

# PEARL HYDE

# NEWS

**Friday 6th October 2023**

**Perseverance Excellence Acceptance Respect Leadership**

## **When routines become a habit**

We have now been back at school for over a month! I am now looking for our new routines to become habits for the children, with the children knowing what they should be doing when, and encouraging them to take responsibility for their own learning by being prepared for lessons and remembering to bring books and homework home.

### **Attendance**

An urgent plea regarding attendance! Last year children's attendance in school was not high enough and as a school we were below the national average for attendance. Our persistence absence (anyone with attendance below 90%) was also too high. The national average for persistent absence was 18% and at our school it was 25%. Absence has a huge effect on a child's ability to learn and to feel happy in school.

We made a really positive start with attendance in school this academic year, however, it is now declining and has dipped below national average again. I appreciate there is a lot of illness in school at the moment, but I would ask that as soon as your child is well enough that they return to school. This would be 48 hours after sickness or diarrhoea.

I must also ask that you do not visit family or take holidays in school time as this will be unauthorised and you could be fined by the local authority.

I would like to thank our school community for your support with attendance and remind you of the people you can talk to in school if this is something you are struggling with. The first person you can speak to is your child's class teacher. Please wait until the end of a school day to do this. As many of you know from parent workshops, we have also increased the size of the attendance team this year to support school with this issue. The attendance team now includes myself (Mrs Denton) and Mrs Bird and Ms Vickers as seen below. You can arrange a meeting by phoning 02476 610165 or emailing [inclusion@pearlhyde.co.uk](mailto:inclusion@pearlhyde.co.uk).



## Reception



In Reception we have continued to explore the world around us and have been enjoying the story 'In Every House On Every Street', thinking about our families and learning about each other's families. In Reception we access the outside area every day, so please make sure your child has wellies and a coat.

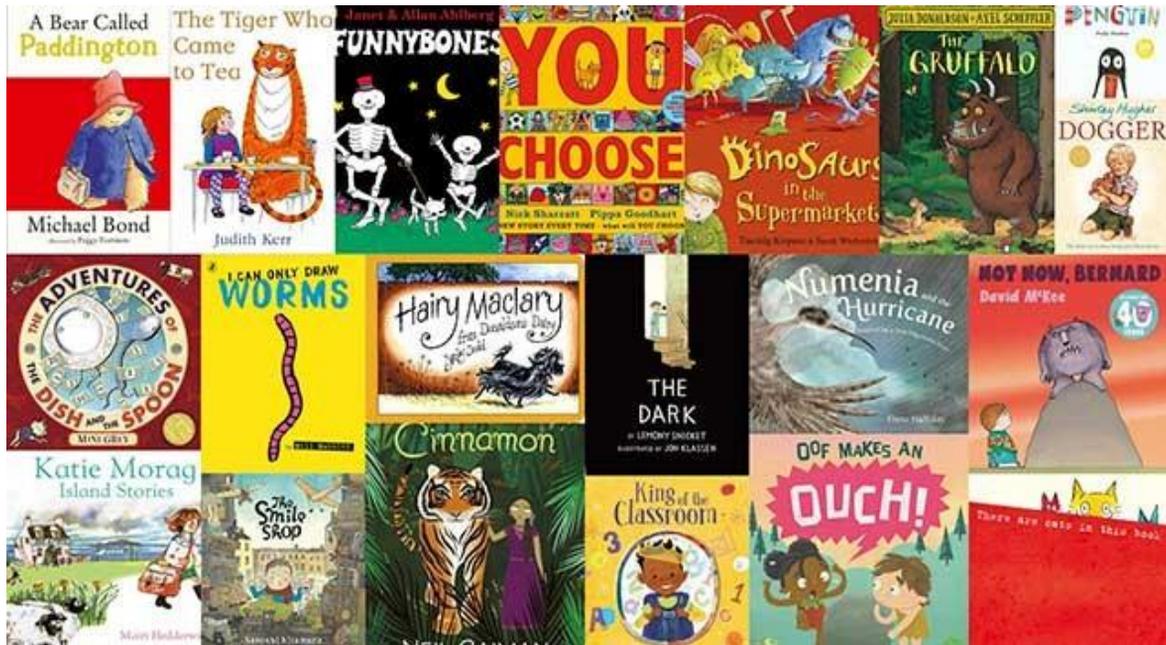
**Please note, that Reception children will have PE or an outdoor learning session on a Wednesday - this is the only day they should wear PE kit.**

## Years 1 and 2

In Years 1 and 2 the children are working within the phonics program of study and are currently doing the majority of their reading and writing through our Read Write Inc phonics scheme. After half term we will also be introducing creative writing sessions based on books. I have included a link below to recap sounds your children are learning or have learnt.

