



# Corrie Forum - May 2023

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## The Golden Rules

We are kind and gentle  
We are prepared for the school day  
We work hard  
We look after property  
We listen to people  
We are honest

## Check the website

See our website for all the latest school information, events, class details and class blogs  
[www.corrie.tameside.sch.uk](http://www.corrie.tameside.sch.uk)

## Dates for your Diary- June/July

## Attendance

The whole school attendance target for the school year is 97%

## Lunches

Please remember to order your child's lunches for the whole term and inform the office if they are switching your child's lunch preferences. This helps keep food wasted down.

We are looking for donations of any plants that you no longer want. We unfortunately lost a lot of our flowers/ plants from our flower beds during the cold weather. If you would like to donate you can bring them to either offices and we will make sure they go to good use.



## Date

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26th June

School closes for half term

19th July

Reception Transition with lunch

12th June

Inset day

20th July

Year 6 End of Year Show

13th June

School re-opens

24th July

KS1 Certificates Assembly

4th July

Go Ape Year 6  
Brass Club  
Come play with the Halle Choir

25th July

KS2 Certificates Assembly

6th July

Year 6 Induction Day

26th July

Nursery Trip Cannon Hall Farm

7th July

Year 6 Induction Day

26th July

Year 6 Prom

10th -  
14th

Sports and Health week

27th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

11th/ 12th  
July

Reception/ Nursery Transition  
Days

27th July

School closes for Summer

11th July

Nursery and Reception Sports  
Day

28th July

School closed INSET day

12th July

KS1 Sports Day

13th July

KS2 Sport Day

14th July

DCC Inspiration Day Y5

18th July

Reception Transition with lunch



# Nursery



## Nursery news

We have had a busy half term learning about pets and other animals. We created lovely artwork in the style of Paul Klee linked to the King's Coronation and enjoyed sharing a picnic lunch with lots of our parents.

Recently we have enjoyed caring for our outdoor environment and are growing flowers, tomatoes, peas and pumpkins. Some of our children were visited by a nurse, firefighters and had their fingerprints taken. 😊







# Reception

This month we have been learning all about 'People Who Help Us' and as part of this learning we have met some real life superheroes who help people each and everyday in their job. We have met Mrs Jackson who is a Nurse, Claire and Julie who are Forensic Officers who help the Police and Mr Anderson who is a FireFighter. It was fascinating to learn all about their roles and responsibilities and seeing the equipment they use to help others. Take a look at some of the photographs below from our visits.



This half term our Investors in Pupils Target was to go on Reading Eggs for 10 minutes each week. The children have worked really hard and have achieved lots of certificates too - well done everyone. Next half term our target will be practice our handwriting at home every week. The children will begin to bring home some handwriting practice in their homework book each week. It is an Early Learning Goal to form most letters accurately, therefore the extra practice at home will be really useful. To celebrate all the children who spend time practicing each week will take part in a whole class reward. The children have chosen to have a Garden Party, where we will enjoy playing fun games outside.

Next half term, we will be learning about growing, minibeasts and summer.



# Year 1

Our new topic this term is called 'Treasure' and we have read a book called, 'Molly Rogers Pirate Girls' by Cornelia Funke. The children have written some fantastic pirate inspired messages in a bottle and created their own pirate names using alliteration. We are working really hard to count in 2's, 5's & 10's and learning all about arrays to help us calculate.

We have also been really busy in Science learning all about plants. We have explored the school grounds to collect a range of leaves to observe and are looking forward to watching our sunflowers grow. Everyone really enjoyed our Coronation celebrations this term including the lovely playground picnic and local parade.

Thank You for coming - it was a lovely day!







## Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed the Science topic of 'Habitats' this half term, we particularly enjoyed pond dipping in our forest school area. We were able to observe the pond life in their natural habitat, watching the tadpoles swimming around in the pond and the water skaters gliding on top of the pond was very exciting.

Using the nets and buckets we were able to catch some of the pond life, make observations and identify the creatures using our identification chart.

We are very lucky to have a pond full of life on our school grounds and this has been a great topic to get outside and explore, we have been on a mini- beast hunt and also a worm hunt this half term.





## Year 3

The children in year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying working with the artist, Caroline Coates over the last few weeks. They are working towards the Discover Arts Award from Tameside Council. They have made fox puppets and beaver puppets. They have designed their own canvas bags with pictures and messages about the environment. As a class they have designed two murals which they will paint. To complete their work, the two murals will be hung outside for everybody to enjoy.

Last week, to celebrate King Charles' coronation the children designed a new throne which had to include some technology.

We enjoyed a wonderful wellbeing walk in the woods as part of our arts award topic. We used all of our senses as we were walking around. We collected some samples of interesting plants and leaves to bring back to class.







## Year 4

Year 4 really enjoyed Coronation Day. We created work for the local time capsule about school life in 2023. We learnt about the King's Coat of Arms and created our own in class with some of our parents and carers. Take a look at some good examples in school on our display board.

