

14TH OCTOBER

APLEY NEWS

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Headteacher Message

Another busy week in school. Year 6 have been very active – playing Quidditch at Charlton and starting their bikeability training. Some of our children have enjoyed a range of activities with Bonnie this week, including taking her for a walk, teaching her a trick and reading a story to her in our library. I am so proud of the respect and outstanding behaviour the children demonstrate to enable Bonnie to be on site.

Please remember that water bottles should only have water in. We do appreciate your support in this and whilst we understand that many children would prefer another option, we must follow the Food school standard guidance from the Government which states,

[Water should be the default drink for every child. The more it is offered, the more readily they will accept it. Free, fresh drinking water must be available at all times.](#)

In addition to these standards, there is also NHS guidance about the impact on teeth that regular drinking squash/juice from a bottle can cause.

If parents have a concern regarding this, then please arrange a meeting with myself or another member of the senior leadership to discuss specific concerns and requirements. We have always worked well with parents, the school nurse team and GPs and will support medical requirements when we are made aware of them, but we cannot change our whole school policy to enable squash or juice to be the prevalent drink in the bottle daily.

We are supporting the Local Authority to promote their 10 by 10 activities. There are details on the newsletter about the fantastic offer of free swimming lessons for children aged 5-10 who are currently non swimmers.

I am very proud of the children who received a headteacher award this week:

**Habibah K, Arabella G, Kane L, Lilly T, Layon L, Harley W, Louie P,
Mia C, Harry D, Oliver G, Rory D, Jacob B, Edward B, Gabby U,
Jake T, Qais S, Miniya E, Sidney McL, Talisha E, Mary-Isabella W, Jack T,
Julia J, Oliver H, Ben C, Lyla S, Jeevan T, Evie P, Harley C.**



Have a Lovely Weekend

Mrs E Smith
Headteacher

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

Harry A, Miniya E, Jack A, Qais S, Laila M, Coby-Jack T,
Simona B, John L, Regan M, Christopher D, Neve S, Hukam M,
George McI, Musa J, Inayah S, Talliyah E, Joseph M



Attendance Figures

Overall School attendance is 95.8%

Key Stage 1

Base 3 has the best attendance 97.33%

Key Stage 2

Base 13 has the best attendance 99.67%

Well done to Base 3 and 13 they have earned extra golden minutes this week !

TT Rock Stars Winners

This week's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd top users for each year group are:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:





Well done to cooking club, they are very enthusiastic!



Our Yr6 had a great time at Charlton School taking part in Quidditch.

Congratulations to Aluna, Avani and Lyla for winning the competition to design our new school rules poster. We think their designs look amazing and they will be on display in school soon.



For Black History Month, Year 4 were lucky enough to attend a workshop about the history of the Commonwealth and the link with the British Empire. The children also understood the importance of unity and diversity and how it is celebrated in modern society.





Free swimming lessons for all children ages 5



We are now offering free swimming lessons for all children ages 5 to 10 in Telford and Wrekin. We know what an invaluable skill swimming is for our children, and it even has the potential to inspire children into something greater. It's why learning to swim is [one of the 10 by 10 activities](#).

Things to know

- We know this one is going to make a right splash, but don't worry the offer will be available for the next 2 years.
- The free swimming lesson course of 13 weeks is being offered to ALL children aged 5 to 10 who currently cannot swim 10 meters on their front and back.
- You can enrol by contacting your nearest council owned swimming pool

The [TW Leisure website has more info on the offer](#), as well as what to do if you're already a swim4life customer.

If you have not done so already, make sure to [check out the 10 by 10 website](#) to search for other activities, track your child's adventures, and find out about future offers like this.

Leave in Term Time

Statement from LA September 2022: 'Parents should apply to the Headteacher for any request for leave in term time by completing a request form available from school. (DfE guidance states schools should not authorise leave retrospectively).'

The Government has renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term time. The Governors and Headteacher of the school support this and have decided that students will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Each application will be considered and the Headteacher will determine the duration of any leave if it is agreed and authorised. However, if the application is not agreed and the absence occurs the dates will be unauthorised. Parents will be notified of any decision in writing.

As a school we are asked to inform you that, in line with Telford and Wrekin Council Policy, unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable per parent, per child, increasing to £120 each if not paid within 21 days. If this fine is not paid within 28 days this may lead to court proceedings

The LA policy supports legislation which makes it clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Apply for school placements in 2023/2024 for the following year groups from 12 September 2022.

This table displays the closing dates for school admission applications.

