



Newsletter
Date: 10.05.24

Our next newsletter will be on 24.5.24
We will keep you up to date with news from across the school and useful information each fortnight.
With half-term approaching, remember Monday 3rd June is an INSET day and school reopens to pupils on Tuesday 4th June.

Himley Hall Dragon Boat Race event

On the 19th May, 7 Gig Mill members of staff along with 46 others from Hales Valley Trust will be rowing in the dragon boat race at Himley Park. Some of the money raised will go to charities supported by Wolverhampton Rotary Club Charitable Trust and we as a Trust are also raising money for 3 charities - Local: Black Country Food Bank, National: NSPCC and Global: Save the Children. Here is a link if you would like to show your support for the team of rowers and donate to these good causes. Any donations greatly received as will be any support on the day if you wanted to pop down (bring family/friends) to cheer us on! The event starts at 10am.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hales-valley-trust-dragon-boat-race>

Diary dates

Date	Event
13-16 May	KS2 SATS Week (Y6)
27- 31 May	May half term
03 June	INSET DAY – school closed to children
04-14 June	Y4 Multiplication Check
10-14 June	Y1 Phonics Check including any children who have not passed their phonic screening check in Y1
12 June	PGL Y6
14 June	HSA KS1 Magic Show after school day – more details to follow
19 June	YN Sports Day (10.30am)
21 June	Y3 Wroxeter trip
24 June	09:00 Transition Meeting from EYFS to Y1 (Parents) – meet the teachers
	09:45 EYFS Sports day
	13:15 Y5/6 Sports Day
	14:45 Transition Meeting from Y5 to Y6 (Parents) - meet the teachers
26 June	Class photos
27 June	09:00 Transition Meeting from Y1 to Y2 (Parents)- meet the teachers
	09:45 Y1/2 Sports Day
	13:15 Transition Meeting from Y3 to Y4 (Parents) - meet the teachers
	13:45 Y3/4 Sports Day
28 June	09:00 Transition Meeting from Y2 to Y3 (Parents) - meet the teachers
28 June	14:45 Transition meeting from Y4 to Y5 (Parents) - meet the teachers
01 July	Mini market (children only)- more details to follow
04 July	Meet the new teacher day – children will spend the day with their new teacher. **Y6 have their transition day to secondary. Secondary schools will contact parents directly with further details. Any children not visiting their secondary school, will be expected to be in school and will be taught by a teacher.
06 July	HSA event- Circus
09 July	JASS Celebration assembly for Yr5/ Yr6 parents and children
12 July	Reports out to all parents
16 July	Y6 Leavers Disco 15.20- 16.45
18 July	09:15 Y6 Leavers' assembly for Y6 parents
19 July	End of term 2pm collection for all children

Attendance

Week beginning 29.04.24

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RDS	93.49	2B	96.40	5H	94.33
RP	99.64	3F	94.33	5K	93.79
1J	93.46	3B	98.67	5A	96.21
1W	92.40	3FG	93.87	6DS	95.00
1D	95.83	4R	97.60	6W	94.14
2N	94.80	4P	95.20	6GW	96.30
2H	93.60	4JP	95.38	BASE	100

Attendance

Week beginning 06.05.24

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RP	96.43	2B	97.50	5H	94.17
RDS	91.25	3F	94.17	5K	95.26
1J	100	3B	89.17	5A	96.55
1W	99.00	3FG	98.39	6DS	98.33
1D	97.40	4R	99.50	6W	98.71
2N	99.00	4P	91.00	6GW	99.07
2H	96.50	4JP	96.63	BASE	87.50

SPORTING SUCCESS!



On Tuesday 7th May, 4 of our young tennis players from Year 4 took part in the finals of the Black Country schools' tennis tournament. Well done to Erica, Tilly, Leo and Jack for coming 4th overall! They represented Gig Mill with pride and they demonstrated super sportsmanship in supporting all the other teams taking part.

'There were lots of different schools taking part!' Jack

'There were some fantastic tennis players in the competition' Leo

'Some of the matches were very close' Erica

'We competed really well and tried to win our matches' Tilly



Congratulations to the tennis team!

Thank you for your responses to our policy review and consultation regarding our Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy. This consultation has now closed and we will be looking at the feedback over the coming weeks in readiness for next academic year.

Dates for next year

2024-2025 School holiday dates including INSET days

Autumn term dates including INSET days

INSET days: Monday 02 September and Tuesday 03 September 2024

Autumn 1 term starts: Wednesday 04 September 2024

Half term: Monday 28 October to Monday 04 November

INSET day: Monday 04 November

Autumn 2 term starts: Tuesday 05 November

Autumn term end: Friday 20 December at 2pm for all pupils

Spring term dates including INSET days

Spring 1 term starts: Monday 6 January 2025

INSET day: Friday 14 February 2025

Half term: Friday 14 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Spring 2 term starts: Monday 24 February 2025

Term end: Friday 11 April 2025

Summer term dates including INSET days

Summer 1 term start: Monday 28 April 2025

Half term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

Summer 2 term starts: Monday 02 June 2025

Term end: Friday 18 July 2025 at 2pm for all pupils

INSET day: 21.07.2025

**Additional dates for next academic year will be sent out in July.

PE Uniform

- Plain black shorts or joggers
- Coloured house t-shirts or their school white polo shirt
- School jumper/cardigan
- Appropriate footwear (trainers/pumps)
- NO jewellery should be worn in PE

