

A Message from Mrs Kee

It has been another week of lovely learning at Violet Way! Squirrels class have enjoyed making fruit meringues – unfortunately, they forgot to make one for me! Badgers and Foxes have been on their Wing Wah trip this week and enjoyed watching a traditional dragon dance performance as well as posing with rabbit balloons, to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit! Remember our Chinese New Year menu is on Monday – further detail in the newsletter this week.

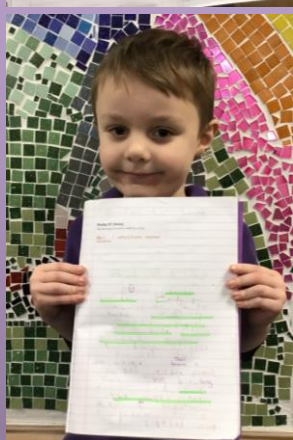
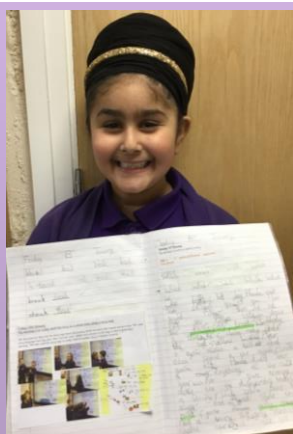
Year 2 pupils welcomed Mr Baugh (from Rock it!) to Violet Way. He brought with him a range of different drums and the children listened to and copied different rhythms. It was so lovely to hear the children performing together.

I have been delighted again this week to hand out lots of Headteacher awards and Marvellous Me Badges for completed reading rockets. Feedback from parents has been positive, with many commenting that children are more excited to read at home. If your child is not as interested or you need some further advice, please email Mrs Ayling (bayling@violetway.org), our Reading Lead, who will be able to provide you with support as required.

During our assembly on Monday this week, we read the story 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds. The children impressed me with their thoughtfulness when considering how the main character was inspired to improve and achieve her dreams. You might like to read it together at home. Here is a link to the video [The Dot - by Peter Reynolds – YouTube](#)

This week's newsletter also includes an update regarding teacher industrial action and a message from our CEO, Maria Hamblin.

Wishing you a lovely weekend! See you on Monday, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.75%
Reception	96.00%
Year 1	95.86%
Year 2	95.39%

We are in the green this week – well done!



Congratulations to
Woodpeckers
for being the class
with the highest attendance this week.
Well done!

**Fantastic to see over 95%
attendance across the school this
week – well done!**

Home Achievements



Thank you for
sharing your
achievements in
swimming,
Rainbows and
dancing.

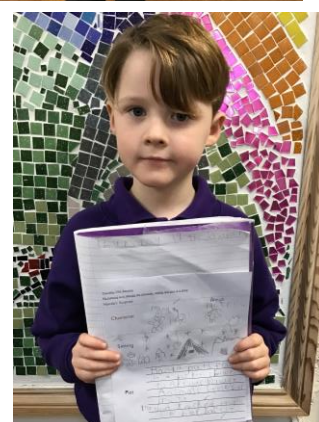
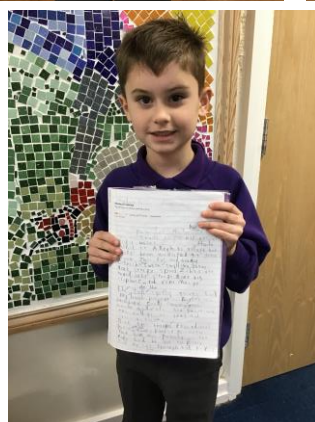
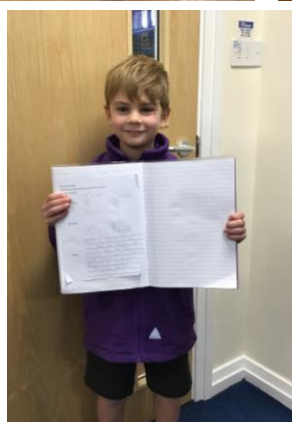
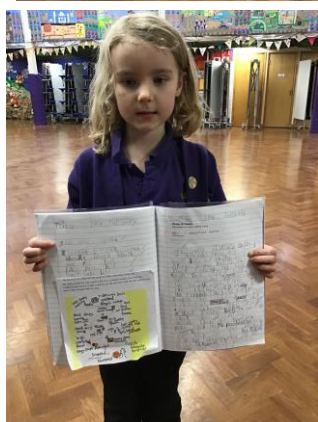
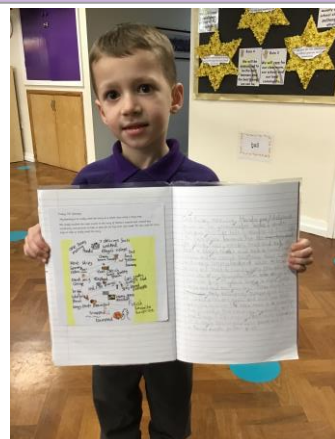
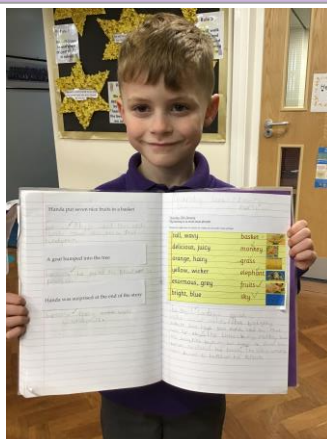
Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners!





