

## Message from the Headteacher

As we are hurtling towards the end of another academic year, I just want to take this time to reflect a little on the successes of our children.

Reading our newsletters throughout the year, it is clear that our children are working hard and producing great work. They are remembering more of their learning and using this knowledge across their learning and in their lives.

When I talk to our children, they appear happy and at ease communicating with each other and myself. They beam with pride and so they should.

We have a great community which has many values at its core, which our children demonstrate and show themselves to be good citizens.

**Mrs Nicola Sheeran-Ball**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance to date (Since September)	
Overall attendance 90.74%	
Year Group	Attendance
Reception	89.05%
Year 1	89.58%
Year 2	90.29%
Year 3	92.45%
Year 4	93.42%
Year 5	89.20%
Year 6	92.27%



<b>100%</b>	0 days Missed
<b>95%</b>	9 days of Absence. 1 week and 4 days of learning missed
<b>90%</b>	19 days of Absence. 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed
<b>85%</b>	28 days of Absence. 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed
<b>80%</b>	38 days of Absence. 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed
<b>75%</b>	46 days of Absence. 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed

**Attendance is as important as ever in the last few weeks of the Summer Term.  
There are lots of exciting events coming up, so don't miss out. Be in school!**

# READING

## Annual Junior Youth Speak and Junior Poetry Competition

On Friday 7th, we celebrated our incredible public speaking at Carnforth School. The Rotary Club and the Mayor came in to judge our poetry recitals and speeches that the children had written titled 'Be The Change'

12 children were chosen as finalists from a huge number of children who auditioned.



We were absolutely blown away by the performances. All of the children were incredibly brave and spoke beautifully with passion. No adult in the room could have written and performed as well as the finalists did.

Part of our performances were by our youngest children. Nursery performed a poem, Reception sang and performed a song and Year 1 recited a poem- they were incredible and future stars of this competition.

All of our visitors were very impressed with the children on the stage and off.

The Mayor was so impressed that he has invited the finalists of the Junior Youth Speak speeches to have a guided tour of the Guildhall in the next two weeks- more information to come!

**Well done, Carnforth.**

# Writing

Over the last two weeks the children in KS2 have been busy preparing for our Junior Youth Speak Competition.



Junior Youth Speak is a competition held by the Rotary Club to encourage children to both write and present their writing to an audience. This year we have been blown away by the entries and sadly had to whittle the numbers down for our final on Friday. The winners were chosen by a selection of Rotary Club members and non-other than our very own Mayor of Worcester!

In Year 3 and 4 the children wrote and learnt a poem that they presented to an audience, first as their classes, then as Lower Key Stage 2 and then in our final. We were so impressed with our entries and the links between great writing being written to make for great reading!

