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### Message from the Head of School:

Dear Families,

What a strange term we are having, I am really struggling to get my head around the fact that we are about to have two bank holidays in a row. The second bank holiday week is of course Y6 SATs week. Please can I stress the importance of good attendance for that week, and this is the first important marker in every child's education journey. I have said this before Year 6 attendance is the worst in the school and it would be a shame if the children didn't get to demonstrate just how good they are with their SATs.

Next week some of the Year 5's will be out their residential to Pioneer Centre. Miss Doble attended a meeting on Thursday and then met with the children going, it was lovely to see how excited they were about going. I know that they will have a great time.

### In other news:

There are some pockets of unacceptable behaviour in school at the moment and we are working with those children to help them improve their behaviour. Sometimes they will have a consequence for their behaviour and might come and talk to you about it when they come home. The consequence is often spending a bit of time with me in my office. During this time, we talk about emotions, triggers, and strategies to help me and your child understand:

1. That we all feel this emotion - children often see the emotion they are experiencing as something they experience on their own
2. How to deal with that emotion should it happen again – sometimes they might need a bit of time out to regulate before it grows into a bigger thing
3. By identifying the triggers, we can work on strategy to support managing those triggers in the future

Your child might come home and say that they have spent some time with me because of behaviour, I wanted to give a bit of insight into how I deal with behaviour.

We also have a bit of exciting news to share with you all next week! We cannot reveal the details at this time, however, be sure to keep an eye out on social media for some clues! (There are some clues already in this weeks and last week's posts!)

### Buildwas Rocks:

This week in **Willow** Class we have continued our theme on space. We have read the story 'Astro girl' and looked at the Astronaut Mae Jemison. We found out lots of different facts about her. We then chose to make either our own space rocket outside using the building bricks or our own moon using paint. We had to find out how to make grey and that the moon had craters. During our Art session we





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used shaving foam, paint, and a stirring stick to create our own planet with different swirls and patterns. We have continued to look at the story 'The Three little pigs' in our Literacy session looking at using adjectives to describe the pig and then using nouns to label the wolf or drawing the wolf. In maths we have continued to look at teen numbers, how they are made and then subtracting an amount by counting backwards and taking away using tens frames. Preschool have been using positional language in their maths sessions and enjoyed doing the 'Okey kokey'. This week we have learnt the Makaton sign 'Rabbit', we certainly enjoyed this one.

We have had lots of fun in **Beech** Class this week. We have done some more amazing artwork for our 'sculpture' topic, but this time, we used cocktail and marshmallows to create structures! It was so much fun, and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We also had fun learning more about the Victorians. We learnt about lots of key events that happened during the reign of Queen Victoria and then we put the most significant events in chronological order! It took a lot of focus and hard work, but we did it amazingly! We have also continued our science topic about plants. We really enjoyed this lesson. We were given flowering plants so we could use our fantastic observation skills to carefully remove soil from the plant so we could see the roots. Some of us then used our fantastic English writing skills to think of similes and expanded noun phrases to describe the features of the plant and their functions. We have started looking at conjunctions in English this week to make our writing even more wonderful.

In **Oak Class**, the children in our hundred's maths group have completed their work on measuring length and perimeter this week and are beginning a new topic on fractions, whilst the thousands group are moving their fractions work into learning about decimals. We are still doing lots of practise of the key skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, please keep practising these at home too so that you will be able to apply these to all the other areas of maths that we will now be focusing on.

In music the children have worked in pairs to perform their own repeated rhythmic patterns to the rest of the class. We have researched the locations of places around and in Greece in Geography and written character descriptions of the wolf in English, using expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

On Wednesday afternoon, the majority of **Holly** class attended the MAD Event at William Brookes, alongside the other schools in the area. The children partook in a range of activities, including handball, archery and boccia. Well done to all the children who represented Buildwas, they all had a wonderful time!

In English, we have begun our new writing unit, exploring the use of persuasive texts and how they are used in many ways to influence their audiences. The children have begun the unit by creating persuasive posters about the negative impacts of plastic pollution. We have enjoyed using a range of features, such as: rhetorical questions, relative clauses, and exciting punctuation.





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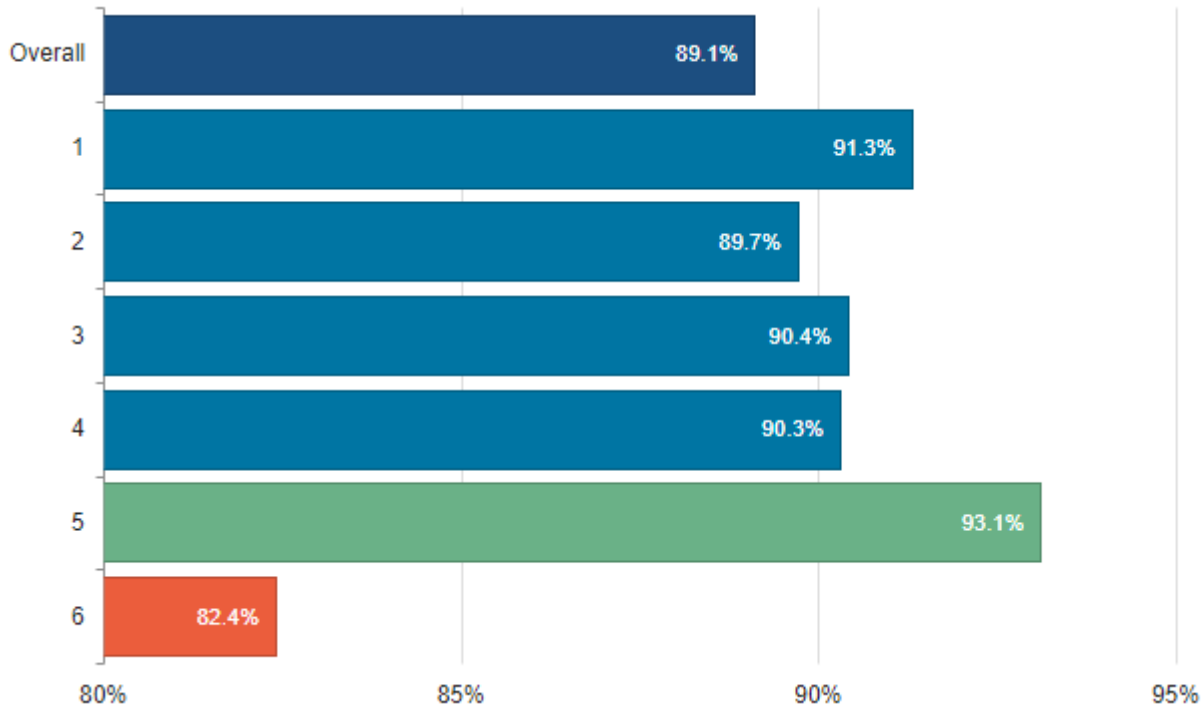
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This week our class attendance is:



Please remember to check this week's class diary sheets as there are some changes to PE days.

Enjoy you long weekend 😊

Take care,

Mr Millington

