

# Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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March 2023 edition



Term



dates



## TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023

### SUMMER 2023

Term Starts Mon 17th April 2023

MAY DAY: Monday 1st May 2023

Kings Coronation BANK HOLIDAY  
– Monday 8th May 2023

Half Term: Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd  
June 2023

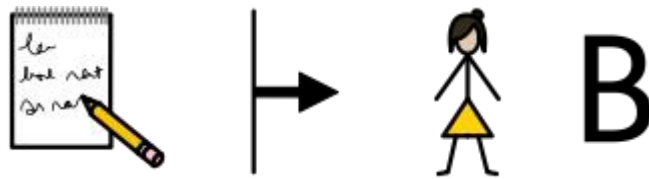
TRAINING DAY: Monday 5th June  
2023

Term Ends: Tuesday 25th July 2023

TRAINING DAYS (pupils not in school)



# Message from Miss Brettell



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

After what seems like a half term of quite unseasonal weather, it has been great to feel that Spring has arrived and hopefully we have seen the last of the snow.

It has been wonderful to see parents and carers visit throughout the term for a number of events. Pupils as always have worked to the best of their ability and this will be shown throughout the news-letter.



## Late arrival into school -

We are pleased to announce we have seen a significant improvement in lateness, thank you to everyone for their support in achieving this. School attendance for this year to date is 89.11%. Our aim for 2023 is to achieve 90%

Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term.





## Shooting stars



Shooting Stars enjoyed investigating and making connections during Science Day. We tried lot of different activities like playing with light toys, and magnets, making gloop and even watching a volcano erupt! We also invited our grown ups to help us to decorate biscuits. We learnt all about how to change icing sugar into spreadable icing!







## Sunshines

Last week in Science, Sunshines went on a mini-beast hunt!

We explored the playground to see what insects we could find.

We found ants, worms, slugs and woodlice.





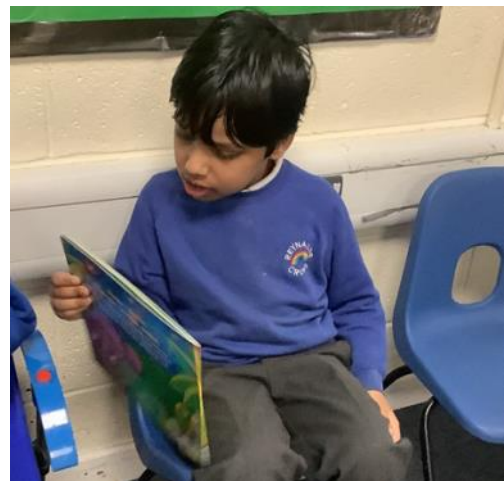


This half term Planets Class have been focusing on reading for pleasure.

We had a great time engaging with reading activities on World Book Day. We also had fun exploring the mobile library, taking turns to choose a book and read it independently or with an adult.

Pupils also have engaged with the story 'What a Wonderful World', choosing and matching symbols from the story.

Well done Planets Class!





# Rainbows



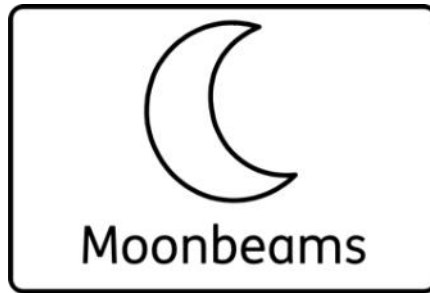
Rainbows class have had a busy half term with lots of special events! We had activities for world book day, including dressing up as some of our favourite characters!

We also had lots of fun for science day with activities such as the animal man bringing in a selection of animals and some science challenges like building the tallest tower.

Well done, Rainbows!







During this term Moonbeams have been exploring the topic of holidays.

We have engaged with lots of different resources, across the curriculum, linked to our learning of going on holiday.

Here are some pictures of us exploring this topic.

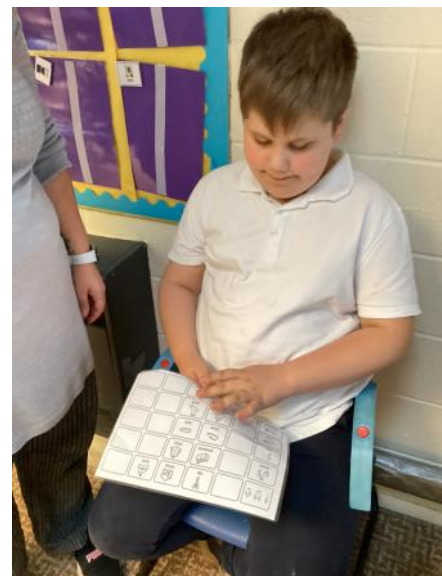




# Rockets



In Rocket's class we have been focusing on our individual reading skills. This has included reading symbols, books and using communication boards to answer questions about the stories.