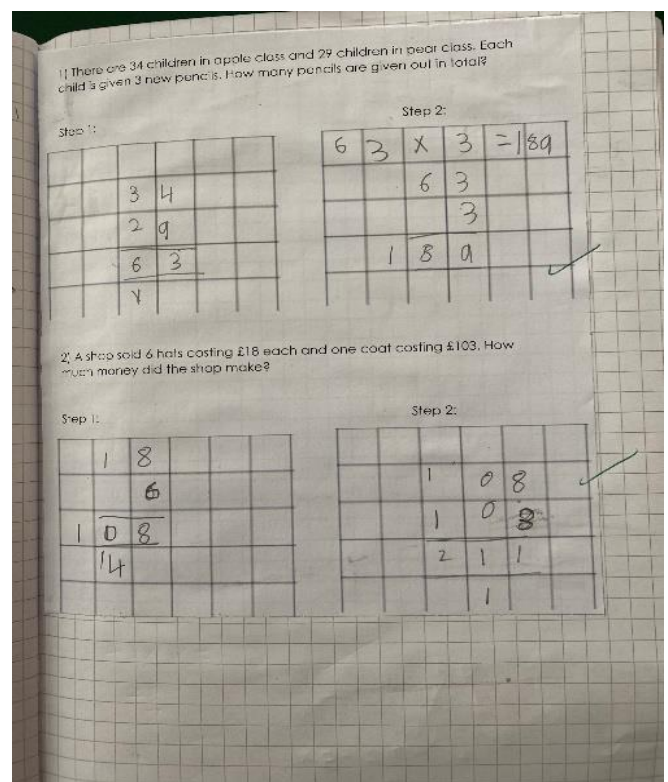
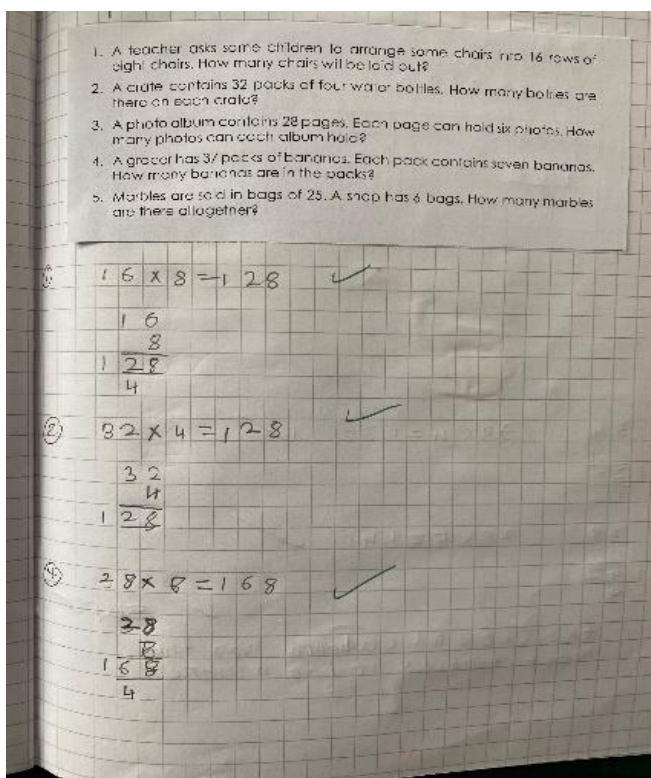
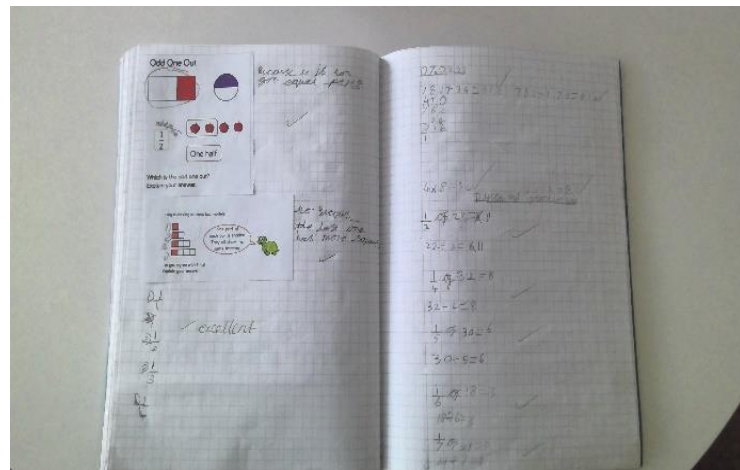
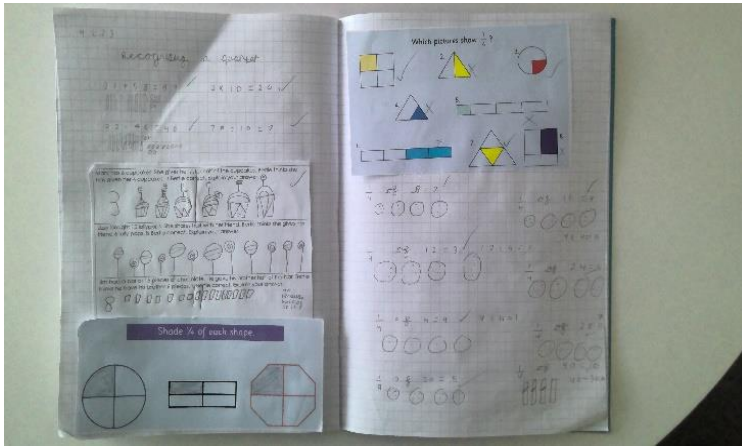
In Year 5 and 6 the children wrote a presentation on inspirational leaders. They linked in their entries to our, 'Be the Change' topic, in which they focused on the likes of Nelson Mandela, Malala Yousafazi, Greta Thunberg, David Attenborough and many others. The children thought carefully about these inspirational leaders who have inspired them, and we were blown away with their entries.