PE days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer term					
Outdoor	Year 5	Year 1 and Year 4	Year 3		Year 2 Year 6
Indoor	Year 3	Year 2	4JP Year 6	4P, 4R Year 5	Reception
Swimming		Reception	1J 1W	1D	

Values Award Winner KINDNESS

Week ending: 03.05.24

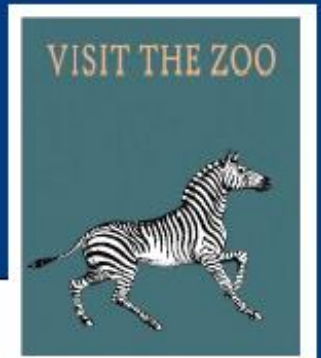
Class		Class		Class	
1D	Erin	3B	James	5A	Maria
1J	Hannah	3F	Willow	5H	Isabella
1W	Isaiah	3FG	Toby	5K	Isabelle
2B	Scarlett	4JP	Niamh	6DS	Eddie
2H	Millie-Rae	4P	Chloe	6GW	Bobby
2N	Molly	4R	Ivy	6W	Ryan
				BASE	Jake

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Class		Class		Class	
1D	Peggy	3B	Amelia	5A	Molly
1J	Owen	3F	Maxi	5H	Siwesh
1W	Rosie	3FG	Conor	5K	Cameron
2B	Ava-Mae	4JP	Jake	6DS	Emmie
2H	Josie	4P	Joseph	6GW	Ava
2N	Harlee	4R	Zach	6W	George
				BASE	Callum

May 16th is Census day in school – we have a special menu for this day only and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to enjoy a school lunch on this day, as this has an impact on our school funding.



A Fun Day At The Zoo

Menu

Thursday 16th May

Chicken Nugget

or

Vegan Nugget

Wedges

Coleslaw

Sweetcorn

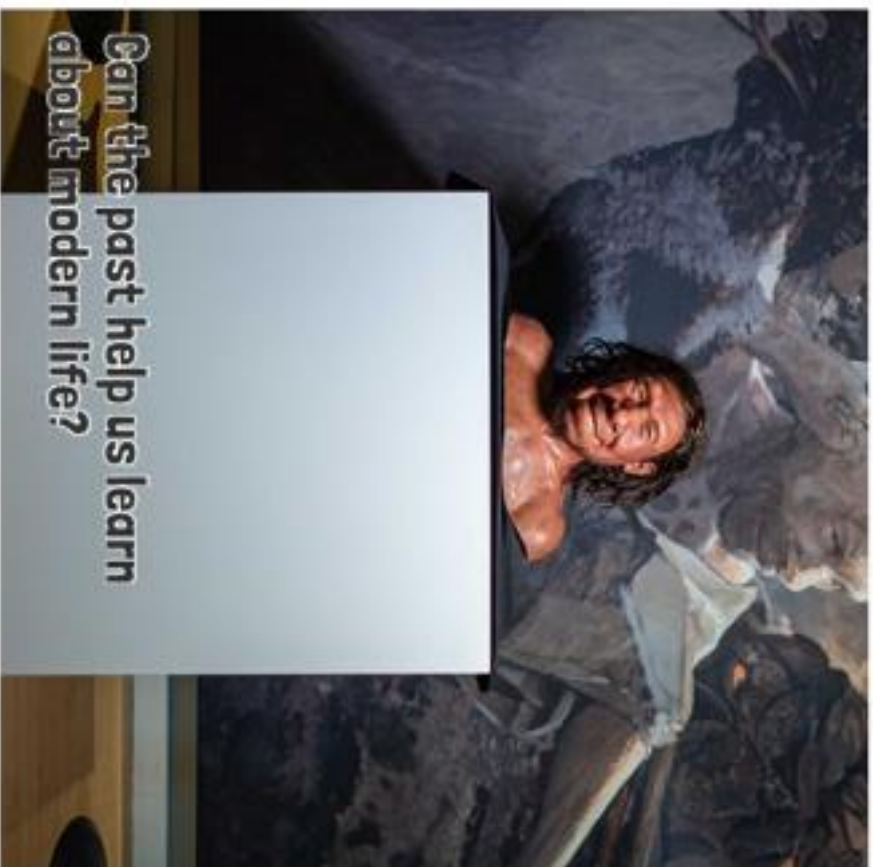
Parrot Cake

With Custard



This is an interesting news story that you might like to discuss further at home with your child. Look at the 'things to talk about at home' section.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

A new study from the Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory, using evidence found in northwestern Italy, has found that Neanderthals (an extinct relative of humans) organised their living areas in a similar way to people today. It was thought that Neanderthals' lives weren't as sophisticated as this or as similar to those of modern humans. The researcher's looked at sites of both Neanderthals and Homo sapiens and compared how things like tools and animal bones were positioned in the living area. They found Neanderthals organised their items depending on the different tasks and activities they were doing.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to the new research findings about Neanderthals' lives.
- > How is your home organised? Do you have different areas for different activities?
- > Think about how organised or tidy people at your home or school are. Is everyone the same?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



This poster has some useful points to think about with your child around how to look after themselves in a digital world.

Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