Lovely Learning



We have been learning about setting goals and perseverance in school. This ties in with our value 'We are Brave' – we need to be brave and keep trying, even when something is difficult. The children in these photographs have demonstrated perseverance and have shown Mrs Kee some lovely learning!





Year 2 Drumming Session



Wow! What a fantastic experience enjoyed by our Year 2 pupils today.
Thank you Mr Baugh!





Wing Wah trip





Australia Day

Squirrels class have celebrated Australia day, which falls on 26th January, by making pavlovas. They had to celebrate it early as they have their Wing Wah trip next week. Other classes in Reception will be making their pavlovas next week. By the look on the children's faces, I think they will thoroughly enjoy it!



Pavlova is a delicious dessert that Australia has enjoyed for many years. It consists of layers of fluffy, meringue-based cake and whipped cream, topped with fresh fruit.





A Message from the Headteacher

CURRENT SITUATION

Thank you for your patience with regards to the proposed industrial action. I have been reading the guidance and I am hoping that we will be able to be open to all pupils, however I cannot offer any guarantees at this point. Following my meeting with the Trust next week, I will be in a position to provide further details.

Even if we do have teachers on strike, we may still be able to remain open, however parents should be aware of the following:

- On this day, your child may work in a different class for part or all of the day.
- Your child may be doing different work from their usual sequence of lessons.
- Safety of children will be paramount - at all points of the day, correct adult:child ratios will be adhered to.

I am aware this advice at this point may appear brief, but please bear in mind that staff are not obliged to share with me their intentions regarding striking. Although we will endeavour to remain open for all, depending on whether we have any teachers striking, and the number, we may be in a position where some classes may close. As Headteacher, I am in the difficult position of managing the teachers legal right to strike, and my duty toward the education and wellbeing of the pupils.

I hope you can appreciate this is a complex situation and plans may be subject to change. Please be assured I will keep you informed of any changes and provide further details following the Trust meeting on Tuesday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Kee





A Message from the Fierte CEO

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and enjoying 2023 thus far.

You may recollect that I shared a communication with you in Autumn 2022 reminding all parents about the importance of respectful partnerships between school and home. The relationships between parents and staff in school cements our shared ambitions to ensure that we all work together in the best interests of our children. Any negative or unacceptable behaviour fractures this important bond and must therefore be addressed because it is unacceptable.

The majority of parents show a genuine appreciation of staff and their hard work, and I know that **all staff** value this and appreciate the positive reinforcement from parents that their role is a pivotal one in supporting children to reach their full potential. If parents have concerns or questions that they wish to raise, **we welcome this** as long as it follows the appropriate protocol and expectations of conduct.

Leaders and staff are working hard during some very unpredictable and challenging times. There has never been a more important time to ensure that we all pull together so that our children can succeed. Your help in this matter, through supportive and respectful interactions with staff can make all the difference and stop unnecessary distractions from what our staff are here to do; teach children and give them the best life chances.

Kindest regards always,

Maria Hamblin

Chief Executive Officer for the Fierté Multi-Academy Trust





February ideas!

Please see below the link to the Winter edition of Raring2Go magazine! The magazine includes lots of ideas to help you plan activities for the winter. You can also find information about safe motoring, games to play at home and tips to keep your energy bills down. [Raring2go! Burton & Ashby](#)



Staffordshire County Council

GOING WILD!

For Random Acts of Kindness Week

Free 1 week course starting Saturday 11th February 2023! For families in Staffordshire, with children of all ages.

Be kind to yourself, others and the planet!

The course is made up of two parts:

1.) Going Wild Event at Birches Valley, Cannock Chase - Saturday 11th February 1pm - 4pm - Fun, hands-on nature themed activities to celebrate RAOKW! Make bird feeders, medals or try woodland yoga. Pick up your pack for Going Wild for RAOKW to then complete at home. If you can't make the event, but would still like to take part, we're happy to send over an email pack instead!

2.) It's Over to You - There will be one simple activity to complete each day. There will be online resources to help you and inspire further acts of kindness! Your family will receive a certificate of achievement at the end of the course!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com

Here is some information from Staffordshire County Council regarding their Random Acts of Kindness Week, which is a free, one week course for families throughout Staffordshire to explore ways of being kind to ourselves, others and the planet.

It begins with a fun-filled workshop on Saturday 11th February and a week full of activities after that.

If you can't make the workshop, you can request a pack with activity ideas to complete at home!

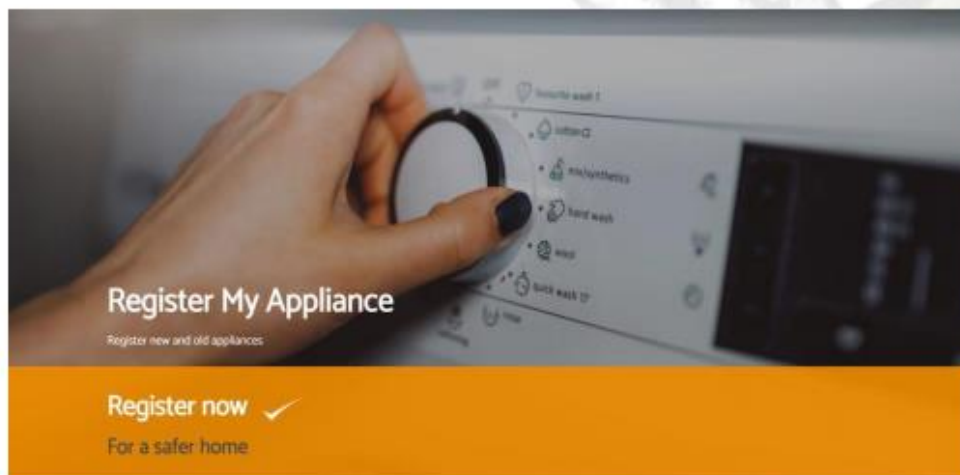
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Chinese New Year Menu – Monday 23rd Jan!



Come along and join us for our

Chinese New Year Menu

23rd January 2023

Battered Chicken Chunks with Sweet & Sour Sauce

(Contains Wheat, Cereal)

Or

Crispy Vegetable Spring Roll

(Contains Wheat, Cereal, Soya, Sesame)

**Served with egg noodles (Contains Egg), rainbow rice (Contains Egg), peas and
sweetcorn**

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Vanilla Ice Cream Tub (dairy)

Fortune Cookie (Contain Wheat, Cereal, Egg)

We are serving a special menu this coming Monday 23rd January! This menu won't be visible on ParentPay, so please ensure you select the meat option available on ParentPay if your child would like to have this meat option and the same with the veggie options.

There will be no jacket potatoes available on this day!





Forest School and Library Dates

Parent Library Mornings Spring Term

Year R Tuesday Sessions Spring Term:

Foxes	10/1	31/1	28/2	21/3
Squirrels	17/1	7/2	7/3	28/3
Badgers	24/1	14/2	14/3	-

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions Spring Term:

Kestrels	11/1	1/2	1/3	22/3
Owls	18/1	8/2	8/3	29/3
Woodpeckers	25/1	15/2	15/3	-

Year 1 Thursday Sessions Spring Term:

Dragonflies	12/1	2/2	2/3	23/3
Ladybirds	19/1	9/2	9/3	30/3
Busy Bees	26/1	16/2	16/3	-

Forest School Days Spring Term

Week 1

Monday – Badgers

Tuesday – Foxes

Thursday – Squirrels

Friday – Busy Bees

These classes will have Forest School
afternoons on the days above during
the following weeks: 9/1 23/1
6/2 27/2 13/3 27/3

Week 2

Monday – Dragonflies

Tuesday – Woodpeckers

Wednesday - Ladybirds

Thursday – Kestrels

Friday – Owls

These classes will have Forest School
afternoons on the days above during
the following weeks: 16/1 30/1
13/2 6/3 20/3





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 6 September

Half Term: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 17 April

Term starts: Tuesday 18 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 8th May
(King's Coronation)

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 5th September

Friday 21st October

Tuesday 3rd January

Monday 17th April

Monday 19th June

What's Coming Up?

Toddler Morning – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

Reception Chinese restaurant trip – Squirrels - 25th January

Children's Mental Health Week 6th – 12th February

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 7th February 2023

Parents' Evenings – 27th and 28th February

World book day (wear pyjamas) - 2nd March

Reception - Animal Workshop - 8th March

Comic relief (wear red) 17th March

Mothers Day Play and Stay 20th March (YR 9am-10am
Y1 10am-11am Y2 11am-12pm)

World Down Syndrome day 21st March – wear odd socks (celebrate individuality)

PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo 23rd March

Autism Awareness week 27th March

Easter Egg hunt in the woodlands – 29th March