YEAR GROUP	CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
Reception (born between 1 September 2018 - 31 August 2019)	15 January 2023
Infant/Junior (Year 2 into Year 3)	15 January 2023
Secondary (born between 1 September 2011 - 31 August 2012)	31 October 2022

If a child has an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** the closing date is **31 October 2022**.

DEAR Time for Parents

Here at Apley we have a love of reading and every day have a 'DEAR time' slot (Drop Everything And Read). In this slot, the children may read independently, or they may listen to the class story being read to them.

We would like to celebrate reading further by inviting you to take part in one of our DEAR time slots. This is a lovely opportunity for you to come into school and spend some relaxed time with your child at the end of the school day and either listen to them read, read to them or even read together. Each session will take place between 2:55pm and 3:15pm.

Please see the dates below for when your child's year group will be holding their DEAR time open door session.

- EYFS – November 8th
- Year 1 – November 29th
- Year 2 – December 7th
- Year 5 – November 16th
- Year 6 – November 2nd



Year 4 pupils enjoying Dear time with their parents.





Our new messaging service!



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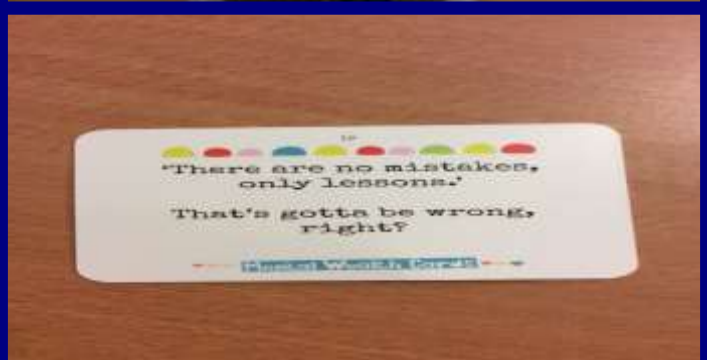
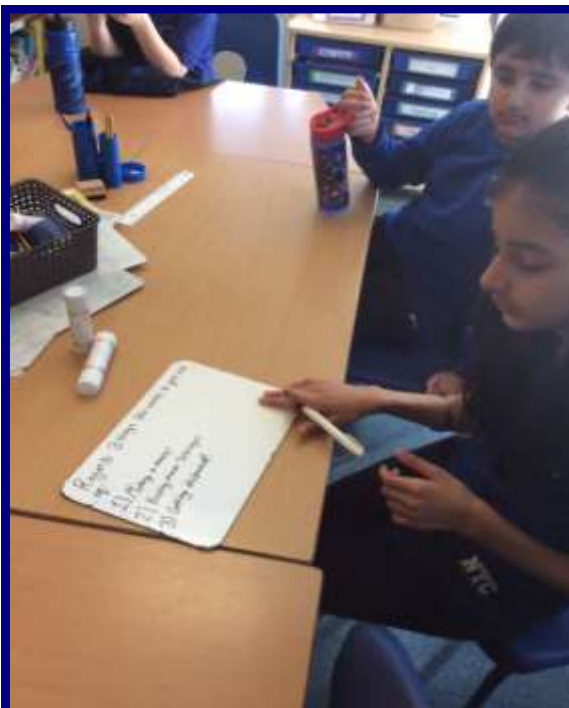
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Year 3 have made progress in Violin! They are now using their bows!



To support [#WorldMentalHealthDay](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/world-mental-health-day), year 5 discussed a range of topics linked to happiness, reflection and routine. Well done for being both reflective and sensible!



Some children from Year 2 were selected to read to Bonnie today as they have given 100% effort throughout the week and always follow our school rules. What a wonderful treat! !



Well done to our boys today finishing the group in 2nd place, scoring lost of goals and playing some great football.





Breakfast Club Year Group of the Week

Year 3

Hub Year Group of the Week

Year Reception

Well done to all!

Dates for your diary

Monday 17th & Wed 19th October	KS1 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 18th & Thurs 20th Oct	KS2 Parent Consultations
Thursday 20th October	Parents Support Group 1.30-3pm
Friday 21st October	Wear Red to school for £1 Donation
Friday 21st October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 31st October	Return after the Half Term Holidays
Friday 7th November	Meet up Monday at 2.45pm
Friday 11th November	Year 3 Hoo Zoo Visit
Monday 5th December	Year 2 Trip West Midlands Safari Park
Friday 16th December	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 3rd January	Return after Christmas Holidays



Show racism the red card on Friday 21st October.

By wearing red to school for a donation of a £1.00.

Family Support Group

Please come along and join our family support group every Thursday with Debbie Kinsey 1.30-3pm

Coffee Tea and cake provided.

Everybody Welcome

October's Value of the Month is...
Equality
 - the state of being equal, especially in rights, status and opportunity.