

16 October 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

“Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion.” – Michael Jordan

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to share with you the Government’s latest guidance, which was released earlier this week. Following this guidance, Birmingham falls into the ‘High’ Local COVID-19 Alert Level. Please see an infographic below which details the implications of this. If you live outside of Birmingham, you can use this postcode finder to see the latest restrictions and changes in your area:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-local-restrictions>



VERY HIGH
HIGH
MEDIUM

HM Government NHS

LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL
HIGH

Social Contact 1 household / bubble indoors. Rule of six outdoors.	Weddings and Funerals Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for receptions, wakes and related ceremonies.	Overnight Stays Overnight stays permitted subject to social contact rules.	Working from home guidance Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail Open.	Leisure and gyms Open.	Hospitality Open with some restrictions including 10pm closing time and table-service only.	Entertainment and tourist attractions Open, except nightclubs and adult entertainment.
Education Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.	Healthcare Services Open.	Residential Care Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.	Travel and Transport May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel into Local COVID Alert Level Very High areas where possible.
Sporting Activity Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.	Youth Clubs and Activities Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

- Wash hands** keep washing your hands regularly
- Cover face** wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- Make space** stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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With cases rising rapidly, it is clear doing nothing is not an option. I hope the William Murdoch Primary School community can pull together and adhere to this guidance, to protect the vulnerable in our society, our friends and family and our NHS.

Parents' Evening

Telephone calls to parents of Lower School children next week will take place between 4.00pm and 6.30pm. Each call has been assigned a five-minute time slot with discussion centred on how your child has settled back into school and their progress so far. Please ensure you are available to take the call at the agreed time slot.

School Photographs

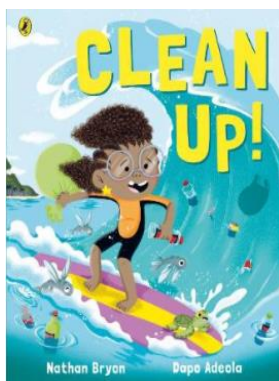
The photographer will be in school again on Thursday 22 October 2020 to photograph the children in the Lower School. Your child will take home a card with a QR code which you can scan to view the digital proofs online. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform. If they have PE on Thursday, they will need to bring their PE kit with them in their bag. Due to coronavirus mitigation, the school is unable to offer group or family photographs.

Half-Term Holiday

Please note that school will close for pupils on Thursday 22 October 2020 at 3.30pm for the half-term holiday. The school will re-open again for pupils on Monday 2 November 2020 from 8.35am.

Book of the Week – Mr Panichi

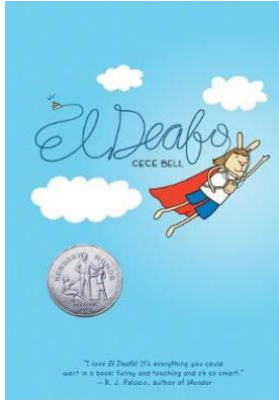
Lower School



Clean Up – Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola

Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola's follow-up which sees Rocket and her family travel to the Caribbean to visit her grandparents. Prompted by the plight of a plastic-wrapped turtle, Rocket enlists the help of the whole beach to fix the problem. It's a simple story with a clear environmental message that Reception and KS1 children will both understand and enjoy.

Upper School



El Deafo – Cece Bell

This is an autobiographical graphic novel retelling the author Cece Bell's experiences of losing her hearing as a child. With a great deal of humour and honesty, it recounts her primary school years as she learns to deal with her slightly cumbersome hearing aid, negotiates friendships and seeks to find her place in a hearing world. The simple but charming illustrations make it a pleasure to read and easy for readers to relate to Cece's experiences. It's a wonderful, inspiring insight into growing up a little different.



Artists of the Week

Lower School - Jasneet – R.3

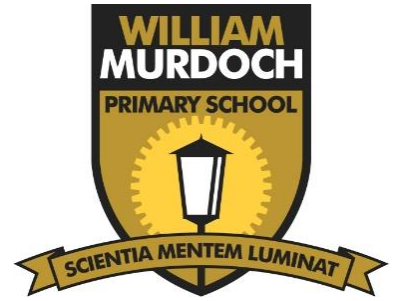
In Reception the children have been reading Funny Bones. They then had to think about the characters in the story and create their own piece of art based on a skeleton. Jasneet worked very hard on her artwork and included lots of interesting details.



Upper School – Ameera – Y4.3

In Year 4 the children have learnt that artists often begin their paintings by creating a layer of paint in which they then build further layers on. Ameera used orange and yellow well to create a base layer of paint in her artwork. She blended the colours brilliantly.

KNOWLEDGE LIGHTS UP THE MIND



Pupil of the Week



Saksham – Y2.1



Julia – Y2.2



Aleemah – Y2.3

Have a great weekend. Stay safe. Stay well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Singh'.

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