marshmallow on the embers of the fire. Everyone had a fabulous day, with some amazing pieces of artwork being created as well as getting plenty of fresh air and spending a day in nature.



## National fitness day

It was National Fitness day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. National Fitness Day encourages the nation to celebrate the fun of fitness and physical activity across the UK. It is a chance to highlight the role physical activity plays and helps to raise awareness of its importance in helping us lead healthier lifestyles through being physically active!



All our children took part in a mile walk around our school!



## Health & Safety

Please can you be mindful of keeping pathways clear coming in and out of school. This way we can ensure that children are not having to walk out in to the road. Thank you.

## COVID-19

With COVID-19 continuing to circulate in our community, there has also been an increase in the number of cases within educational settings. Telford and Wrekin health protection team has produced guidance on how further spread of the virus can be prevented. Please find the letter attached to your email from the local authority. As a school, we have had minimal disruption so far, however, we will inform you by email if a member of staff or child in your child's class has tested positive for COVID19.

## Head lice

Please can I ask all parents to check their child's hair for head lice. It is also best if children who have long hair, have it tied up. The school nurse wants us to inform parents about a short video on the NHS Choices website. The video offers advice so that parents can work together to reduce the spread of head lice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> <https://www.chc.org/for-parents/>

# Reception Baseline Assessment

## Do you have a child starting reception class from the 2021/22 academic year?

If so, your child will be participating in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first 6 weeks of starting reception.

The purpose of the assessment is to provide the starting point for a new measure that will help parents understand how well schools support their pupils to progress between reception and year 6 / the end of key stage 2.

## What is the RBA?

The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. It is statutory for all schools from September 2021.

## What does participating in the RBA mean for my child?

The RBA is not about judging or labelling your child or putting them under any pressure. Your child cannot 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment. Its main purpose is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils.

*'During the COVID-19 pandemic, we know that parents have been pivotal in supporting their child's mental health and wellbeing during this difficult time. I have had the pleasure of observing RBA in practice during the pilot stage and can assure you that the RBA should not be stressful in any way and your child is unlikely to realise they are doing an assessment. The activities undertaken are fun, simple in design, short and age-appropriate. Evidence from the trial and pilot shows that the children were interested in the tasks and enjoyed it, and I'm sure your child will do too.'*

**Claire Harnden**

Deputy CEO, Director of Teaching School Hub  
South Farnham Educational Trust

## How will the RBA benefit my child?

The RBA will provide an opportunity for your child to have valuable one-to-one time with their teacher at an early stage, so the teacher can get to know your child better. It will provide a helpful snapshot of where your child is when they enter reception, so they can be supported in the most appropriate way. Feedback from the trial and pilot of the RBA has been largely positive, with 84% of practitioners rating the children's interest and enjoyment of the tasks as at least 'satisfactory'.

### How will the RBA benefit me as a parent?

When your child reaches year 6 / the end of key stage 2, you will be able to see how well your child's school has supported the year group in their time at primary school, compared to other schools nationally. This will improve on the current progress measure, which only measures progress between key stage 1 and key stage 2, missing out the crucial work schools do between reception and year 2 / the end of key stage 1.

### How do I prepare my child for the assessment?

You do not need to do anything to prepare your child for the assessment. Your child is unlikely to even know that they are doing an assessment when they are completing the tasks.

### What if my child cannot access the assessment?

Your child will answer questions verbally or by pointing at or moving objects. The assessment has been designed to ensure that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). The teacher can pause the assessment at any time if your child needs a break. There are also modified materials available for children with visual and hearing impairments.

### How will the data be used?

The data from the assessment will only be used by the Department for Education when your child has reached the end of year 6, to provide the baseline to measure the progress of your child's year group from reception to year 6. The data from the assessment, including numerical scores, is not shared with you, pupils, teachers, or external bodies, including schools, and there will be no published scores at pupil, school or national level.

### Will I receive feedback on my child's assessment?

Your child's teacher will receive a set of statements which provide a narrative description of how your child performed in the assessment. Schools can choose whether to send these to you directly, but they must provide them to you on your request.

#### For more information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the reception baseline assessment. For more details you can also visit [www.gov.uk/STA](http://www.gov.uk/STA).

#### Spare clothes - EYFS

Our Early Years are running out of spare clothes / underwear to change children in to if they have had an accident in school. If you have any spare clothes or donations, they would be really grateful. If your child does get changed in to spare school clothes in the day, we would be grateful if you could wash and return them.

#### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are already underway and it is nice to see you back in school in small numbers to be able to see your child's books and have discussions with the teachers. We will continue to monitor COVID19 and should it become high within our school, we will review this and move it to telephone conversations. Hopefully this will not be the case!

## Thank you

To all the staff who attended our Macmillan coffee afternoon (after school) we raised £59.00.



## Attendance

A huge congratulations to Base 6 who have won the best attendance in KS1 nearly every single week so far!



In KS2 Base 7 have won it 3 times and Base 9 twice.

## Y6 school applications

The Y6 deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. If you don't have a computer or email address, please see Mrs Waters in the office for help.

**Dates for your diary** - we will be entering these dates onto the diary on our website. A copy of all newsletters can be found on the school website. Further details about start times for some of the events will be sent out to you nearer to the date.

Date	Year group	Event
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	5	Y5 Parent Consultations
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	All	Timestables Rockstars Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	1	Twycross Zoo Visit
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	3	Y3 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	R	Reception Parent Consultations
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	4	Y4 parent Consultations
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	6	Y6 Parent Consultations
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2	The Wind & the Willows Theatre group
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	2	Pedestrian Training Base 6
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	2	Pedestrian Training Base 5
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	3	Pedestrian Training Base 7
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	3	Pedestrian Training Base 8
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	4	Anglo-Saxon Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	6	Blist Hill visit
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Children In Need
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	4	Visit to St.Michael's Church, Madeley
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	5	Professor McGinty to visit linked to Vikings
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	3 & 5	Swimming course - 10 consecutive days
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Families, siblings & individual photographs
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Christmas Jumper Day

**Half term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Back to school Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