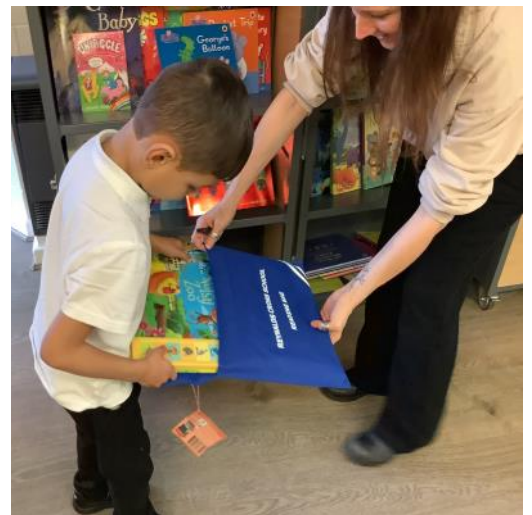




# Comets



In the second part of the spring term we focused on developing our reading skills. Throughout the year we will take part in a variety of reading activities. We have a sensory story box weekly, and we visit our mobile library and Immersive room where we listen to familiar stories. At the end of each day we have a story time before we go home. We learnt how to hold books, look and point at illustrations and turn pages.





This half term Galaxies took part in Science Day on Friday 17th March. Throughout the day pupils engaged in a variety of Science activities. In one session we were very lucky to have the Animal lady in school to show us some animals!







Mercury



class

**Mercury class** have enjoyed this half term. We all loved our sensory cooking sessions with element of measurements and numbers. Pupils were making pizzas and mug cakes !  
Pupils continued to focus on developing life skills and communication skills.

*Enjoy Easter break!*







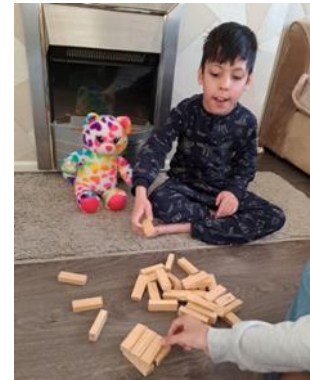
Venus



One of our topics this term has been 'Caring for my school'. We have been doing this through a variety of ways such as picking up litter, fixing broken displays and tidying the corridors. We have also been helping around school by delivering the registers to all classes in the afternoons.







This term, as part of our topic on holidays, Mars class have had

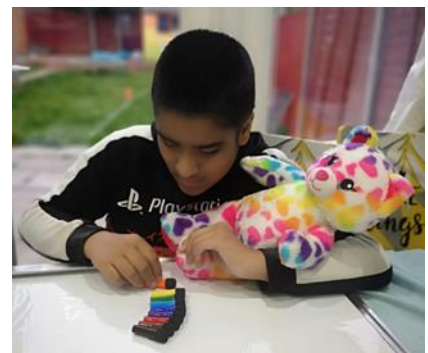
a class teddy bear called Pixie.

Most weeks Pixie has been on holiday, going home with the

class star of the week to enjoy a weekend away with different

students. Pixie and the students have had lots of fun and we

have enjoyed seeing what they have been up to.





Jupiter



Jupiter



Class



In



My



Communication



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Reading



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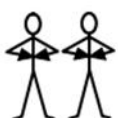
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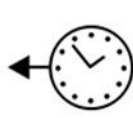
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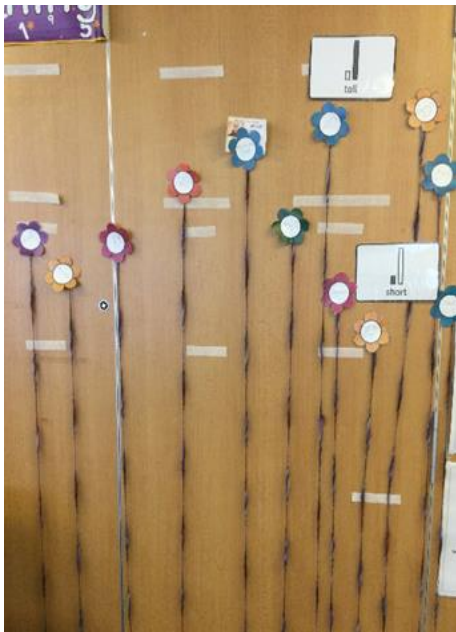




Saturn



Saturn class joined in with the Maths Assembly where they explored measure through comparing handprints and foot prints and using string to see who was the tallest and shortest.





Neptune



Science



Day



17th



March



Neptune



Class



enjoyed



being scientists



for the day.