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=zMSvBplxgfo&hl=en-GB>

Years 1 and 2 also have enjoy a story a day and have read some of these from our favoured story collection:

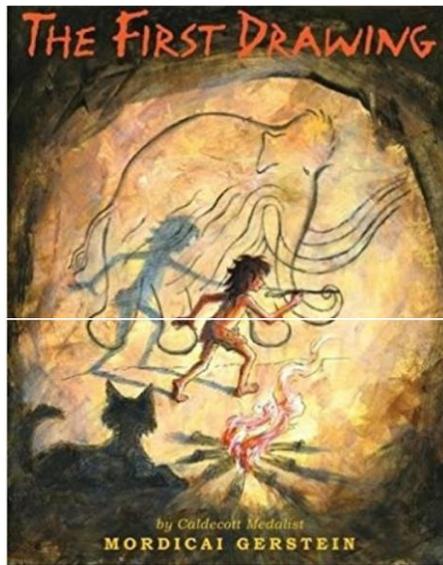


**A small change has needed to be made to the day homework comes out to you. Homework for years 1 and 2 will now be sent on a Thursday each week. Please remember if you have any questions regarding homework, one of the year 1 and 2 team will be happy to help you.**

**Please note, children in year 1 and 2 should come to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday only.**

## Years 3 and 4

In years 3 and 4 we have been looking at the book:

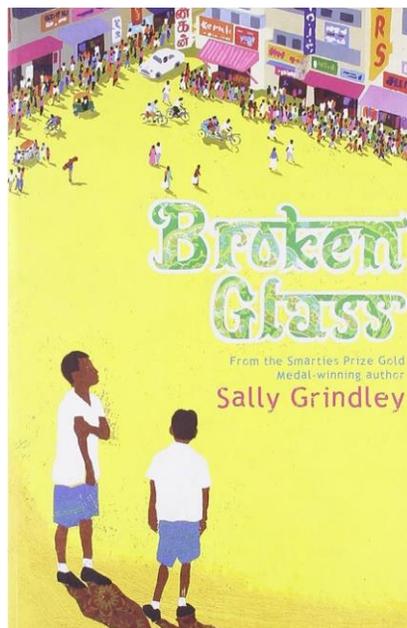


This links really well with our topic of Through the Ages, and the children have really enjoyed this story. Can your child tell you about this story and the learning we have completed based on this book?

**Please note, Year 3 and 4 children should wear their PE kit on a Tuesday and bring their swimming bag on Wednesdays. Every other day the children should wear school uniform. I have re-attached the flyer below so you can check the uniform requirements.**

### **Year 5 and 6**

Year 5 and 6 we are reading the book 'Broken Glass.' The children are really enjoying this story and if you wanted to have a copy for home this could be beneficial. We are using this story for 'Read Aloud Time' as part of our reading for pleasure curriculum, it gives a fantastic example of description which the children are looking at in their writing.



**Also a huge congratulations to Ms Edwards class who won the attendance award this week.**

Please note, year 5 and 6 will need to wear their PE kit on Thursday only every other day the children should wear school uniform. I have reattached the flyer below so you can check the uniform requirements.

## Other News

THANK YOU to our amazing community for your Harvest Festival contributions. This will be taken to the foodbank next week. This will be one of the first 'o site' jobs for members of the Pearl Hyde Parliament.

### Parking

We are becoming increasingly concerned about parking outside of school at drop o and collection times. Please do not park on the yellow zig-zags at any point. This is extremely dangerous.

## Future Dates

### Hello Yellow

This year we will be supporting Young Minds campaign and asking the children to wear yellow on the 10th October. If you would like to bring in a £1 that we will be giving a donation to the charity.



### Harry Potter Day



We cannot wait for our Harry Potter day on Friday 13th October, we have got some incredible activities planned! Don't forget to come in your best Harry Potter outfit!

## [Parent Workshops](#)

Please see below a repeat of the parent workshop dates that were sent via email this week:

Year Groups and focus	Date
<b>KS1 Maths workshop</b> - How to support your child with learning key number facts	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October @ 2:30 p.m.
<b>KS2 Maths workshop</b> - How to support your child with learning key number facts including timetables (very important for all parents but particularly year 3 and 4)	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October @ 2:30 p.m.
<b>Year 6 SATs workshop</b> - what do the tests look like and how are we preparing your child?	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2:30 p.m.
<b>Year 1 phonics workshops</b> - What does the year 1 phonics screening test look like, how are we preparing your child?	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November @2:30 p.m.
<b>Reception phonics workshop</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November @ 2:30 p.m.
<b>KS2 phonics workshop</b> - selected parents will be invited to this workshop	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November @ 2:30 p.m.
<b>Christmas Activities</b>	
<b>Year 2 SATs workshop</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January @2:30 p.m.
<b>Science at Pearl Hyde</b> EYFS and KS1	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January @2:30 p.m.
<b>Science at Pearl Hyde</b> KS2	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February @2 :30 p.m.
<b>Open week</b> - parents will have the opportunity to sign up to do a lesson alongside their child	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> March @ 2:30 p.m.
<b>Art and D &amp; T at Pearl Hyde</b> - EYFS and KS1	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April @ 2:30 p.m.
<b>Art and D &amp; T at Pearl Hyde</b> - KS2	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April @ 2:30 p.m.
<b>Internet Safety workshop</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May @ 2:30 p.m.

## [Open Day](#)

This is a day for parents who are looking for a Reception place in September 2024 or who would like their child to join the school in the future. Please spread the word about our fantastic school to family and friends encouraging them to join us on 20th October. Please contact the school office if you wish to attend on this day (20th October).

## [Parents Evenings](#)

Parents Evenings will return to being 'in person' and will be held on 23rd and 24th October. Parents will be able to sign up via our online system next week.

## [Diwali/ Bonfire Night](#)

To celebrate Diwali and Bonfire night on the 10th November children can wear party clothes or traditional dress. We are also inviting parents to join us on the playground at 3 p.m. for small fireworks display.

## [Children In Need](#)

Children in Need is on 17th November. Children can wear spots and make £1 donation to the charity if they would like to.