



# Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a busy week in school with a number of trips out of school, not just to places of worship but also places of learning! The visits to a variety of places of worship for our pupils will have broadened their understanding of different faiths and cultures. We live in a diverse multicultural society and it is important that we prepare our children to be welcoming and accepting of different approaches to belief and faith. Today, we end this week with input for our Key Stage 2 pupils from members of local community groups talking about their religious beliefs. This will be a week of experiences that will remain with our children for years to come and help them to grow into well-informed and educated individuals – remarkable children that go on to do great things.

This is no less-so than for the forty-five children that visited University of Wolverhampton this week for a day of science activities. Those forty-five pupils were all girls as part of our drive to encourage young girls to go into the sciences. Please see the report in this newsletter from some of the children about what an amazing and educational day they had. We are so very grateful to our Parent Governor, Mrs Derrer-Rendall, for providing our children with this opportunity.

Today, we have a number of children attending the Black Country Games Tri-Golf Championship Final and Change4Life Games. This is taking place again at the University of Wolverhampton, Institute of Sport. A big thank you to Mr Ludlam for organising these experiences.

## **A Reminder...PE and other Uniform Expectations**

A big thank you to those parents and carers that have ensured their children are wearing the correct PE Uniform. A reminder please that our PE uniform is as follows: ***\*Navy blue t-shirt with school badge where possible, \*Black shorts/skirt or black leotards, \*Black pumps or plain trainers \*In cold weather, children will be allowed to wear plain joggers and sweatshirts (black or blue in colour, no logos)***

Please can parents and carers begin to consider our expectations regarding this. Please remember also that trainers are not part of school uniform. Children should be wearing black shoes. Thank you for your help with this.

A text message was sent out to parents and carers about smoking and the use of e-cigarettes on site this week. We urge all members of our school community to not to smoke or vape on our school site, whether you are sat in a vehicle or not. We are creating citizens of the future and we need them all to be healthy. Please be good role models around yours and other families' children.

Please do not ever hesitate to get in touch with us at school if you ever have any concerns, queries or questions. We all strive to uphold our mission statement, **Be The Best You Can Be**. We are a listening school and we are always looking to improve what we do for the benefit of our children and families. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Fance, Headteacher [dfance@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:dfance@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk) – please note this email address and use this instead of the Learning Link.org address.**



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## Learners of the Week!

These are the pupils selected this week in recognition of our school values...

**Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience**

### *Nursery*

**London: Safiya Ahmed and Bilal Basim**

### *Reception*

**Cardiff: Stevie Cooper and Sochima Ugwu**

**Belfast: Zakariah Zaman and Alayna Musarath**

**Edinburgh: Tudor Damoc and Rumaisah Waseem**

### *Year 1*

**Paris: Kevin Tudor and Sahibjot Kaur**

**Rome: Emmi-Rae Griffin and Mustafa Mehmood**

**Madrid: Orla-Mae Fitzpatrick and Zayan Attique**

### *Year 2*

**Barcelona: Dougie Goule and Riya Bhogal**

**Berlin: Jake Newton and Tiana Malhi**

**Budapest: Dylan Ing and Humaira Musarath**

### *Year 3*

**Beijing: Grace Gibbs and Saleh Maresh**

**Tokyo: *Sakinah Batool and Logan Watson***

**Singapore: Kyron Beet and Millie Delaney**

### *Year 4*

**Doha: Ifra Khan and Marvelous Oni**

**Abu Dhabi: Sami Altaf and Anaya Imran**

**Dubai: Leah Brownhill and Abdoulie Darboe**

### *Year 5*

**Toronto: Tyra Philip and Ibraheem Razzaq**

**Chicago: Keegan Sherwood and Zoha Imran**

**Boston: Leah Rose and Owais Hussain**

### *Year 6*

**Lima: Haleema Sadia and Callum Edwards**

**Brasilia: Evan Rowland and Eliza Ray**

**Santiago: Akbar Shahzad and Jasmin Cresswell**



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Many happy returns to all these children, who have celebrated their birthday over this week. We wish you all the best for future health, success and happiness!

***Happy Birthday to ...***

*Ayat-Fatima Shahid      Zeena Mohammed      Logan Watson*  
*Scarlett McGowan      Muhammad Ahmad Raza      Jackson Quoc Le*  
*Kingsley Reid Lewis*  
*Lilly-Marie Delaney      Alicia Forrest      Rayan Nawaz*  
*Isobelle Cooper*

## **Fundraising for C4 Cancer Ward at Russells Hall Hospital**

One of our Year 6 children will be undertaking fundraising from Monday 27 June. This pupil's father was treated for two years on this ward. Available for purchase by the children will be 'mini-drawings'. The drawings will be 15p for small, 25p for large. There will also be custom drawings available at 20p for small and 30p for large. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraising event.

