



Welcome to our next edition of our newsletter.

It's a slightly different format that can be read on multiple devices and will continue to keep you updated about the goings on at Colebourne. You can also click on the links from the Contents section to take you straight to what you want to read.

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## Diary Dates

<b>Spring 2nd Half Term 2019</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2pm	Year 2's Parent Chocolate Making Workshop
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2pm	Y5 Greek afternoon with parents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception height/weight & hearing checks
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Easter Egg Hunt – in school time – children only.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term non-uniform day - £1 towards school fund.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Computing Holiday Club – see online letter for details or pick up a letter from the office.
<b>Summer 1st Half Term 2019</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return for the Summer Term
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Ramadan Starts
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May / Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 trip to Dodford and stay over
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Outdoor classroom day – whole school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of the half term
<b>HALF TERM - 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid tbc
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid Party day and Parents Activities
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Trip to Lunt Fort – details to follow
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 8.30am – 10.30am	Fathers' Day Breakfast and Activity morning – details to follow
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day for children – break up for the Summer holidays

*More summer dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks*

The Term dates for this school year and 2019-2020 are available on the [Term Dates page](#) on the school website.

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## Kids Area

### Farewell to...

We have two staff leaving at Easter – Ms Alderwish (Teaching Assistant in Y5) and Ms Bailey (Teaching Assistant in Y2). They are both off to new adventures and we thank them for all their work with the children and wish them all the very best for the future.

Also, Mrs Dewell (Teaching Assistant in Y5) starts her maternity leave today and we wish her well and look forward to meeting the little Dewell.

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### Children Work – Badgers



On Tuesday we went to see the animal man. He showed us a tomato frog from Madagascar, a glass snake, a pygmy hedgehog, a corn snake and a barn owl.

Mo the Animal Man showed us how to carefully stroke the animals using the back of our hand. We also got to hold lots of them including putting the corn snake around our necks!

Mo taught us lots of interesting things about the animals. Did you know that a glass snake isn't actually a snake at all? It's a legless lizard!

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## Y6 Mesopotamia Madness

Year 6 have been working hard this half term on their theme topic of Mesopotamia. Check out some of this work and some photos from this morning's activity morning with parents.



## Mesopotamia Madness 2019





# Islamic Calligraphy Year 6 Pupil Expert



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## Y4 French Lessons at Washwood Heath Academy

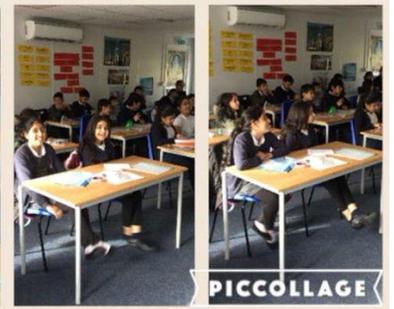


4R have been going to Washwood Heath Academy every Friday to take part in French lessons taught by the secondary school teachers.

They are really enjoying it and it's helping to improve their French speaking skills.

A huge thanks to the staff at Washwood Heath for giving us this opportunity.

4C will be starting after Easter.



Do you know the days of the week in French?

## Year 1 Trip to the Birmingham Nature Park



Year 1 had an awesome time on Tuesday at the Birmingham Nature Conservation Park!

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Joke:

**JokeTime**

This one was read out in assembly last week and is worth repeating for the grown ups...

**Q: What type of key opens a banana?**

*Answer at the end of the newsletter*

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## Challenge of the week: Science Investigation

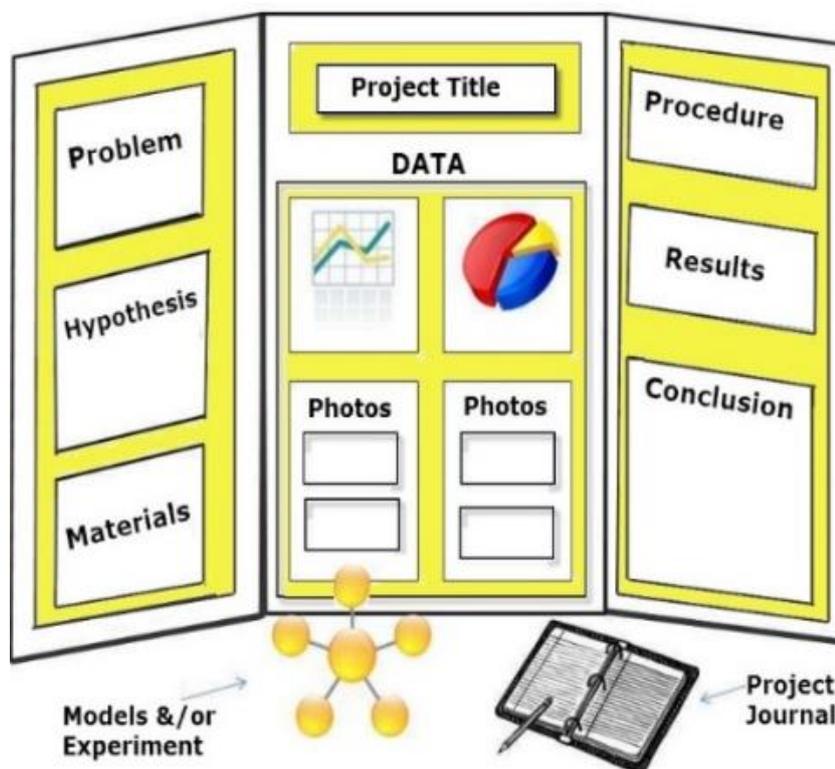
Don't forget to have a go at the science competition. You can do this over the Easter holidays.

