

Menu for
the week...



Week 2

Growth mindset
thought for the week



You are capable of so much more than you imagine.

28th April 2017

Dates for your diary

May 1st Bank Holiday.
May 8th Year 6 SATs week.



Star Pupil of the Week

Week Beginning 3rd April 2017

Year 5

Emily McNeil 5JB
Harry Parker 5LM
Chloe Heathcote 5CWK
Joe Bramwell 5SC

Year 7

Ciara Shackleton 7LW
Maisie Norman 7EN
Suranne Threadgold 7JW
Tyler Hawley 7KM

Year 6

Emma Wood 6SB
Jacob Green 6AP
Katie Evans 6LK
Ethan Witcomb 6CA

Year 8

Katie Larson 8SH
Harvey Howe 8SS
Hollie Wilkinson 8RC
Esme Goodbody 8CWT

Pupil and family achievements

Cameron Tarplee (5JB) has passed his black stripe belt in Tae Kwon Do with the top A pass and 100% on his Korean words!

Ciara Shackleton in 7LW has qualified to swim in 11 events at the West Midlands Championships in Coventry over the next two weekends. This is an amazing achievement and we all wish her the best of luck.

Also well done to George Carless in 5JB who has recently had a piece of his writing published in a book called Crazy Creatures – a young writers' book.

Staff congratulations go to Miss Cochrane who got married over the Easter break. She looked beautiful on her special day. She is now called Mrs Jones.

We wish all of our students a warm welcome back after the Easter holidays. It has been lovely to start the important Summer Term. Over the next few weeks all year groups will be completing key assessments:

Year 6 will be taking their externally marked KS2 SATs week beginning 8th May. The tests are as follows:

Monday: Reading paper

Tuesday: Grammar, punctuation and spelling paper

Wednesday: Arithmetic and Reasoning Maths Papers

Thursday: Reasoning Paper.

Currently some children are performing just below their targets so we ask that all Y6 children complete some Maths or Literacy revision or homework every day now until the SATs exams to ensure that all students are fully prepared for their tests. KS2 Bitesize, Mymaths and Spag.com are all useful websites. Please also encourage your child to stay calm by getting plenty of exercise and sleep and by reassuring them that as long as they do their best then that is all that we ask for. We will be taking some Y6 pupils out of other lessons next week to give them some extra lessons in English and/or Maths should we feel that this would benefit them.

Y5 & Y7 will be completing GL assessments during the weeks beginning 15th and 22nd May for Core subjects.

Y8 will be completing GL assessments during the week beginning Tuesday 6th June (due to Inset on 5th June) and then also during week beginning 12th June. The results of these tests will be passed to Wolgarston to aid putting students into the correct teaching groups.

Again, now is a good time for all year groups to start revising using the KS2 Bitesize (Y5) or KS3 Bitesize (Y7 and 8), MyMaths and spag.com. Teachers will help students to prepare for assessments over the next few weeks.

Year 7 only

In the next few weeks, Year 7 pupils will be learning about reproduction during their Science lessons. As part of this topic we will be looking at the maturation and reproductive processes of humans, as an example of the mammalian life cycle.

If you have any queries regarding this topic please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office.

Mr C. Watkins
Head of Science

On-line Safety

Recently, we have had a number of problems relating to inappropriate use of social media by our students. Whilst these incidents are occurring outside of school they can often lead to problems in school which staff then have to deal with.

Some recent actions by students have led them to becoming very vulnerable on-line. Over recent weeks we have had to involve the Police and other outside agencies to follow up our concerns. This is stressful for both school staff and families and it also takes teaching staff away from their core purpose which is teaching and learning.

There has been much research to prove that the use of electronic devices and social media is causing anxiety, sleep problems and mental health issues in children and young people. Please can we ask all parents to ensure that you regularly check your children's phones/devices and social media? Children under 13 should not be using Facebook, Instagram etc.

If all of our families did this then, as a school community we will be keeping all of our children safe against on-line bullying, grooming and the unthinkable child sexual exploitation. Please can I urge everyone to work together to keep our precious children safe on-line?