They



worked together



to build



the tallest



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found out



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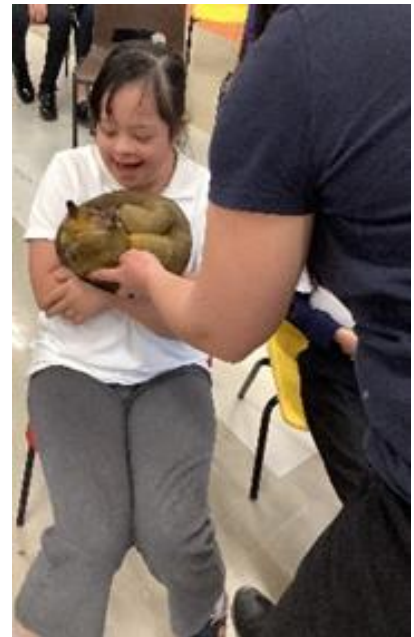
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## Adventurer

For Science day Adventurer and Voyager went to see some animals at main site. The pupils really enjoyed the experience of meeting new animals and discussed which animals they liked.





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### Working towards ASDAN qualifications

Our 14-19 stage students continue working towards ASDAN qualifications with ten students in year 11 and 14 having final pieces of work assessed by teachers. 51 units of work will then be moderated in school. Following this, a sample of units usually up to 50% is selected by ASDAN for external moderation. External moderation verifies school assessments and ensures consistency within these national Ofqual recognised qualifications.

Meanwhile, students in years 10, 12 and 13 have their work moderated in school next term in preparation for submission to ASDAN for external moderation in year 11 or 14.

### TOUCHWOOD



Fantastic pieces of work have been completed this year. For ASDAN unit "Developing skills for the workplace: Health and Safety" students practice safer ways of working both in the kitchen at our satellite centre and at work experience in Touchwood and school. We are extremely appreciative to Touchwood who have provided work experience opportunities to our students for over 10 years.



## Family support update

Thank you to all those families who attended our Easter fun afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the Easter craft activities, bouncy castle, the racing chicks and bunnies and of course meeting the Easter bunny!



### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### ***Family Support Garden Party***

***Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 12-3pm***

***Look out for more information on  
dojo next term to book your  
place***

**Did you know that we offer Sunday  
family swim sessions at Reynolds Cross.**

**If you would like more information  
please contact Anna Roe via dojo.**




# Exciting news!

Parents of a child who attends Reynalds Cross have set up a support group for parents who have a child with SEN.

Below is a flyer giving details of their first event.


The group also has a Facebook page so please have a look following the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/SenZoneSolihull>



**What is it all about?**

- *For parents with SeN children to be able to chat, receive friendly advice and support whilst relaxing in a non judgemental space.*
- *Safe environment for children to play*
- *Get info on SeN days out and local SeN friendly events*
- *A chance to get involved with family group trips out, parent coffee mornings & evenings out.*
- *Refreshments available.*




**Where?**  
The Hub,  
Henley in Arden,  
B95 6AF  
(Rear of Henley High School)

**When?**  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 10am -12

**How much?**  
£2.00 per family (Proceeds to fund the Hub)  
Payable On the Door (Cash & card accepted)  
Ages: SeN children under 12

**How to Book? (Booking Essential)**  
Message Us On Facebook with your name and number of people attending.



Find us on  
**facebook**

# CHAMPS

## Children's Health and Mental Provision support

Over the last term we have been doing our kindness stories, which the whole school have contributed to.

We have had some amazing examples of kindness throughout school, which has included pupils getting tissues for sad friends, offering to play with each other, and being generally helpful and supportive which has been lovely to see.





# Stars of Fame



**03/03/2023**

**Comets-** Dhruv for taking part in group activities and looking at symbols.

**Neptune-** Joshua has had an amazing week, been a fabulous friend and told a joke to the group to make them laugh!

**Moonbeams-** Louie for great efforts in his physio all week and trying hard in all lessons, eagerly participating in all areas.

**Adventurer-**

Genevieve- for joining in with Children's Mental Health Week activities.

Long- for being so neat and writing his friends names correctly.

**Voyager-**

Harry- for having a lovely time at Parkview Centre and being sensible whilst there.

James- for being very sensible whilst out in the community and working really hard at college.

**Mercury -** Nicole for always arriving with a positive attitude and a big smile.

**Mars-**

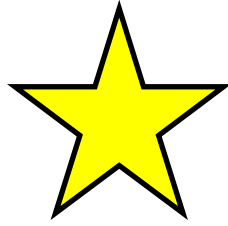
Sienna- for showing fantastic engagement and participation in movement activities relating to PE, our story and children's mental health week.

