



BUILDWAS ACADEMY

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Message from the Head of School:

Dear Families,

As we enter the final half term of the academic year, I have been reflecting on the journey that our children have had since the beginning of May. Year 6 kicked off May spending most of their mornings in silence because they had to do SATs tests. This was soon followed by the Year 2's taking their own SATs tests, again in silence. I really liked the way that Miss Lockley sold the tests to the children, calling them quizzes and each Year 2 having a spy identification which they had to exchange for a paper. This was a very innovative way to try to bring such a dry concept to life and trying to take off some of the pressure. Watching how the Year 2's dealt with their SATs papers was with an amazing level of maturity. You might think it is over, but we still have to do Year 1 phonics screening and catch up with Year 2s who didn't pass in Year 1 and the Year 4s have their multiplication check coming soon. Why am I sharing this with you? It is because I am really proud of how the children who deal with these challenges presented to them and they always give 100%. When we look at the challenges that we face as adults in our own world of work, giving all we have, and a positive attitude even when faced with something we are unsure with ensures that we do well in our jobs and our children have that attitude in abundance. All I ever ask of every child is to focus and do their best in their learning and make themselves proud and feel that they have done an excellent job; if they are proud, we are proud of them. This is a message that I shared at the end of every celebration assembly on a Friday and the 'I can't do' that I saw back in January is starting to become a 'I can do.' Having a positive mindset is the building block to enable all children to move on to amazing things as they get older. Well done, Buildwas!

In other news:

I am aware that some of you would like to know what September looks like. I am in the process of finalising my plans for September and I will share that with you (hopefully) on the same day that reports come out in July. I am very excited about leading the school long term and am looking forward building the presence of Buildwas within our community and beyond; exciting times ahead 😊

Buildwas Rocks:

This week in **Willow** Class, we have started to come to the end of our Literacy unit on the story 'Giganotosaurus'. Preschool have been looking at what makes a good friend and mark making their own dinosaurs. In reception we have been writing some simple sentences to describe some of the characters from the story, working on our use of phonics, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In maths preschool have been working on the composition of numbers to 5 using lots of practical games. Trying to notice and understand how we can make those numbers using smaller numbers. In reception we have been working on number patterns with a particular focus on doubles. We have discussed how doubles is twice as many and trying to recall doubles to 5. This week our sign of the week has been 'ball' whilst we have also spent some time recapping all our previously learnt signs too.



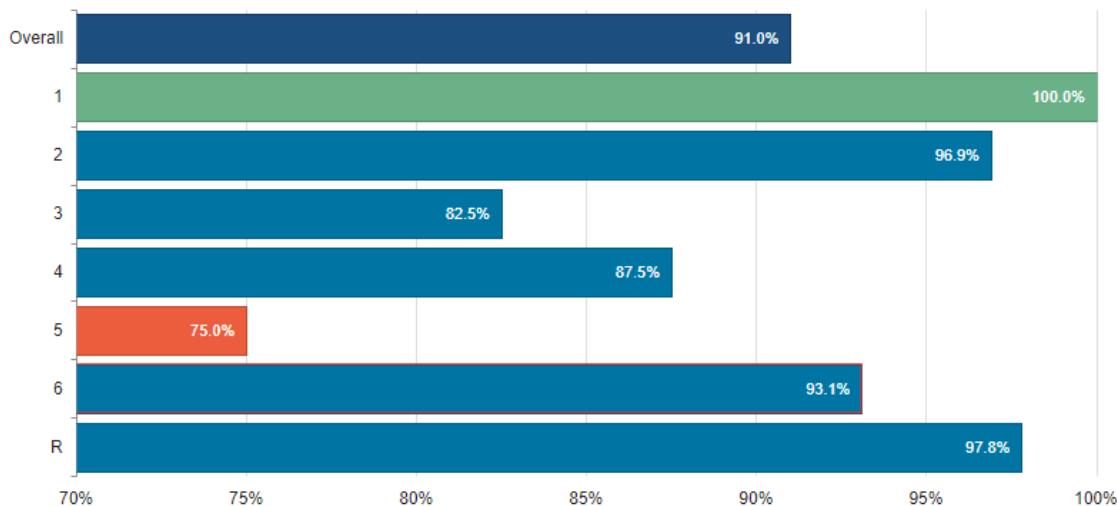


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In **Beech** Class this week, we have been very passionate about our learning! We have spent this week researching why trees are important as well as the different features of a letter. On Thursday and Friday, we all wrote persuasive letters to Mr Millington telling him why trees are important and why they shouldn't be cut down. We were all VERY passionate about this topic which made our writing incredibly fantastic! We have also started our new geography topic learning all about the United Kingdom. We really enjoyed using the atlases to find the United Kingdom and to look at the different countries of the United Kingdom in more detail. We have also started to practice for our Sports Day on Thursdays. With the weather getting hotter, it is very important to bring sunhats, suncream and drinks bottles – particularly now on Thursdays – as we will be outside for parts of the afternoons. Overall, we have had a fantastic first week back!

This week, **Holly** class have been to William Brookes to a multi-skills event. The children either participated in a rounders tournament or tri-golf activities. It was a fantastically sunny afternoon enjoyed by all the children! Next Wednesday morning, we are attending an athletics event, which will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet those they will be attending secondary school with.

This week our attendance is:



Please remember to check this week's class diary sheets.

Take care and enjoy the sunshine,

Mr Millington