Well done to everyone who took part and the fantastic writing that came from it.



# MATHS

We have had a great year of learning many different mathematical concepts in every year group. We are spending the next few weeks consolidating this learning and applying it to a range of problems solving! Make sure that you keep practising your times tables which will help you unlock many mathematical concepts.



# HISTORY

## Be the change:

Our current unit, be the change is where each class is looking at a significant individual who made a difference in History.

Reception are learning about David Attenborough. He campaigns for the environment and how to look after it properly. Reception are thinking about what changes they can make to help the environment.



Year one are learning about Helen Sharman who was the first British woman who went into space. They are looking at what they are proud of and what that looks like.

Year two are learning about Greta Thunberg looking at how her lifestyle mirrors her strong beliefs and what lifestyle choices we can make to make the world a better place.



Year three are learning about Stephen Hawking and how he overcame difficulties in his life to pursue knowledge. They are linking this to our learning superpowers and what being a Thinking Theo looks like.

Year four are learning about Tenzing Norgay and linking this to inspirations and what they would like to do when they are older.



Year five are learning about Nelson Mandela and how he spoke up to help his people and the obstacles that he overcame.

Year Six are learning about Malala Yousafzai and how she stood up for the right for an education. We have been looking at the British values of tolerance, respect, and rule of law and how these can be used to make a change.



## DT

Year 6 have been resilient with their sewing skills and have repurposed old fabric into usable bags. They realised that their designs needed to be sewn from inside the bag to ensure it was clear on the front of the bag. After much discussion, Year 6 stitched the sides of the bag and turned it inside out to ensure the seams could not be seen. They have perfected their running, cross and back stitch to add embellishments to their final designs. Year 6 have worked incredibly hard on their resilience and collaboration during this DT project.



## PSHE

Across the school, we have been looking at inspirational people as part of our 'Be the change' topic. We have been talking about the qualities of these people and how we can apply them to ourselves. Some examples are David Attenborough and Helen Sharman.

Year 1 have been learning all about Helen Sharman who was the first British person to go to space! She is inspirational because she was brave, a risk taker and a hard worker. She is also an inspiration to young girls as she was one of very few women who have been to space. This shows young girls that they can be anything they want to be!

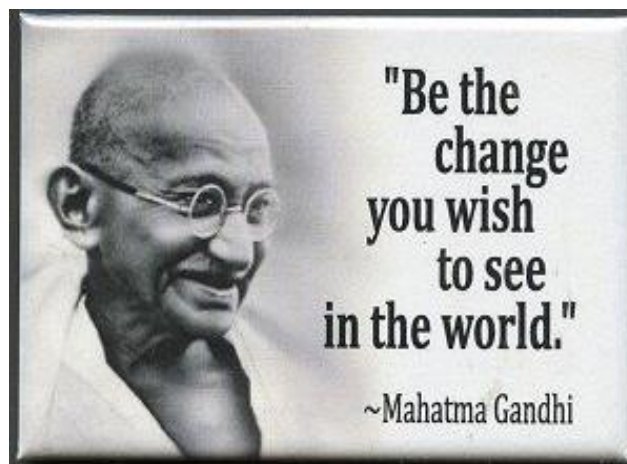
Talk to your children about who they are studying in their class and how they have inspired them. It could also be a good time to talk about aspirations for when they are older. We have reminded the children that it is perfectly normal for them to change their minds many times before they are older, but it is good to talk about it!

