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Dear Families,

Message from the Head of School:

A more stable week this week – yay 😊

This week has been a busy week and for such a little school there always seems to be a lot going on, which is great for the children. It was wonderful to see so many mums attending Mother's Day lunch on Wednesday, these events build such positive links between home and school. I know Di in the kitchen worked hard to get the food ready so I would like to say a big thank you for her hard work in the kitchen. With more people eating on Wednesday, we needed to get the plates and cutlery washed, dried and ready to go to ensure that dinner service was smooth. I would like to thank Mrs. Pettitt for volunteering her time to help out, it was much appreciated 😊

Oak class attended a MAD Event on Wednesday, and I was really proud at how they positively represented the school. They were all amazing, well-done Oak Class 😊

This week, I spoke to the children about respect. This is a huge value for me and one that is tricky to navigate because in my personal experience, sometimes respect is expected. This is just my opinion, but I think respect is earned and is a two-way process. I remember a teacher in my childhood who I lost respect for after he shouted at me in front of the class because I asked to borrow the tipex (in the days when we were allowed to use it!). My relationship from that point forward changed considerably as I lost my respect for him and the fact, I still remember that incident after all these years (I was 11 at the time) shows the impact he had on me, but I continued to be polite and respectful towards him despite my feeling towards him. Even though we might not have respect for someone, it does not mean that we shouldn't be disrespectful towards them; using good manners, following the school rules and being considerate to others regardless of who they are, are all essential to how we function in the world and school is included in that.

Message from Mrs Kelly:

"It is with sadness that I have made the decision to leave Buildwas Academy. After a period of ill health and a major operation that has taken a lot of recovery, I have decided to take a step back.

I take with me lots of cherished memories and amazing colleagues I have worked with over the years. I leave with Buildwas having been a huge part of my life and I wish you all every success and best wishes for the future. - Mrs Kelly"

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Kelly and wish her all the best for the future!





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Buildwas Rocks:

This week in **Willow class** we have continued to look at animals from the jungle. We started the week off discussing different job roles that use technology and what technology was. The children then had a go at drawing their own jungle animal using the iPad or big board. They thought this was amazing. We then used our artistic skills to make Toucans thinking about colour and how we could attach the different parts together. We have continued to focus on the story 'Rumble in the jungle', even having a go at writing our own sentences! In maths we have been consolidating what we have learnt this term focusing on patterns, zero and making 5. Preschool have focused on the story of 'Goldilocks and the three bears' and have looked at capacity, focusing on the language empty and full. This weeks Makaton sign is 'Cheese', we found this a very funny one to learn which also brought in the discussion about whether we like cheese or not. Finally we enjoyed a session up at forest school making bird feeders and discussing the signs of spring.

Beech Class have been VERY busy this week. Every single member of Beech Class has tried super hard during assessment week, we have shown amazing resilience and determination to complete some very tricky reading, maths, and phonics quizzes. Miss Lockley is incredibly proud of us all! We have also done some fantastic writing in Geography this week. We worked well as a team to create some brilliant ideas to describe what it is like in Antarctica, the rainforests, and hot deserts. Then in our books we wrote some even more amazing sentences describing these places! Beech Class have also been quite the artists this week. We've learned about primary and secondary colours and have created some FANTASTIC pieces of art using these colours!

The **Oak class** teachers are overly impressed with the children's hard work on several assessments this week. They focused for long periods of time, working with independence and concentration.

Oak class also excelled themselves at the MAD event at William Brookes on Wednesday afternoon. They spent two hours playing either tri golf, Boccia, or Curling against children from many different schools. We were especially pleased to see how welcoming the children were when some children from other schools had to join our teams.

We have started a new book in English and are trialling a new way of teaching it. In our first lesson we had to predict the setting, plot, and main character of our new book from a bag full of clues and a piece of music that conveyed the mood of the setting. We are looking forwards to finding out whether we are correct and seeing if the author's storyline is as exciting as our own ideas!

In **Holly class** this week, our highlight has been planning our final design for D&T. We are making mechanical animals next week, using cams and followers. Our designs are inspired by endangered animals and hope to raise awareness of these incredible species. In geography we have been learning about the negative impacts of deforestation. This has inspired a few of the children in the class to spread the word – STOP DEFORESTATION! Otherwise, this week has been assessment week and all of Holly class have been exceptional! We would also like to mention how many people have had silver stars this week for outstanding schoolwork – well done all!





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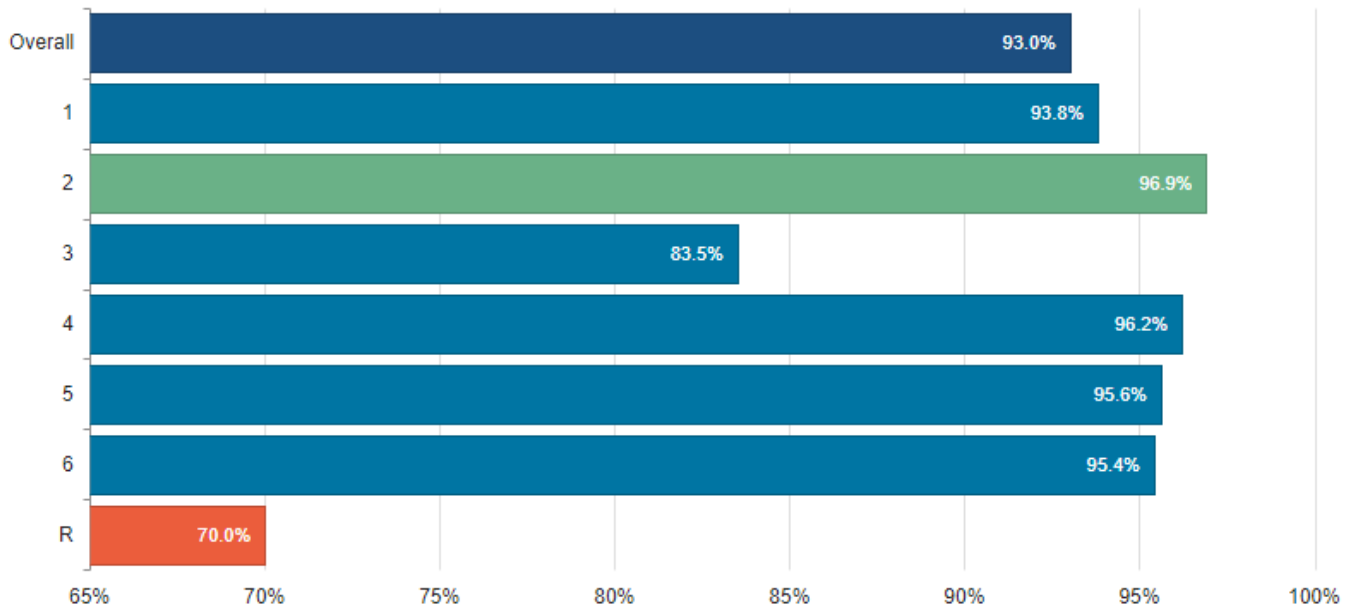
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This week our class attendance is:

Overall

Attendance ▾ ↗



Remember, your values are the things that you believe are important in the way you live and work.

Take care,

Mr Millington

