



July 2017 Newsletter

Year 5 Citizenship visit to The Council House

On Tuesday 11th of July we travelled in style in the School's new minibus, driven by Ms Gayle. We felt like V.I.P.s.

It was all very official and quiet in the Council House chambers. Birmingham's Lord Mayor, Councillor Anne Underwood, heard our petition read out, seconded and agreed. The council will now put more waste bins around The Oval School. Timberley Academy also had a petition read out.

There was an argument about dustbin collections and Councillor Trickett had to keep answering lots of questions from Councillors about why people had not had their rubbish collected as the refuse collectors are on strike.

We felt honoured to see democracy in action.



'Cashless' from September

As you will be aware you can now pay for school meals, trips and uniform online via ParentPay. Please make every effort to pay online as we are working towards being a cashless school in September.

You should have received a letter with log on and password details to register online, if not please contact the school office to request a copy.



School uniform

Polite reminder to parents of the school uniform all pupils are expected to wear:

- Grey trousers or Grey knee length skirt
- Light blue or white school shirts/blouses
- Royal blue school jumpers (no grey or black)
- Royal blue, black or white headscarves
- Black sensible school shoes (no trainers)
- PE Kit - Royal blue t-shirt and shorts, black pumps and spare socks

The Big Sleuth is now LIVE!

After months of keeping quiet behind the scenes Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity and Wild in Art are excited to announce that our Big Sleuth bears are now in place and the trail is officially LIVE! All 237 bears (except 1, our top secret bear, see below) are now in place ready to be selfie stars this summer! Don't forget to use #TheBigSleuth and download The Big Sleuth app to track your trail!

A selection of pupils from The Oval designed and painted a bear for the Big Sleuth, so look out for our fantastic bear on your bear hunt!

We've got a paw-some new app which can help you make the most of your sleuthing activities! With The Big Slueth app you can:

- Collect bears
- Unlock rewards
- View your trail progress
- Add your photos to our gallery and share on social media. Remember to use #TheBigSleuth
- Activate your fundraising and connect the app with your just giving page.

Plus loads more bear-illiant features for just £1.99 available now from the App Store or Google Play.



For the second year running PC Pedley has visited Year 6 at The Oval to talk about life choices and the consequences of our actions. Here is a photograph of him speaking to Year 6 and an example of the letters we wrote to him.



The Oval School
Whittington Oval
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Thursday 6th July 2017

Dear P.C. Pedley, I would like to thank you for coming into our school and educating us about the values of making the right choices. I think you are an inspiration to many, who are young, especially, and valiant as you do not give up in difficult times.

I have learnt that you should not watch a crime; you should tell someone before the damage is done. It is called "joint-enterprise" when you were involved in the crime, however you did not necessarily commit it. Also, I will not give up even when it is as difficult as having a life-changing injury.

Taking your advice to heart, I will carry on being resilient and stay away from gangs. I will also remember that everything I do is my choice, whether it is to do the right thing or the wrong.

I think you have really assisted myself

and others by telling us your life story and explaining how important choices you make are and what the different consequences could be.

Yours sincerely,
Mehak [redacted]
Class 6.1

Important
Dates

Please make note of these dates in your diary;

- 24th and 25th July 2017 - School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

Rugby News

Today the rugby team made their final trip of the year to Oasis Blakenhale for an 8-a-side tournament. As the venue was walkable, we managed to take a Year 5 and a Year 6 team and this gave lots more children the opportunity to represent the school.

The Year 6 team lost 5 players earlier in the week so Gurpal, Hamza H and Ibrahim R were drafted into the team and also Hamza Z made the step up from the Year 5 team. These 4 played really well throughout, with Hamza Z and Gurpal scoring tries, Hamza H being effective in attack and defence and Ibrahim R gliding through tackles with hip moves even John Travolta would be proud of. Reagan made his long awaited debut after injury earlier in the year and scored 2 tries, while Madison was dangerous in attack and solid in defence. The team relied heavily on the experience of Harry and Erin, with Hat-trick Harry again contributing 3 tries in total and Erin scoring 2. Erin was also given the captaincy and led the team through example, with 1 try in particular reminiscent of Jason Robinson running up the wing, leaving defenders in her wake.

The Year 5 team were put together mainly to give them experience for next year but they ended up surprising everyone by drawing with the Year 6 team. In fact they only lost their other games by a single try, scoring lots of tries in the process in some highly entertaining matches. Ian and Nathan led the try scoring chart with 4 apiece, with Nathan's smile leading the other teams into a false sense of security before he was gone faster than a toupee in a hurricane. Latifullah made his debut but what he lacked in experience he made up with skill and pace and he contributed 2 excellent tries. Captain Tegan and Sophia also scored tries while Ibrahim R was again the provider, creating chances that others scored from. Jethro and Olivia made some good tackles and Macie was also solid in defence, especially when taking out the player of the tournament from Gossey Lane.

Today was not about winning. It was really nice that the teams could cheer each other on in what felt like an 'away' game with lots of parents and classes from Oasis and Gossey Lane spectating. Year 6 came together quickly as a team, scored some tries and enjoyed their last chance to represent their school. Year 5 played extremely well and could have won a couple of games against teams older, bigger and faster than them. Next year they will be older, bigger and faster and I am excited to see what they can do.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER TERM 2017	
Friday 21 st July 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Summer holidays
AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Monday 4 th September 2017	Closed to pupils - Teacher Day
Tuesday 5 th September 2017	School open to pupils and staff
Friday 20 th October 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term
Monday 30 th October 2017	School open to pupils and staff
Thursday 21 st December 2017 at end of school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Christmas
Friday 22 nd December 2017	School closed to pupils - Teacher Day
SPRING TERM 2018	
Monday 8 th January 2018	School open to pupils and staff
Friday 16 th February 2018 at end of the school day	End of Term
Monday 26 th February 2018	School open to pupils and staff
Thursday 29 th March 2018 at end of school day	End of Term

