



BYLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Our current monthly assembly theme is 'Diversity' and the children have had opportunities to share and celebrate their differences. Conversations started at school are often continued at home and I hope that you will also be able to acknowledge the differences we have all come across in our daily lives and family histories.

Around our classrooms, children continue to learn a variety of topics in different ways: Years 3 and 4 have been writing newspaper articles about shipwrecks. They have considered electrical safety in the home and, very much linked to our assembly theme, have started to learn all about Sikhs and the Gurdwara. They enjoyed their PE lesson with the sports coach on Thursday and impressed me with the gymnastic skills they are developing.

I was privileged to lead a P4C (Philosophy for Children) lesson early in the week with Years 5 and 6. They always have good suggestions for things to consider and share their ideas showing maturity and consideration of the thoughts and views of others. They have converted measures from metric to standard, and have practised editing writing to create much improved pieces.

Years 1 and 2 invited me to see a maths lesson where they made use of a range of equipment as they measured different body parts. In their English lessons they have written character descriptions of living people (their classmates).

Reception and Nursery have been going 'mad' for addition: in practical activities and interactive whiteboard games. Their teachers are impressed and pleased with the progress they are making.

There are still a couple of families who are dropping off children from their cars, at the school gate. I am expecting one of our regular (un-announced) visits from the PCSO and so would encourage you to park with consideration for other road users, local businesses and of course our children. Also, children will again be able to claim 2 house points for a walk to school from the Village Hall.

Our attendance figures for this week are:

Whole School – 92%

Reception – 96.9%

Years 1/2 – 91.3%

Years 3/4 – 86.5%

Years 5/6 – 93.5%

This is due to the sickness bug which appears to be travelling around. We hope to be back to our usual standards next week.

Future Dates for Diaries

Tues 14 th Mar	Masquerade – after school (8/10)
Thurs 16 th Mar	After-school Gymnastics (Yrs 1-2) with Sports Coaching 3:15pm-4:15pm (3/5)
Weds 22 nd Mar	Racquet Skills Yr 3 @ MHS (1pm – 3pm) pick from MHS @ 3pm
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Years 1 & 2 Assembly – 9:15am in Hall (parents welcome) Netball & Football Tournament – Yrs 5&6 @ MHS (3:45pm – 5:30pm)
Fri 31 st Mar	PTA Cake Sale – 3:30pm in school hall
Tues 18 th Apr	Break for Easter Holiday 3:15pm School re-opens 8:45am

Kind regards,
Kay Walsh (Mrs)
Headteacher