

APLEY NEWS

Headteacher Message

The Apley team are all very excited about welcoming back all children to school on Monday. Our staff have been working very hard planning out the details to ensure the transition back to school for everyone is smooth and as safe as possible. Please remember that it is compulsory for children to return full time from the 8th March.

Our risk assessment has now been updated and added to the website, it is very robust and there are additional measures in place this term. I really do appreciate your support in working with us to keep the virus away from our school. If you are in any doubt about symptoms or possible contacts with positive or symptomatic people, please remember the potential wider impact of risking it by sending your children in to school. You can always contact us for advice if you are unsure. As we are still in lockdown, the national restrictions still say that we can only meet with one other person outdoors, so parents must socially distance during drop off/collection times.

We had a fantastic response from the children about our remote learning questionnaire, and whilst the effort they (and families) have put in with learning at home has been amazing, many of them said they were missing their friends and school staff so we hope that they are as excited as we are in welcoming them back to school. It has been lovely to see how many have attended the live lessons this week, where staff have been explaining what school will be like and answering their questions.



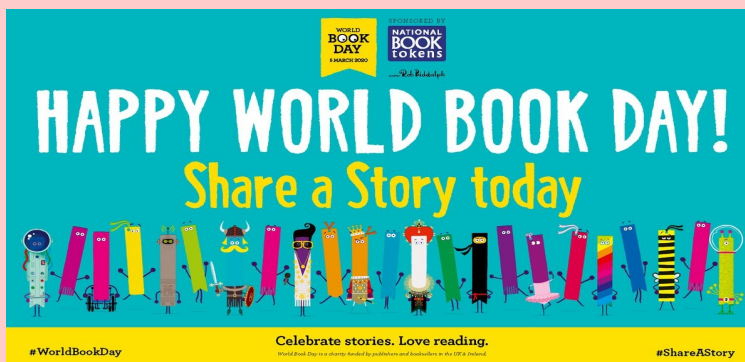
Headteacher Awards this week are for the following children:

Lyla S	Scarlett C	Theo C	Megan R	Leo E
Amelia R	Ollie F	William S	Daniel H	Tilli G
Ethan P	Izzy C	Ross M	Michelle A	Jacob K
Tobias L	Emily B	Edward B	Grace C	Ben Ca

I hope you all have a good weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Mrs Ellen Smith - Headteacher

Don't forget to send in your photos from World Book Day. Book tokens will be handed out on Monday 8th March.



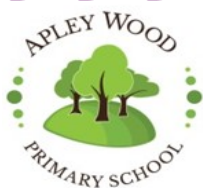
Laptop Return

With the re-opening of school on **Monday 8th March**, please can we ask for the return of all borrowed school laptops, to the office, by **Thursday 11th March**.

Many Thanks.



If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school



Lunchtime Supervisors Awards



Congratulations to the following children who have received a Lunchtime Supervisor Award this week.

This week's children have been nominated by our wonderful lunchtime team for some great reasons such as always being kind to other children, for trying really hard, for being polite and well mannered, for making children smile and being happy and much more!

Gabby, Ben Ch, Matilda, Arnold, Xavier, Gulia, Toby C, Zara H

Well done to everyone who received an award this week!

Year 1 Art Day

The children in school have really enjoyed their art day this week. Year 1 have learnt about an artist called Wassily Kandinsky, and have created their own art work based on his paintings. They used oil pastels to create shape art, and used chalks to draw in the style of Paul Klee. The children also created some colourful artwork using outlines of their own hands. Here is just a selection of some of the work the children have produced. Very colourful and creative. Well done year 1.





Help Us Stay Healthy & Open

There are a number of ways in which you can support us to help to keep our children and our school staff as safe as possible from 8th March.

- Please keep to the staggered start and collection times and leave the premises as quickly as possible. (we understand that siblings will need to arrive together.)
- For entry to Y4, Y1 and Base 1 - please use the one-way system from the main road at the front of school.
- For Y5 and Y6 - please use the entrance at the bottom of the playground by the car park as much as possible.
- Base 2, Year 2 and Year 3 - please use the entrance through the gates off the Silkin way.
- Only **one adult** per child on site for drop off/collection. If Y6 children could walk across the playground to meet parents by the gates themselves that would help to reduce the congestion and number of adults waiting on the playground.
- Please wear a mask when on the school site unless you are exempt.
- Children to bring own water bottle daily. Only school reading books, lunchboxes and water bottles can be brought from home (no school bags please.)
- Teachers will not be able to talk to you easily at the class door, if you have any messages, please call, or email the school office on A2190@taw.org.uk. Teachers will not be able to check emails when they are teaching full time so **please do not use** the staff email addresses that have been available during remote learning.
- You may want to ensure your children wear additional base layers as windows and doors will be open as much as possible to ensure ventilation is high.
- Children showing **any of the primary or secondary symptoms of COVID-19** should not be sent to school and if they develop these during the school day then they will be sent home.
- **If any member of your household has any of the primary or secondary COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send your child to school.**

We do need your support to help us to keep the virus away from school.

