

**Newsletter**

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*Dates for Autumn term*

***New items in red***

**Creativity in action at Friars!**

As we let you know in last week's newsletter, our focus value this half term is creativity. It has been wonderful to see some of the pre pandemic Friars type activities returning to the school that promote the value of creativity in action this week.

**Year 5 enjoyed their contribution to the Young voices concert.** In the past we have been part of a live massed choir at the O2 in Greenwich. This year, sadly, it was a virtual choir and the concert happened in the classroom. That said it was a joy to hear Year 5 singing throughout the school and expressing their musical creativity.

**The Early Years and KS1 took part in drama activities** on Tuesday with a company called "Perform". The workshops had an under water adventure theme. The children cast off their shells and dived into a thrilling underwater adventure filled with magical sea creatures. They danced like dolphins, sang like starfish and twirled like turtles. The workshops were fun and energetic and aimed at building confidence, enhancing coordination, boosting concentration and developing communication and of course, creativity.

Our **art project in the new building** is coming on a pace. Mrs Wignall has taken all of the children's ideas and has used them to create a mural that celebrates our values. She has also worked with groups of children to produce beautiful delicate clay tiles that represent nature and will hang in the art/dt/science studio. Next week she will be working on a cd weaving piece that will be proudly displayed in the performing arts studio.

**School operations in the light of this week's announcements:**

You will undoubtedly all know that the final step of the covid road map has been delayed until July 19th. As such we do not intend to change any of the arrangements currently in place to keep our school community safe. We do hope to run a sports day (14th July) that parents can attend as well as a Year 6 production (21st July). However both events will need to be limited in the number of people who can attend. We will send out further details in the next couple of weeks.

**Thought for the week:**



*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Yours sincerely,*

**J. Burt, Headteacher:**

**Tuesday 22nd June**—Y5 with Into University all day

**Week beginning 12th July**—Health week

**Wednesday 14th July**—Sports day at GMH park

**Friday 16th July**—End of year reports out to parents; health week sponsored event and well-being afternoon

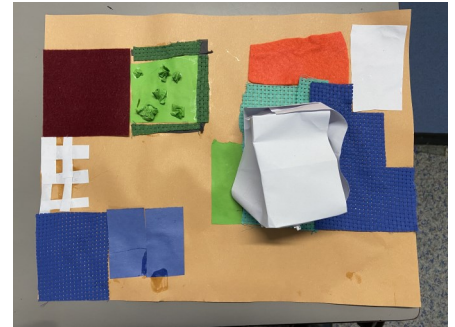
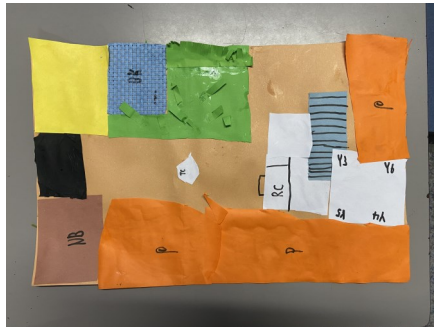
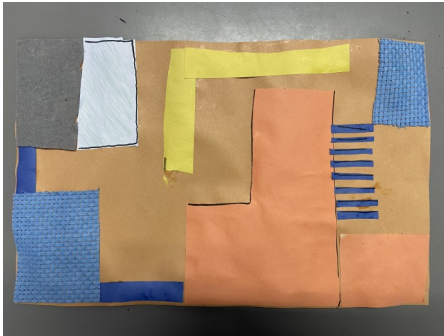
**Wednesday 21st July**—Y6 performance / graduation (live or recorded: COVID dependent)

**Friday 23rd July**—last day of school year. Year 6 leave at 12 noon. EYFS leave @ 1:45; Y1/2 leave at 1:50; Y3/4 leave at 1:55; Y5 leave at 2pm

## Children's learning at Friars:

Year 5 have been developing their creativity even further in their art unit this half term which is all about multi media collages. They are learning to arrange mixed media in order to create an image as well as developing composition skills and changing work as they go along.

So far they have created a simplified image of a map of the school using paper and fabric. They will use this plan to help create a quilted map using fabric and wool maps made of block colour squares. It also ties in with their Geography learning which focusses on map skills this half term. Below you can see the first plans from Anis, Hania and Keyaan.

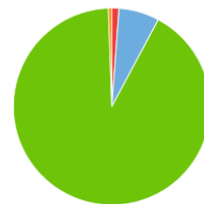


While we are on the subject of works in progress (see above Y5 art work), please have a look at how our mural is coming on and some of the beautiful delicate clay tiles that have been made.



## Attendance:

Attendance for the whole school this week is **92.52%**. Well done to **Y6** who are the best attending class this week with **96.72%**.



The green section of the pie chart shows the percentage of children who are in school.

# Stars of the week



## EYFS / Y1—Y3

**Y2—Munira**

**For writing a fantastic newspaper report.**

## Y4-6

**Y5—Lydia**

**For consistently doing fantastic homework.**

**Well done!**

## Values stars

Compassion	Lea—Y2
Creativity	Sabrine—Y3
Endeavour	Ava—Y4
Resilience	Alyyah—Y5
Respect	Sean—Y6
Responsibility	Ridwan—Y1

**Well done!**

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Commitment to keeping children safe:  
Paper copies of our safeguarding policy  
are available for parents from the school  
office. It is also posted on the policies sec-  
tion of the website.

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Our focus value for this half  
term:

**Creativity**

**Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment**

***Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility***