



TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.... February 2024

As a school community I would like to share this exciting news - we have had confirmation from the Department for Education that Gig Mill will officially be joining Hales Valley Trust on the planned date of Friday 1st March 2024. This morning in assembly we have looked at our school motto and the Trust motto "Success for all", and how our school values of collaboration, respect, equality, honesty, creativity and perseverance link to those of the trust. Often I talk to the children about how small acts of kindness make a difference, but also that when all our classes join together that we achieve great things as a Gig Mill family. Thank you all for supporting us with our foodbank collection in January, your donations have made a big difference to families accessing the Black Country foodbank. We are looking forward to our 'extra' leap year day on Thursday 29th February to show acts of kindness. March will hopefully bring us some warmer weather, and we look forward to celebrating World Book Day next week with lots of exciting activities in school. Kind regards, Mrs Hannaway

Foodbank Donations

Thank you for your recent donations for the foodbank. With all your help, we collected 20.7kgs of food and 40.5kgs of non-food, this is enough to provide 41 meals and 40 toiletry packs.



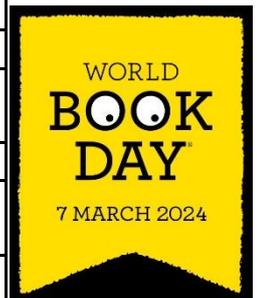
September 2024 – Reception Intake

Any parents who have applied for a reception place for September will be notified of the outcome on 16th April. If you haven't yet applied and have a child born between 1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020, please contact Admissions on 0300 555 2345 or email admissions.cs@dudley.gov.uk

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

On **Thursday 7th March** we are celebrating World Book Day in school. It is always a very special day and we look forward to seeing all the children dressed up and enjoying the special activities each class has planned. The children can come dressed as their favourite character from a book or if they prefer they can wear colours associated with the flag of a country linked to a special book the children will be learning about as part of World Book Day. Please remember PE and swimming will go ahead as usual and it is important the children still have a warm coat and suitable footwear for playtimes outside as usual.

Nursery	Nursery rhymes	No specific country	Bright colours
Reception	Handa's Surprise	Kenya	Bright colours
Year 1	Monkey Puzzle	no specific country	Bright colours
Year 2	Grace and Family	Gambia	Red, blue, green and white
Year 3	Gregory Cool	Tobago	Red, black and white
Year 4	Grandpa Chatterji	India	White, green and orange
Year 5	Seasons of Splendour	India	White, green and orange
Year 6	Journey to Jo'Burg	South Africa	Black, yellow, green, red, white and blue



Nursery Places Available



We have places available for 3 and 4 year olds in our Nursery. We offer the universal free 15 hours a week of education across 5 morning sessions 8:35am - 11:35am which children can begin the term following their third birthday. We have qualified, experienced and committed staff who provide individualised learning for all children and support with a smooth transition into starting reception. Contact our school office to find out more information and we can arrange a tour to see our wonderful nursery environment.