For more information, on the preparations that are underway to welcome children back to school in the Telford and Wrekin area, visit the Telford and Wrekin website or follow the link below.

https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20698/schools_and_nurseries_-_covid-19_service_updates

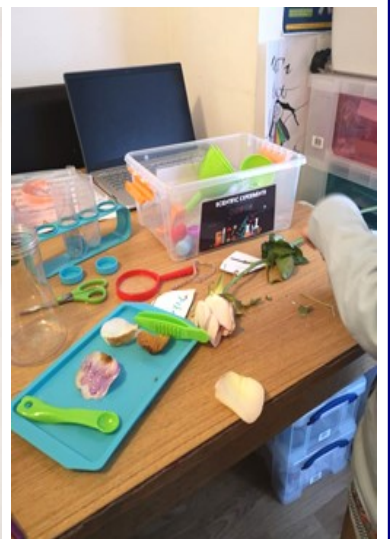
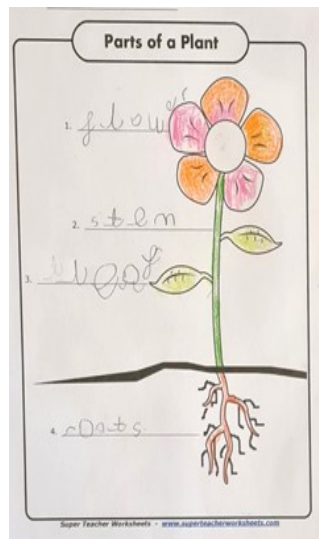
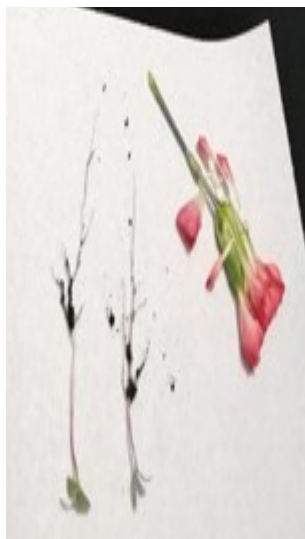
Thank you

Little Busy Bodies

Reception have been very busy, indoors and outdoors. They had a magical Forest School session making clay tree spirits. They talked about how magical trees are and that they have spirits inside them. They looked carefully to see the faces in the bark or the shape of the branches. This really captured their imagination.



Indoors, the children have really enjoyed finding out about their new topic 'Let's Get Growing'. They enjoyed dissecting a plant to explore the different parts. They made great observations and should be super proud!





TT Rock Stars Winners

This week's top users for each year group are:

Year 1: Rory P, Jackson H, Gabrielle U

Year 2: Madison S, Riley W, Lilah R

Year 3: Megan, Alfie I, Alyssa H

Year 4: Ruby H, Adrian K, Finlay C

Year 5: Sophie B, Dulcie, Simren

Year 6: Zara H, Jessica W

Consistent great effort from you all. Well done!

Year 5 Artist Work

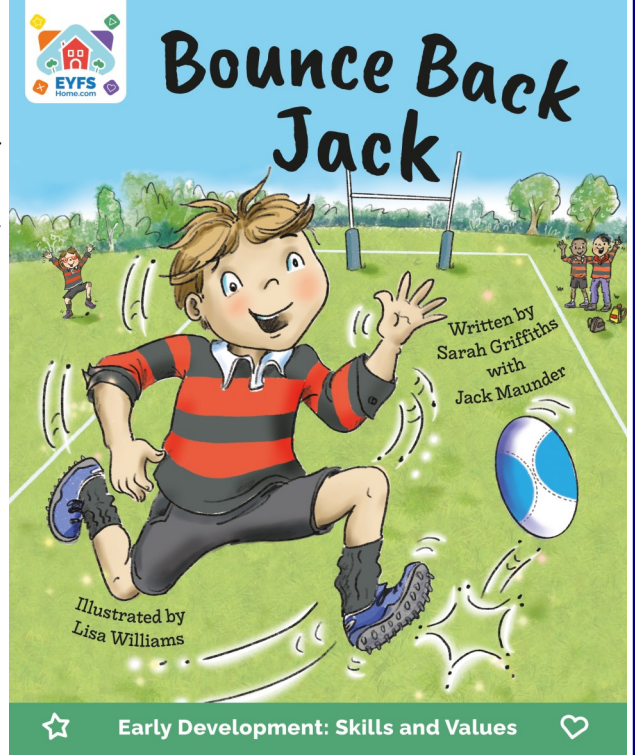
Year 5 produced some fabulous artwork during their Art Day. Check out their amazing hand art and cool graffiti names! We were extremely impressed with their focus and resilience! Well done, Year 5!