Many thanks,

Natalie Frost

Payment of School Dinners

We have a small number of parents that are regularly not paying for school dinners. As you may have seen on the News recently school budgets are extremely tight and we simply cannot afford to pay for these unpaid dinners. Therefore from next week we will be only giving a ham or cheese sandwich to children that have not paid for their dinner unless it is a one off. So if it the first time we will provide a dinner as normal and then ask them to bring the money in the next day. After that children will be offered a sandwich until the money has been paid.

£5 notes

Please take note that after Friday 28th April we will not be able to accept the old £5 notes for any payments (including dinners). Thank you.

Warmer Weather (we hope!)

Please can you ensure that your child brings in a clean water bottle every day? You may also send in a sun hat and sun cream if it gets warmer.

Extra-curricular timetable (starting week beginning Monday 24th April)

Please note: Apart from dance on Thursday after school, all clubs are FREE! Mr Sutton will begin his clubs after the France visit (w/b 2nd May).

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:15-8:40am	No clubs	Table Tennis	No clubs	No clubs	Rave-ercise
Breakfast club	Breakfast	8:30am	Until	8:45am	daily
LUNCHTIME 12:30-1:00PM	All years <u>Athletics</u> (Track only)	All years <u>Athletics</u> <u>KS3 High Jump indoors</u>	All years <u>Athletics</u>	All years <u>Athletics</u> <u>Y5/6 Boys & Girls Cricket</u>	All years <u>Athletics</u>
AFTER SCHOOL 3:30 – 4:30PM	No clubs	All years <u>Running club</u> (3:30pm-4:00pm)	No clubs	All years <u>Dance</u> (S.Woollett)	No clubs

Further clubs may be added during the term, so please look out for them in L'hebdo each week.

School Poster Competition - Best Kept Village 2017

Penkridge Parish Council have asked if students would like to take part in their poster competition. Attached to this L'hebdo is the poster blank, however paper copies are also available from the School Office. Name and age must be written on the bottom of the poster and entries should be handed in to the School Office by Wednesday 10th May 2017.

Mrs De-Loyde

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF STAFFORDSHIRE
Children's Poster Competition
Promoting Best Kept Village 2017

- This year's competition invites posters from children in villages that have entered Best Kept Village Competition.
- Posters should promote the Best Kept Village and the ideas behind it.

Preloved parent, children and baby goods

Profits go to NCT Charity

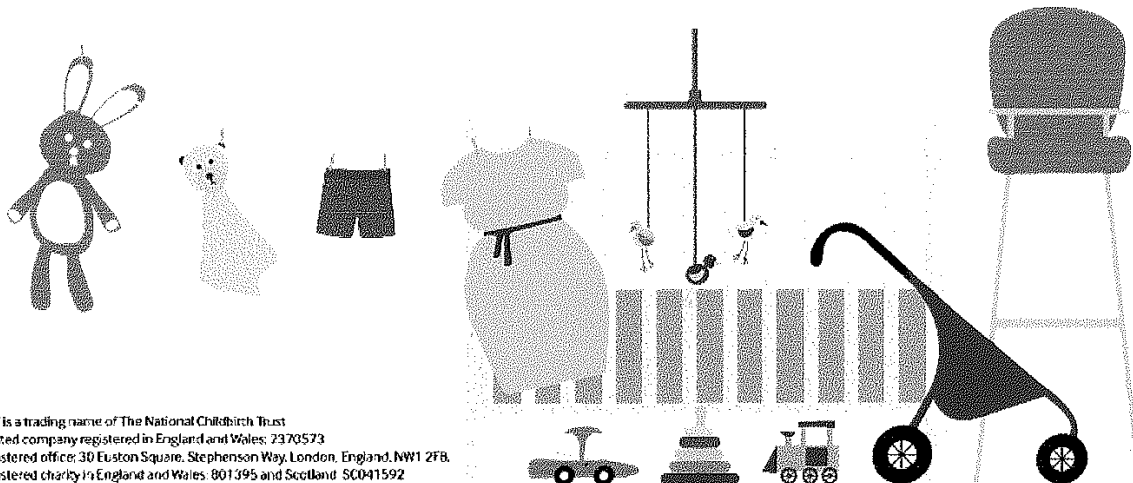


Saturday 13th May 2017
2pm – 3.30pm
Rowley Park Primary Academy
(formerly The Grove Primary School)
Highfield Grove, Highfields, Stafford ST17 9RF

Admission £1.50 per adult
Members: early entry at 1.50pm with current membership card

**For sale: Good quality baby equipment, children's toys,
books, DVDs, clothes (baby, children to age 10, maternity)**

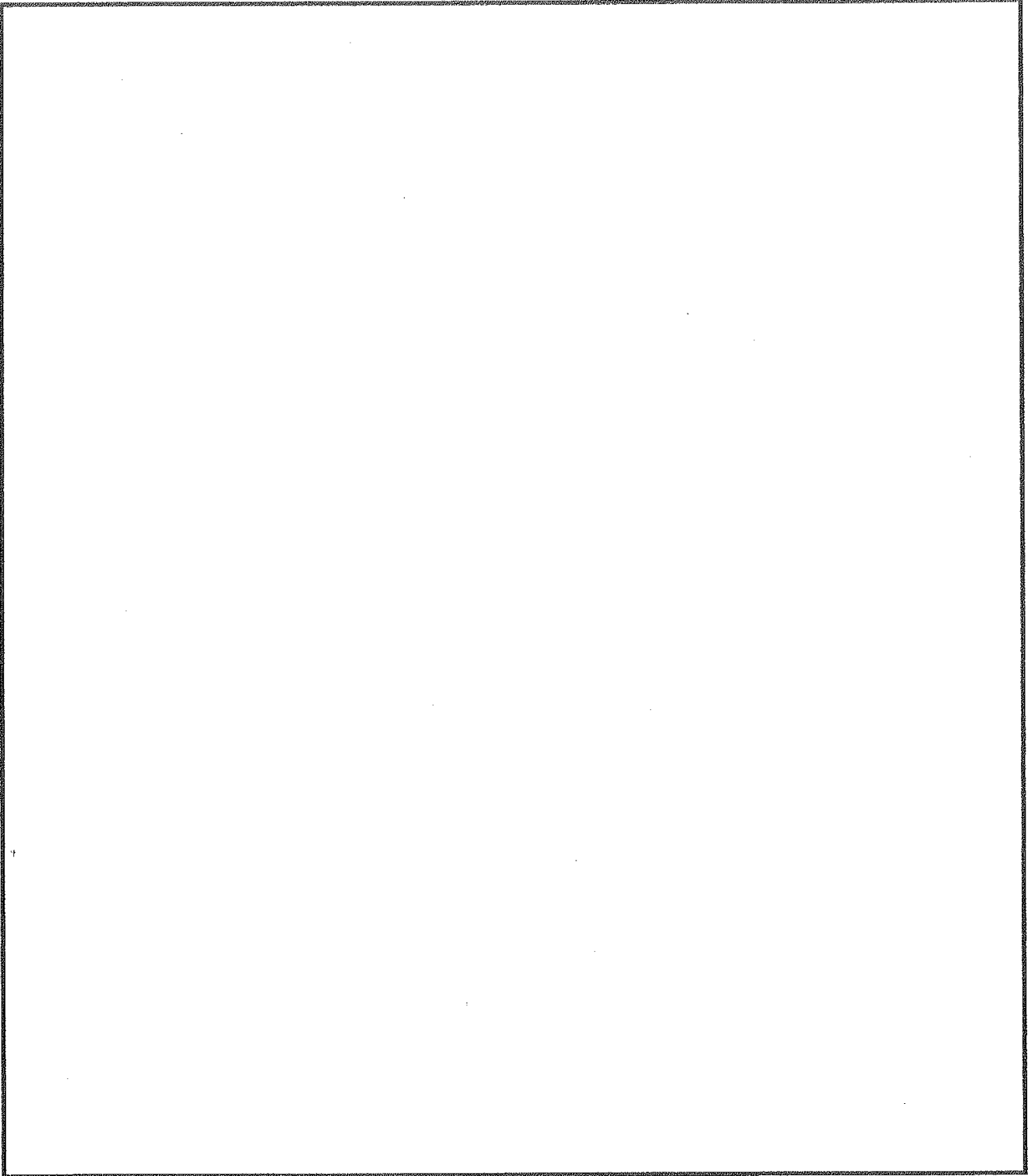
**For more details and to register as a Seller or Volunteer,
contact Ruth Shufflebotham – email:
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