Mahira- has been awarded the Mental Health Champion of The Week, for her enthusiasm and engagement in the mental health week activities whilst using her physio equipment.

**Rockets-** Alfie for fantastic morning work, engaging in all activities and dancing in PE.

**Sunshines-** Daniyal for fantastic eating all week - well done Daniyal!

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**10/03/2023**

**Moonbeams-** Ibrahim for coming back after his operation full of smiles and ready to learn. Well done Ibrahim for being so brave.

**Rockets-** Lucio for fantastic work in phonics making lots of letter sounds, joining in with animal sounds and the phonics song!

**Neptune Class** are all stars this week for being fabulous representatives of our school at Shirley Library on their community visit.

**Mercury-** Nicole for having positive interactions with her peers.

**Comets-** Ibrahim for a fantastic first week settling into Comets.

**Venus-** Moses for a fantastic first week.

**Planets-** Zac for great work in reading, finding the symbols and engaging with 1:1 reading work by looking at the pictures and turning the page.

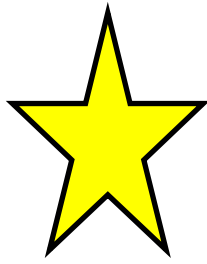
**Rainbows-** Billy, this is because he has been using his voice much more again this week, really trying hard with his words!

**Mars-** Mahira has shown fantastic interaction in book activities and engaged with different books in different ways with a smile.

**Sunshine's-** Henry for having a really good week in school, engaging well in lessons and communicating well using short sentences.



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**17/03/2023**

**Neptune-** Ryan for being kind and helpful to his friends this week.

**Moonbeams-** Ben for his enthusiasm and determination to gain help from those around him to walk as often as he can around the whole school environment.

**Comets-** Dhruv for a huge improvement in his behaviour.

**Sunshines-** Isla for being so engaged in lessons this week, especially reading where she was able to identify 8 colours correctly and independently.

**Rockets-** Rafelle for fantastic swimming, getting into the pool by herself and also swimming on her own for a short time. Well done Rafelle!

**Venus-** Dexter for a positive week and being a sensible member of the class.

**Mars-** Abhijan has been using his voice to communicate at various times across his daily routine. At times this has been solely initiated by Abhijan. He has also been on occasions using 3-word utterances to communicate.

**Adventurer-**

Sarah for reading to the whole class.

Lauren for eating independently.

# Stars of Fame



**24/03/2023**

**Sunshines-** Lennox for being so resilient this week despite staffing changes, and for allowing staff to support him with his emotions.

**Comets-** Ignas for expanding his vocabulary.

**Rockets-** Jake for great travelling in PECs to retrieve items from his lunchbox.

**Mars-** This week Yusuf has shown fantastic awareness of his daily routine, he has initiated completing aspects of this with independence. This is especially the case for the completion of his afternoon work.

**Rainbows-** Chloe for doing really well in wearing her new helmet on the playground.

**Voyager-** Katie for having a lovely week and being happy in school.

**Neptune-** Josh B for a fabulous week, where he has played musical chairs with his friends and went on the monorail at the airport on our community visit.

**Moonbeams-** Finn for having a great week back at school. Finn has been happy and vocal engaging in all lessons.

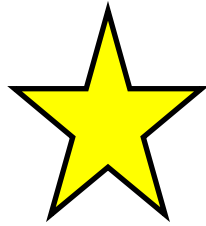
**Saturn-** Joe has done fantastic communication with his friends this week in morning group time, he has identified his friend's names, asked them how they feel using his talker, waited for the response then put their feeling up on the board.

**Galaxies'-** Ahmad for some super listening this week and for playing so nicely with his friends!

**Planets-** Ibrahim for telling the class what day of the week it is every day this week, by verbalising and finding the symbol without prompting.



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**31/03/2023**

**Sunshines-** Max S for fantastic participation in our lesson about our interests and his growing independence in the bathroom.

**Neptune Class** are all stars for a fantastic term's work.

**Mercury-** Harry for very good listening and following instruction when out in the community during our walks in Langley Park.

**Saturn-** Julian for fantastic group work.

**Rainbows-** Ibrahim for recognising and using his new schedule to transition between activities.

## **Shooting Stars:**

Lyla- Friendship- Noticing what other people are doing and interacting with them.

Layla- Communication- Using different words and symbols to communicate throughout the term.

Ariella- Playing and Exploring- Creating her own play, and also joining in with some adult guided activities.

Hunter- Effort- Great effort in learning tasks- Hunter actively joins in with play activities. Great attitude to tasks chosen for him by an adult too.

**Mars-** Sienna has done some beautiful interacting with her peers across all aspects of her daily routine, also accepting turn taking in structured and leisure activities.

**Jupiter-** Harry B for being alert and engaging with staff and peers.