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Message from the Head of School:

Dear Families,

I can't believe that we are now in the last week of this academic year; it has a surprisingly quick year with lots of changes all over for us. Speaking of changes, I would like to share some staffing news with you.

Last Thursday we appointed:

Mrs Pound who will be our part time **Oak Class Teacher**. She has a very experienced background in teaching and will be a fabulous addition to the team here at Buildwas. Unfortunately, Mrs Pound cannot start until after October half term and we will be asking **Mr Read** who is no stranger to Buildwas to step in until Mrs Pound is able to start.

Mrs Plant who is part of the wider Mighty Oaks Trust will join us as our new **Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)**. When she isn't covering PPA time in school, she will be a much-needed support for Holly Class as a TA.

Mrs Jones who currently works in Willow class has been appointed as a **TA/Cover Supervisor** role. She will be giving much needed support for **Beech** and **Oak** Classes throughout the week but won't be a stranger to Willow as she will act as the HLTA when Mrs Snopkiewicz is on PPA.

Timetable changes:

Mrs Hambler has put in a request to work 50% of the week which I have accepted, and she is likely to be working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Monday and Tuesday alternate weeks.

Our sports provision will change next year and I am excited to announce that we will be working with **Crossbar Coaching** who will be providing our P.E. sessions on a **Monday** and **Friday**.

Year 6 Leavers:

It is always sad to say goodbye to Y6 but alas on Friday they will hang their coats on their pegs one final time at Buildwas before embarking on a new journey into secondary education. If I could give them a little bit of advice, work hard and enjoy all the benefits that secondary education will give them; I am sure that they will enjoy every minute of it. Over the Summer, Kooth (<https://www.kooth.com/>) the online mental wellbeing community will have information and support for Y6s and is free to join.

We have our Y6 leavers assembly in the Village Hall as the weather isn't looking good enough to hold it outside. The children will be in place for 9.15 am and once they are sat, families will be welcome for a **9.30 am start**.





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In the afternoon, you are welcome to join your children for a late picnic lunch, gates will open at **1.15 pm** we have ordered an inflatable obstacle course for them to play on. The kitchen will provide children will a cold lunch and will join you on the field once their playtime finishes at 1.15 pm. Goodbye to all our Y6 children and families, all of us at Buildwas wish you well in the next stages of your learning journey.

Buildwas Rocks:

In **Willow class** this week we have been very busy! In literacy we have continued to work on the story 'What the sea saw'. Preschool investigated different emotion and how the emotions change our facial expressions, we even had a go at showing different emotions. Reception also looked at different emotions focusing on sad and when they may have lost something and how they felt. The children then had a go at writing this into sentences. In maths preschool have been looking at the song 'London bridge is falling down'. They then focused on 3D shapes and the prints they made, how the properties of the shape made a difference to how it moves and the shapes we create and need to make models. Reception have enjoyed looking at journeys within our maths sessions. They drew a story map of Red Riding hood explaining the route she took to get the grandma's house. They then created a treasure map giving details of which route to take to get to the x and finally discussing the best route to take when following a maze. This week we have learnt the Makaton sign for 'strawberry'.

The highlight of the week in **Oak class** was our trip to Much Wenlock on Tuesday. The children were able to find many facts about William Penny Brookes as we walked around Much Wenlock, especially from the information in the museum. In the museum they also enjoyed putting their understanding of money, from our recent maths topic, to great use in the gift shop. In addition to this we were able to learn more facts about rocks and fossils to add to our learning from the Blue John unit of work that we have recently covered in English. After our time in the museum, we continued our fact finding walk around Much Wenlock and ended up in Gaskell field, where the first Wenlock Olympic games took place. Our plan was to take part in our own fun Olympic style races before spending some time in the play area but unfortunately the weather had other ideas! We ended up sheltering under a large tree from an absolute downpour, playing games that Miss Fitzsimmons ingeniously thought up that didn't require coming out of the shelter of the tree's branches. The children maintained fantastic positive attitudes despite the change of activity, they even kept smiling when we had to walk through the driving rain, back to the coach. You may have heard about the pom pom jar that we have been working to fill in Oak class. Every time the whole class works together well as a team, we put a pom pom in a jar that perfectly fits 100 pom poms. Before going on our trip we had achieved a great total of 98 pom poms, as a result of the children's brilliant behaviour on the trip we put in the last two! The children chose to have a movie afternoon with hot chocolate for their reward so we have time tabled that in for next Wednesday afternoon. What a wonderful achievement!

It has been another busy week for the pupils of **Holly class**. Several had the chance to represent the school at the swimming gala at William Brookes School, while this week's Science lesson again had a practical element - this time pupils created craters on the "Moon's surface" by dropping marbles into trays of flour and measuring the impact. The class has really enjoyed the topic on Earth and Space.



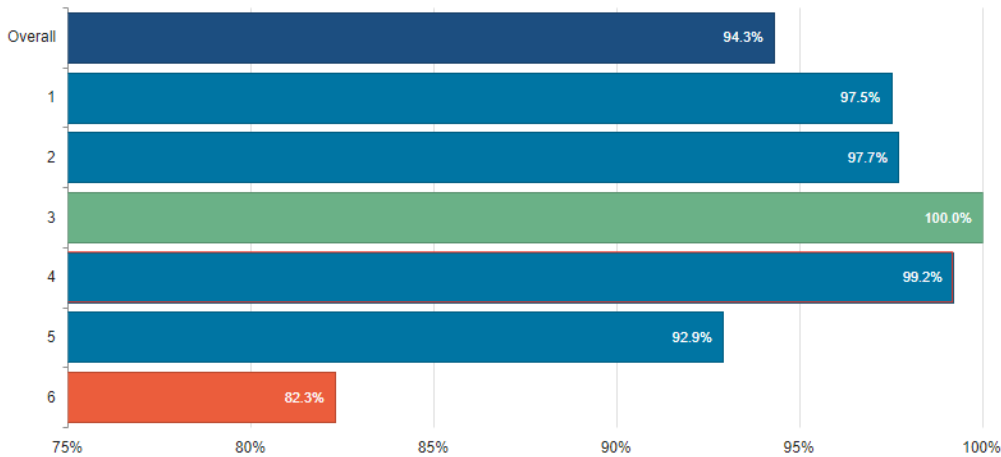


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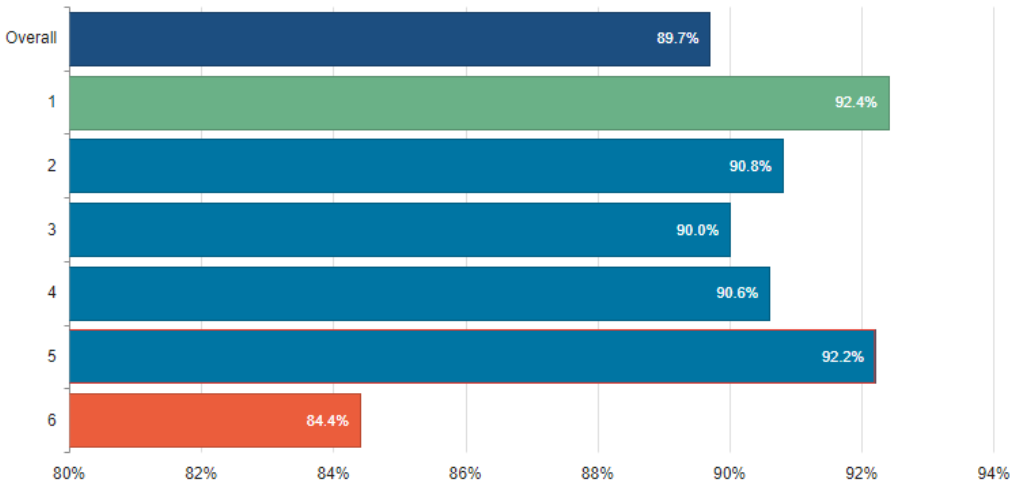
The novel Sky Chasers has also captured the imagination during English lessons - we've left the story on a cliffhanger and pupils are now having the exciting opportunity of stepping into the author's shoes and writing the next chapter themselves, taking the story where they want. Not only have they come up with some great ideas for their write, but we have also taken the theme of designing a balloon into our DT lessons which hopefully will involve an exciting project for the final week of term. Watch this space...

Attendance:

Last week our attendance was as follows:



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Reminder:

Due to rising costs, we are going to have to put up prices for our breakfast and after school club. I have resisted doing this as I know how hard things are, but the reality is our current model is running at a deficit.

Prices will be as follows:

Breakfast club: £4.00

After school club 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm: £4.00 (includes a snack)

After school club 4.15 pm – 5.30 pm: £ 5.00 (includes tea)

The prices will start in September.

My own email and the office email will be periodically checked over the Summer for safeguarding and SEND.

I hope you all have a safe and restful break 😊

Take care,

Jason

