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Welcome

Here we are already in the final term of the academic year. Time is flying by and so much is happening at the academy. Already this term, Year 4 have been on a very successful trip to Cadburys' World. Year 5 have been to a Hindu temple in order to see how Hindu's worship. Next week Year 3 are off to the Think Tank in the city centre. It is wonderful to hear that the children are praised for their excellent behaviour when they are representing the academy whilst out on trips. Well done to all our children for their excellent behaviour.

Year 6 have been working very hard all year for their SATs tests which take place in two weeks' time from 14th May 2018. They have attended Easter School, Saturday School, extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays in order to be prepared for the tests. We wish them luck and know that they will all do their very best. I would also like to thank the parents of our Year 6 pupils for their full support in ensuring that the children are at the academy when required so that they can reach their full potential.

Ramadan will soon begin and we would like to wish all our families that take part in this holy month well. However, we do ask that children in Years 3 and 4 do not fast whilst at school and children in Years 5 & 6 will only be allowed to take part once parents have met with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Daylight hours are very long at this time of year and we are concerned that the children are unable to learn to the best of their ability whilst fasting.

An early reminder that the academy will be closed on Monday 7th May for the Bank holiday. We will be open on election day as our academy is not used for voting.

Look out for more information on trips, Sports Days, Summer Fayre and lots of other activities planned for the Summer term on our website.

Mrs Twort – Head of School

Safeguarding

Recent hate mail campaign

You may have seen news about a few malicious letters being sent to individuals across the UK which feature anti-Muslim messaging.

West Midlands Police have given this statement 'we are not aware of any letters being received in the West Midlands area. Some have been published on social media and have caused some people to panic. We are treating this matter extremely seriously and anyone with any concerns about a communication they have received should contact their local police force.'

A few of the children have been upset by what they have heard, so we have had class assemblies to remind them who they can talk to when they are worried. If you have any concerns or would like to talk to someone in school, please ask for Miss Francome.

Bullying

The academy has a zero tolerance policy on bullying. If you feel that your child might be or is going through any sort of bullying whether it's verbal, physical, emotional or cyber bullying please do not hesitate to inform a member of staff, ideally Mr. Jamal or Mrs Hayre who are the Learning Mentors in the academy. They are willing to offer help and support in this area.

Year III Animal Man Visit



On Wednesday 14th of March part of year 3 topic and science year 3 pupils had a visit from The Animal Man. Pupils had the opportunity to

learn about a range of animals from the different layers of the rainforest, including their habitats, diets, origins and conservation. To the surprise of some of year 3 they didn't just sit and watch, they got the chance to get up close to the animals.

Some of our bravest pupils even had a tarantula on their head.

Amongst some of our visitors from across the globe we had:

- A giant African land snail
- A giant African Millipede
- Leaf Mimic insect
- Pink toe tarantula
- Giant platted lizard
- White tree frog
- Sugar glider

Chamberlain Book Day



It was a pleasure to see staff and pupils dressed up as their favourite book characters.

Prizes were awarded to the best costumes in each year group.

Congratulations to all of the winners and to everyone who took part in the day.

This was such a fun way to celebrate reading.

Julia Golding Author Visit



On the 15th March 2018, Julia Golding, the award winning children's author, came to visit our academy. This visit was organised to

encourage pupils to develop their reading skills.

Julia conducted separate interactive assemblies with lower and upper phase. She was also interviewed by the Library Monitors and on Ark Radio.

Later on in the afternoon, pupils had the opportunity to purchase a signed Julia Golding book. These books were priced at £5.

Julia Golding also conducted a Creative Writing Workshop with a group of pupils.

This was a brilliant day and a great way to celebrate the love of reading.

Year 4 Visit to Cadbury World



On Wednesday 18th April, Year 4 visited Cadbury World. As part of their day, they watched chocolate being made, went to a 4D cinema, had a special

informative talk, played on the outdoor play equipment and they even got to taste the delicious Cadbury's chocolate. They also got to take home lots of free chocolate! This was such a brilliant day. Staff and pupils enjoyed themselves. Pupils were well behaved and were a credit to Ark Chamberlain Primary Academy.

Dates for Your Diary

- 7th May – Bank Holiday
- 9th May – Class assembly – V Leeds
- 14th – 17th May – SATS week