### **Girls4Science**

On Thursday, 40 Year 4 and 5 girls were lucky enough to visit Wolverhampton University to learn about how women have impacted the field of Science and what careers they could pursue in the future. They had a fantastic time; learning how to lift fingerprints, trick your mind in 'The Hand Experiment' and learnt how far microorganisms can travel in snot! At the end of the event, they even graduated in full cap and gown. We would like to thank Mrs Derrer-Rendall and the University team for organising this brilliant event. All the girls (and teachers) came away from the event having learnt something and many now wish to become scientists! 'When we were on the Science trip, I enjoyed watching Dr Kay's science show, who was a microbiologist. It was really funny and gross to watch!' Bushra Muzzamil- Year 5 'Whilst we were on the science trip, we were able to detect fingerprints using ink pads and magnetic powder. There were fake crime scenes as well.' Prabjot Singh- Year 5.

Wolverhampton University would also like to inform you that they are hosting the annual 'Scifest' on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, where families are invited to the Wolverhampton City Campus to explore STEM as they have never been before. The event is free of charge and they would love to see some of our Sledmere families there.



### **Messages from the School Office**

- Please be reminded that the school-site is a mobile-free zone – this includes taking phone calls and photographs.
- Please note parents will have not have access to the school carpark at pick up time until 3:10pm.
- Please let the school office and class teacher know if you will be collecting your child early for appointments.
- **Inset days: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**



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## A is for Attendance!

**Attendance Regulation changes during the height of the pandemic meant that there were specific codes related to Covid Absence. While these must appear on your children's record due to the legal requirements at that time, please be assured they are classified as Authorised Absence as opposed to Unauthorised Absence. It therefore does not reflect negatively on a child's individual attendance record.**

As you are all aware, school attendance and punctuality is one of Sledmere's priorities and we have been thrilled with the support that parents have been giving with regards to improving their children's attendance. Our academy target is 97% and this is broadly in line with national and local targets of 96%.

We are currently well below this target and we need your continued support to ensure that we meet this mark.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all the families who have been working hard to ensure children's attendance and punctuality is high.

Establishing early good habits early on really will make a positive difference to their lives. The link between attendance and achievement cannot be over stated. Your child will achieve better if they are in school every day.

Only in very exceptional circumstances should a child be absent from school.

## Why does good attendance and punctuation matter?

Every child has a right to education and to have the best possible life chances. By attending school daily and on time, they learn the importance of being punctual, a life skill which will serve them well as they grow into the next generation of working citizens.

In addition, being late means they miss minutes which build into missed learning time and missed opportunities. Being punctual means all children learn well, free from interruption from late comers.

As always if you have any problems or concerns please contact the school office in the first instance. However, you can also speak to Mrs Priest, Attendance Officer for the school.

| Class        | Attendance this week % | Attendance last week % |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| London am    | 85.00                  | 85.00                  |
| London pm    | 85.71                  | 88.57                  |
| Belfast      | 96.67                  | 98.33                  |
| Cardiff      | 85.83                  | 79.91                  |
| Edinburgh    | 91.25                  | 95.95                  |
| Madrid       | 86.90                  | 94.48                  |
| Paris        | 93.21                  | 98.57                  |
| Rome         | 91.16                  | 95.52                  |
| Barcelona    | 94.24                  | 98.91                  |
| Berlin       | 94.81                  | 91.11                  |
| Budapest     | 97.93                  | 92.76                  |
| Beijing      | 90.00                  | 87.33                  |
| Singapore    | 94.33                  | 95.67                  |
| Tokyo        | 91.43                  | 91.11                  |
| Abu Dhabi    | 97.59                  | 98.97                  |
| Dubai        | 85.52                  | 86.55                  |
| Doha         | 92.90                  | 94.84                  |
| Boston       | 95.00                  | 96.43                  |
| Chicago      | 93.70                  | 96.67                  |
| Toronto      | 95.33                  | 92.67                  |
| Brasilia     | 93.33                  | 92.22                  |
| Lima         | 94.44                  | 96.30                  |
| Santiago     | 94.23                  | 93.85                  |
| Whole school | 92.71                  | 93.58                  |