Live Story Telling for World Book Day

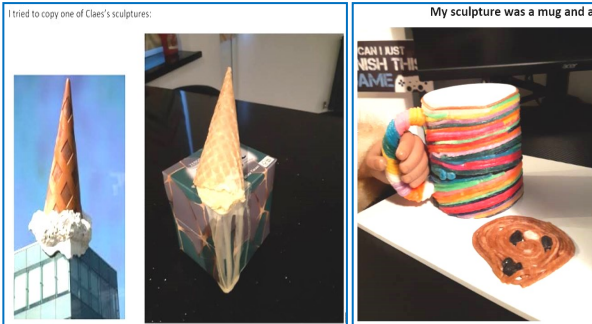
On World Book day this Thursday, the Reception and Key Stage 1 children were very lucky to take part in a live TEAMS session with a very special author **Sarah Griffiths**. She read her very own story **Bounce Back Jack**. We learnt that it was important to be positive and to never give up.

Thank you Sarah, it made the day very special for the children and it was a great way to celebrate the day.



News from home

Following on with the Art Day theme Kyran (year 6) got creative by using his detailed 'Claes Oldenburg' Artist Study to make his very own sculptures! First he recreated one of Claes Oldenburg's famous sculptures using objects from around his house. Then he designed and made his very own 'Claes inspired' sculpture of 'a mug and a cookie'. Very creative and artistic - well done Kyran!



Value Of The Month

March's Value of the Month is...

Aspiration
 - a hope or desire to achieve a goal or outcome.

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 19th March

Children are invited to wear sports kit on Red Nose Day for a £1.00 donation.

Red nose day will be an active day with lots of outdoor / PE activities so the children need to wear PE kit, have appropriate foot wear for PE and can wear their house colour T shirts/tops if they want to.

HOW YOUR SUPERPOWERS CAN UNLEASH

SERIOUS GOOD AROUND THE WORLD



£10

could fund an assessment, research and medical Centre. (Illustration of a child)

£100

could fund ten specialist's research calls for your help. (Illustration of a person)

£20

could buy a mobility kit for a young person, purchase a laptop for a child, or buy a school bag. (Illustration of a child)

£200

could buy four bikes for health awareness in 12 years old they can generate and maintain for. (Illustration of a person)

£50

could provide legal services to 1000 refugees to assist. (Illustration of a person)

£500

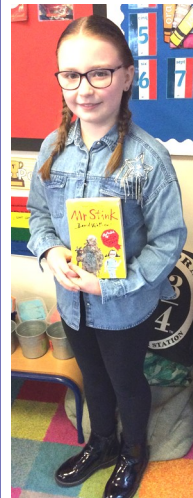
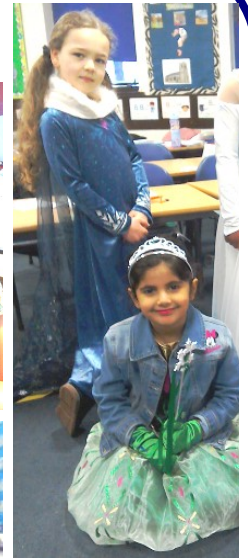
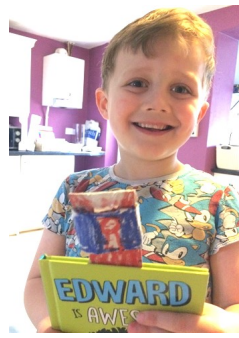
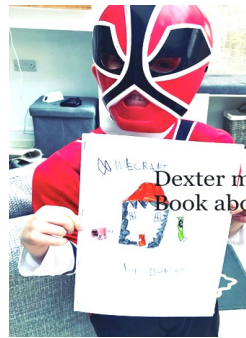
could get 2,000 meals for 1000 children in 10 schools and 1000 meals for 1000. (Illustration of a person)

RED NOSE DAY **FUNNY IS POWER**

FRIDAY 19 MARCH

This year we are unable to sell red noses due to possible Covid-19 transmission and we ask that children do not bring them in to school for that reason. However we would love to see photos from home of you wearing them and can share your photos on the newsletter.





WORLD BOOK DAY
4 MARCH 2021

