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Welcome

Wow! What an amazing year it has been. I am incredibly proud of the achievements of all the pupils and staff this year. Today you will be receiving your child's end of year report, which will let you know how much progress they have made and targets for their next year. I am sure you will be as impressed as I am with their achievements this year as I am. All this alongside our removal from Special Measures means it has been a truly successful year. Even the last week has been busy and I really enjoyed watching our choir perform at Symphony Hall this week; they were incredible!

On Tuesday we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and I wish them every success as they move onto secondary school. Over the year, I have enjoyed watching them develop into mature, confident pupils who are more than ready to move into Year 7. I'm sure there will be a few tears when they leave though and I look forward to seeing lots of you for their final performance on Tuesday at 9am. We really will miss them all!

I hope you all enjoy a very peaceful holiday and we look forward to seeing most of you back in September. Thank you for your continued support - you are a vital part of our academy and by working together we really can provide your children with the best possible education. For those families leaving us this year - please come back and visit us in the future. We love nothing more than hearing about the success of our former pupils.

Happy summer holidays!

Mrs Twort – Head of School

Sports Day

For some children sports day is one of the most exciting days of the year, their opportunity to show off their sporting prowess against members of their

class. This year every pupil has been given the opportunity to take part in every event!

A key focus was placed on each individual competing against themselves to set their own personal bests.

Pupils had the opportunity to show their speed in the 100m, their power in the long jump and shot put, and their agility and teamwork in the obstacle race and relay races respectively.

In the mornings, pupils had the opportunity to create banners to support their class and develop a real sense of class pride.

A special trophy was also awarded to a class in each year group who showed the greatest commitment, effort and high standards of sporting integrity.

Mr Marks was extremely excited to see all of his classes' hard work pay off on Sports Day, and he cannot wait to see them improving on their personal bests next year.

Kingswood

82 children, 8 staff and lots of FUN!

We arrived at Kingswood on Friday afternoon. All the children were excited and eager to start the activities! Years 5 and 6 were mixed up for the activity groups and for their dorms.

During the trip the children took part in 11 activities which included Zip wire, Jacob's ladder, nightline, archery, low ropes, climbing, aeroball, problem solving, team challenge, mini Olympics and group fun. One of the children celebrated their birthday!

Breakfast was at 7:30 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m. and Dinner at 5:15 p.m. with hot chocolate at night and juice at break times.

Bedtime was difficult as most of the children were excited and didn't go to sleep until very late, but

they were still up and ready for the next day at 6am!

It was lovely to see all of the children mixing in with other children that they may not play with at school.

I think we were all exhausted by the time we came back on the Sunday.

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. You have helped us to obtain some free books for our library.

Summer Fayre



The Summer Fayre took place in the academy on the 13th July 2017.

There were a range of stalls on the day such as food stalls, Bring and Buy, Bowling, Penalty Shootout and a book stall.

There was even a 'Press up Challenge' by Mr Coyne'.



Staff, pupils and parents had a great time. Thank you to Mrs K. Hussain for organising this successful event.

Thank you all for your positive feedback and comments.

Year V Graffiti Workshop



For their final workshop of the year, Year Five had a fantastic graffiti day. Working as a team, they created some fabulous graffiti art showing off our academy values.

Everyone had a great time and the artwork should be on display in the academy next year. It was a very interesting day; we had no idea just how difficult it is to produce graffiti.

Fortunately, the artist explained every step really clearly and we are delighted with the results. Have a look at the pictures and look out for them on display the next time you are in the academy.

Year 3 Forest School Trip



On Tuesday, Year 3 children went to Masefield Community Garden for a morning of forest school activities. They made their own teepees, crafted dreamcatchers and lit their own fire! They learnt about different plants, how to keep safe when exploring natural surroundings and they finished off the morning by relaxing with some fresh peppermint tea!

Making Birmingham Greener and Healthier Awards



Ark Chamberlain was a runner-up in the Making Birmingham Greener & Healthier Awards held on Tuesday 18th July 2017. They were part of a

marvellous cross section of winners, all carrying out very different activities and all worthy green champions for Birmingham. Pupils spent the afternoon learning more about all the good work going on around the city to make Birmingham greener and healthier.

Symphony Hall Choir 2017



On the 18th July some of our year 4, 5 and 6 choir children attended a concert at Symphony Hall. They were absolutely fantastic!

They were a real credit to our school, beautifully behaved and sounded amazing.

They took part in the Symphony Hall Annual Music Gala and sang with around 600 other children from all around Birmingham and performed to an audience of about 3000 people.



Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at Small Heath library or a local library in your area and read six library books of your choice. This scheme allows you to collect stickers and other rewards along the way. There is no cost to participate in this scheme. It's FREE.

The Summer Reading Challenge website will help you to keep track of your reading. You can find new books to read, take part in competitions and play games.

Staff Book Review – Mr Jamal



My favourite book is the Quran because it puts everything into perspective. It gives me joy and hope in life.

Dates for Your Diary

- 25th July 2017 – Last day of term (pupils finish at 1pm)
- 11th September 2017 – Pupils return to school for the autumn term.

Academy Uniform Collection

Academy Uniform Collection day will be on Monday 4th September 2017.

- 10 a.m. – 12 noon: New Year III – free issue of blazer and a tie.
- 12 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.: All other years - items to be paid for (there will be ties, P.E. kit, jumpers and bags available.)

Term Dates 2017 – 2018

Children will finish at 1.00 p.m. on the last day of term.

Autumn term

- Monday 11th September 2017 – Friday 20th October 2017
- Monday 30th October 2017 – Wednesday 20th December 2017 (last day of term)

Spring term

- Thursday 4th January 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018
- Monday 26th February 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018 (last day of term)

Summer term

- Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018
- Monday 4th June 2018 – Friday 20th July 2018 (last day of term)

Teacher Training Days

- 6, 7, 8 September 2017
- 8 December 2017
- 3 January 2018
- 16 March 2018
- 15 June 2018
- 6, 23, 24 July 2018