The project can be;

- an experiment to answer a question,
- a problem and solution
- a research project.

It can be on any area of science that interests you

Full details are in the [online science competition letter](#).



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## Reading is Awesome

As it is nearly time for the Easter holidays, we have come up with a selection of fantastic books you may wish to read over the next few weeks!

We are very lucky to have some brilliant libraries in our local area, (Ward End Library and Shard End Library) and obviously the amazing Library of Birmingham in the City Centre and it is very simple to register online or in person for your very own library card, which will allow you to borrow up to 10 books at a time!

You also may know that a Mobile Library visits various locations in Hodge Hill every 4 weeks and is visiting this Saturday, so will be an excellent chance for you to pick up a couple of these books!

Once you have read your book, you can even submit a review or your own recommendation via Colebourne submit, for a reading display that is coming soon!

### **Can't make it to a library?**

No problem! The Mobile Library visits these locations every 4 weeks!

### **Upcoming**

#### **Dates:**

6th April

1st May

4th June

29th June

27th July

24th August

Day	Time	Area	Road
Saturday	10am to 11am	Firs	Collingbourne Avenue
	11:15am to 11:45am	Hodge Hill	Teesdale Avenue
	midday to 12:30pm	Firs	Reynoldstown Road
	2pm to 3pm	Hodge Hill	Hodge Hill Road
	3:15pm to 4:15pm	Hodge Hill	Eastbourne Avenue

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# Spring into a book

## Colebourne Recommendations!

Over Easter, why not pop into a library and check out a few of these books?

### Chapter Books for Younger Readers

#### Pugs of the Frozen North

Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

The Race to the Top of the World! It comes around once in a lifetime, and the prize? Your heart's desire. Shen and Sika can't resist the chance to win, but competition is fierce. The path to victory is littered with snow trolls, sea monsters, and a gang of particularly hungry yetis. But Shen and Sika have something the other contestants don't have. Actually, they have 66 other things; pugs to be exact. That's a 264 paw-powered sled. Let the race begin!



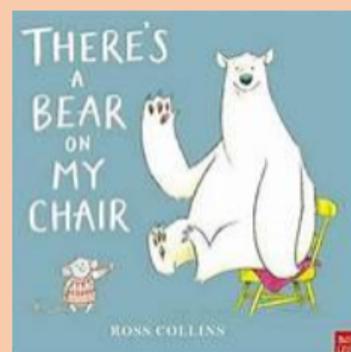
**By the same author:** *The Legend of Kevin*, *Cakes In Space* and many others!

**Available at:** The Library of Birmingham, Ward End Library

#### There's a bear on my Chair!

Ross Collins

Poor Mouse! A bear has settled in his favourite chair and it just isn't big enough for two. Mouse tries all kinds of tactics to move the pesky Bear but nothing works and poor Mouse gives up. Once Mouse has eventually gone, Bear gets up and walks home. But wait - is that a Mouse in Bear's house?!



**By the same author:** *This Zoo is Not For You*, *What Does an Anteater Eat?*

**Available at:** The Library of Birmingham

#### Sky Song

Abi Elphinstone

In the snowy kingdom of Erkenwald, whales glide between icebergs, wolves hunt on the tundra and polar bears roam the glaciers. But the people of this land aren't so easy to find - because Erkenwald is ruled by an evil Ice Queen and the tribes must stay hidden or risk becoming her prisoners at Winterfang Palace.

Join Eska, a girl who breaks free from a cursed music box, and Flint, a boy whose inventions could change the fate of Erkenwald forever, as they journey to the Never Cliffs and beyond in search of an ancient, almost forgotten, song with the power to force the Ice Queen back.

This is a story about an eagle huntress, an inventor and an organ made of icicles. But it is also a story about belonging, even at the very edges of our world . . .

**By the same author:** *The Dreamsnatcher* (series), *Everdark* and many others.

**Available at:** The Library of Birmingham, Ward End Library, Shard End Library



These are just a few of the recommendations – a full list can be seen in the frames on the driveway, around school and soon on the school website.

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## 50 Thing of the week:

The weather is mostly getting better so it is a great time to get out and complete some of the school 50 Things. The full list is on the school website but here are a few you may like to try...



### **No. 19 – Play Pooh Sticks**

Find a bridge over a stream of water and drop 2 or more twigs on one side – cross over the bridge and see which one comes out first!). If you take a walk along the River Cole path towards Stechford and Heybarns there are a number of spots you can do this!

How to make a grass trumpet



### **No. 25 – Make a grass trumpet**

There is a bit of an art to this one! Take a look at the video Mr. Guest made a few years ago where he explains how to make one!

[Click here for the video.](#)

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## What's On Locally

There is loads going on around Birmingham over the Easter break. Take a look at these websites for more details:

Visit Birmingham: <https://visitbirmingham.com/>

Birmingham Museums: <http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/>



We've got lots and lots of egg-cellent events going on throughout Easter and our **brand new 4K Planetarium** will be open for everyone to visit. Take a look at how you can get involved in the fun!

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## Parents' Notice Board

### Car parking complaints

We have once again been contacted by local residents who are having the entrances to their driveways blocked by parents parking and to drop their children off.

**Please don't park across driveways**

- **it's bad manners and causes disruption to local people.**

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### Car seats and seat belts

The senior leadership team are spotting too many children arriving in cars and not wearing seatbelts and / or not having child car seats.

The law states:

"Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt.

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight"

Taken from:

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

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### Joke Answer:

A Monkey!

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