**"A person who  
never made a  
mistake never tried  
anything new."**

**ALBERT EINSTEIN**

**"The people who are  
crazy enough to think  
they can change  
the world are the ones  
who do."**

**STEVE JOBS**



# POSITIVE WELLBEING and MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health matters. Both for you as parents as well as for your children. If you find yourself struggling or have concerns over your child, please talk to us. We work best together. For your information, below are some helpful websites for you to check out, as a parent or on behalf of your child. Why not take a look...

Please do talk to us if you have concerns. Our door is always open.

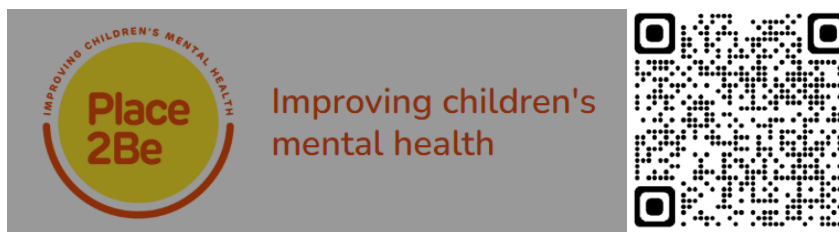


<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

# NSPCC



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>



<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/>



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<https://www.annafreud.org/coronavirus-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/>



<https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/reach4wellbeing/>



# ART

In year three, the children have been exploring collage. They have layered different materials to explore the different effects that they create. They then created a collage inspired by the artist Henri Matisse.



Year 2 have enjoyed practising making pinch pots with clay and then used their skills to make clay animals. Before making these animals, they explored practicing on a flat piece of clay using a variety of tools to make different textures. These are inspired by Anthony Gormley's sculptures.



# SPORT and PE

Year 3 and 4 have really enjoyed taking part in cricket sessions. They have had lots of practice of catching and throwing and have enjoyed taking part in striking and fielding games.



# GAMING AND ONLINE SAFETY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law: involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

#### ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

#### POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

#### FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

#### LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

#### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

#### TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

#### STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk)) has plenty of useful information and advice.

#### REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

#### Meet Our Expert

Rose Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 10 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



Source: [www.moneymules.co.uk](http://www.moneymules.co.uk) | <https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/moneymuling> | [www.ukfinance.org.uk/press/press-releases/parents-urged-help-stop-its-child-money-mules](http://www.ukfinance.org.uk/press/press-releases/parents-urged-help-stop-its-child-money-mules)

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## SUMMER FAYRE

Thank you for your support – we raised an amazing **£951.52**





**CLUBS:** All clubs have now finished for the Summer Term.

Please ensure you collect your child at the end of the normal school day.

**UNPAID INVOICES ON SQUID:** Some parents have used breakfast club and/or little pears, or had a school lunch, that should have been booked and purchased via squid. If you have any unpaid invoices showing when you log into squid, these need to be cleared as a matter of urgency. All need to be cleared by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, at the latest.

**BREAKFAST CLUB and LITTLE PEARS:** Children are arriving at school between 8am and 8.30am for breakfast club without them being booked in via squid. It is very important that you pre-book your place, as ratios of children to staff need to be adhered to. **NB: Little Pears is not open on the last day of the Summer Term.**

## Important Dates and INFORMATION

### JULY 2023

**Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6F Swimming

**Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Cricket Coach – various year groups

**Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 Trip to the Thinktank

**Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6F Trip to RAF Fairford Airshow

**Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>:** Sports Day

**Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>:** Whole School Transition morning

**Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 Prom

**Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>:** **School closes for the Summer**



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns