



News and Information

Date: 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I didn't expect the Gadsby Home Learning School to reopen quite so soon! I hope it has been manageable for you all: I appreciate how difficult it is to juggle work and home learning. This half-term has been quite the challenge for us all but it's important to reflect on what we have achieved as a school community. I am very grateful to the amazing staff at Bierton who have coped with staff absence so admirably over these last few weeks. Their resilience and flexibility has meant that we have not had to close any bubbles due to COVID-19 outbreaks. The children never fail to inspire me in how they cope with such adversity; I was so pleased to see over 250 children coming together to enjoy Cinenight last night. Thank you to the numerous parents who continuously dedicate numerous hours to organise and run these events so efficiently. Finally, thank you to our wonderful parents and carers who are so understanding and supportive through these difficult times. Brighter times are just around the corner for the whole school community to enjoy.

Mr W Gadsby

School Council Update



We had our last meeting on Wednesday 9th February. On our agenda this week was to discuss our school uniform policy. We all shared our thoughts and opinions on what we thought of our uniform currently and gave suggestions on how it could improve further. We have asked the school council representatives to go back to



their classes and gather their ideas too. We will share these results in the next newsletter. Have a lovely half-term.

Key Dates coming up:

February

Monday 28th—School re-opens

March

Friday 4th—World Book Day

Friday 11th—Spanish Day

Friday 18th—Comic Relief Day

Monday 21st—Year 5/6 Trip to The Space Centre; Teaching Talons Workshop in school for KS1

Wednesday 23rd—FOBS Meeting

Friday 25th—Progress reports go out

Monday 28th—Nursery Parents Evening (1:00pm—4:00pm)

Tuesday 29th—Parents Evening (3:30pm—6:30pm) - includes Nursery

Wednesday 30th—Parents Evening (3:30—6:30pm)

Thursday 31st—School Disco (FOBS event)

April

Friday 1st—Gymnastics Competition Finals

W.b. 4th—Speaking & Listening Week

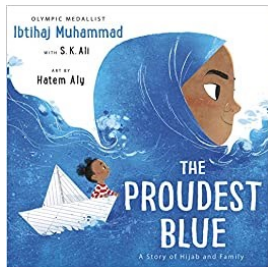
Thursday 7th—FOBS event 'Break the rules day'

Friday 8th—School closes at 1pm for Easter holidays

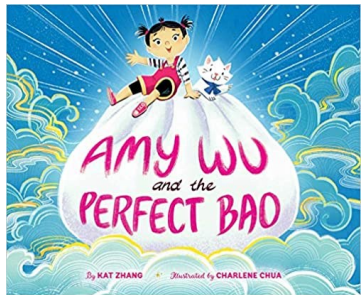


Literacy at Bierton

This week has been R.E. and Diversity week so I thought this would be a good opportunity to share with you some books written by authors from a range of cultures and backgrounds.

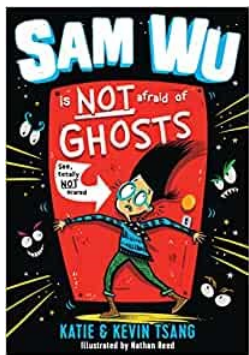


It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab – made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong?



Amy loves to make bao with her family. But it takes skill to make the bao taste and look delicious. And *her bao keep coming out all wrong.*

Then she has an idea that may give her a



Sam Wu is NOT a scaredy-cat (except he is). When a trip to the Space Museum goes terrifyingly wrong, Sam begins a mission to prove to the school bully, and all of his friends, that he is a fearless

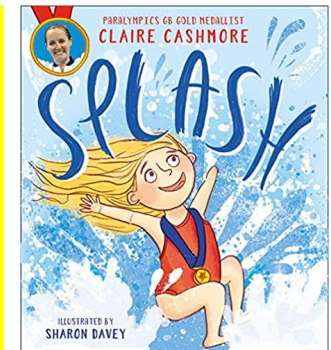


He skips every second step when he takes the stairs, taps door handles twice and positions objects in pairs. The problem has become so bad that Felix is on the verge of being expelled from school because the principal has had enough of trying to run the school around his very specific rules. Then Charlie Pye arrives and turns his world upside down. She's grown up with very few rules. She eats cereal for lunch, calls a boat home, and has a very loose interpretation of school uniform. The

These are Claire's big sisters. They call her Bear and ruffle her hair. And whatever Claire's sisters can do, Claire can do too ...

But there is one thing Claire won't do ... *The water in the swimming pool makes her feel squirmy inside. Follow her sisters? No thank you! Not today?*

Can Claire conquer her fears? Can she set foot in the water – and what will happen if she does?



Book Review

We have recently read this in Birch Class and we love it. This exciting book is about a group of school children who get stuck in school due to a snowstorm and they think they see a Yeti in the school playground. We would recommend this book to any children in year 3, year 2 and Year 1 (who might need help with the reading) who like enjoy adventure stories.



Maths at Bierton

Number Day 2022

On Friday 4th February, we celebrated Number Day; it was wonderful to witness such incredible maths learning across the school. All classes completed a range of mathematical games and activities and the children's costumes were fantastic!

Well done Walnut Class!

Out of all of the primary schools who entered the NSPCC Rocks tournament (on TTRS, on Number Day), Walnut Class came 32nd with their class total score. This is an incredible achievement as



Teacher Challenges!

On **Thursday 24th March**, Miss Holm will complete a Rock Slam against any willing opponents on Times Table Rock Stars. If you would like to compete, please challenge her by **Wednesday 23rd March**.

Anyone who completes the challenge will receive a dojo and anyone who beats her will receive 5 dojos!

Well done to the 4 children who challenged Mrs Glover. You will all get a dojo! A special well done to **Amelia B, Micah F and Iliana P-A** who beat her. You will get 5 dojos!



Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots

Well done to **Alder and Hazel (Numbots)** and **Cedar and Pine (TTRS)** for topping the leaderboards (highest percentage of children playing). One of your fluency sessions will be spent having extra playtime!



Thank You!

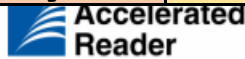


Thank you to everyone who donated money on Number Day. We have raised £177, which will go towards our new OPAL playground scheme.

Let's Celebrate!

Spelling Shed

Top classes	Top scorers KS1	Top scorers KS2
Holly	David	Danielle
Cedar	Gracie	Laasya
Cherry	Molly	Amelia B.



	Top Classes (% of pupils playing)	Highest Number of Coins	Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed	Fastest Current Studio Speed	Most Improved (Accuracy)
Key Stage 1	1st: Cedar 2nd: Cherry	1st: Mahi B 2nd: Gracie B 3rd: Sophie H	1st: Inaaya K 2nd: Pranshu D	1st: Pranshu D 2nd: Inaaya K 3rd: Rocco W	1st: Ella-Marie E 2nd: Adam O'H 3rd: Sophie H
Key Stage 2	1st: Pine 2nd: Sycamore 3rd: Holly	1st: Toby H 2nd: Zachary E 3rd: Amelia B	1st: Anastasia M 2nd: Harry L 3rd: Skye E	1st: Micah F 2nd: Tommy S 3rd: Zachary E	1st: Zachary Y 2nd: Ruby H 3rd: Erin L

Current Rock Heroes: Amelia B, Zachary E, Maxwell Sa, Micah F, Toby H, Sumaiyah K and Tommy S



Class	Number of quizzes (last 14 days)	Class average pass rate (last 14 days)
Cedar	111	73.9
Cherry	148	87.6
Hazel	173	84.8
Holly	80	86.8
Pine	70	81.4
Spruce	80	84.2
Sycamore	36	89.2
Walnut	131	93.8



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Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2	
(last 14 days)			
Top Classes	Highest Number of Coins	Top Classes	Highest Number of Coins
1st: Alder 2nd: Ash 3rd: Cherry	1st: Arron M-R 2nd: Ralph M 3rd: Elliott S-L	1st: Hazel 2nd: Holly 3rd: Pine	1st: River K 2nd: Zak T 3rd: Dakota K