We recently met Hannah Engelkamp and she told us about her adventure around Wales in 2016 with her stubborn donkey Chico. She has inspired us to write her biography and maybe one day we will go on epic adventures just like her.







## Year 5

### Year 5 Residential Trip to Kingswood, Dearne Valley in Doncaster 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April

Year 5 had an amazing 3 day residential trip to Kingswood. We did so many fun activities such as abseiling, Jacob's Ladder and bushcraft. We went pond dipping and learnt how to identify different types of creatures. We sang songs and ate marshmallows round the campfire, which we really enjoyed! We learnt how to develop lots of new skills such as fencing, problem solving and even making our own bed! We learnt how to develop resilience and how to work together effectively as a team. Fortunately, the weather was quite kind to us so we were able to make the most of all the opportunities and stay dry! We had an amazing time and Mrs Cartledge, Miss Turner, Miss Mees & Miss Lester are so proud of you all for facing your fears and overcoming new challenges.













## Year 6

As we are sure you are all aware, the Year 6 children completed their SATS tests during the week beginning Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. We are so proud of how fantastic the attitudes of each and every one of our children were during the week. They all approached the tests with determination and positivity and we have told them all year that as long as they tried their absolute best, everyone would be incredibly proud of them at the end of the year and that will definitely be the case. As a reward for all their effort throughout year 6, we threw a little party for them on the afternoon of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, where we were visited by an ice cream fan so we could get them a little treat that they absolutely deserved!

We have lots of really exciting things happening between now and the end of the year in Year 6. We have already begun practising our Year 6 show, 'Disco-operation' and we are all looking forward to a fantastic couple of months together.

Mr. Griffin and Miss. Wood.





# KS1 Resource Base

This half term we have been busy learning about people who help us. We have been visited by the fire brigade, a nurse and a scientist and learned about what each of these jobs' entails. It was very exciting to be able to go on a fire engine!

We have also learnt about people who help keep us healthy such as doctors and dentists and we tried some healthy foods. From this we have been thinking about some of the jobs we would like to do when we get older.

Look at the pictures below of some of the activities we have been doing this half term..









# KS2 Boost Group

Boost Group enjoyed our visit to Ashton Central Mosque, to learn more about the mosque, the customs that Muslims follow when visiting the mosque to pray and the work that they do for the community. We would like to thank them for making us all so welcome, especially during Ramadan!

## Ashton Central Mosque

18/4/2023



We also enjoyed taking part in our coronation celebrations. It was wonderful to welcome parents to the picnic, join in with the coronation walk and into the classroom for coronation activities.







We have also been lucky to have local artist Caroline Coates join us on Wednesdays. The children are working towards the Discover Arts Award from Tameside Council. They have made fox puppets and beaver puppets. They have also designed their own canvas bags with pictures about nature. They have also collaboratively designed and painted a mural. The mural will be hung outside for the children to enjoy.

For part of the art project, the children also went on a wellness walk, using their senses to learn more about the environment.



In science Boost Group have been learning about materials changes of state. One of our experiments involved seeing chocolate change its state!

It was great fun to join in with 'The Big Horrible Histories Quiz' with Terry Deary. We all learned some new disgusting facts. Everyone agreed that they would not like to be a 'Groom of the Stool' in Tudor times or have been Norman 'Tailefer the Jester'!



This week, the children have visited Denton library to see the range of books and resources that they have access to. Some of the children joined the library and have enjoyed choosing a book to borrow.

It was also lovely to welcome parents and grandparents when they joined us at Forest School.



Congratulations to Olivia who won a jar of sweets in the Edward Mellor colouring competition.

Congratulations to Joshua D for being awarded the Headteacher's Excellent Citizen Award.





# Attendance & Punctuality

## Attendance

The vast majority of our children are achieving our school attendance target of 97% or above which is fantastic. Below is a grid of the impact of having time off school has on children. Taking the odd day off if they are feeling unwell does have an impact not just on their attendance but also their future. Being in school every day also builds their resilience and sets in place good routines that they will need in the future. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please do not hesitate to come and see me.

### **Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year.**

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for college, university or work.

### **95%: 10 days absence a year.**

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and have opportunities for college, university or work, but could still improve their attendance!

### **90%: 19 days absence a year.**

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.

### **85%: 29 days absence a year.**

Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with work and they are unlikely to do their best.

### **80%: 38 days absence a year.**

Young people in this group are missing a year of school over the five years of secondary education, it will be almost impossible to keep up with work.

## Lates

Arriving on time for the school day is incredibly important. It not only ensures that your child has a positive start to the day but also means that they are ready to learn and can engage with all their learning. Arriving late every day means that they have to walk into class when everyone else is settled but also means they miss out on the input to the lesson which will then impact on their potential to understand what they are learning. We know that sometimes it is unavoidable to be late due to traffic or unforeseen circumstances. Being late by just 5 minutes, every day equates to 2 hours and 5 minutes of lost learning time each week. Being late 5 minutes, every day will then equate to 12 hours and 30 minutes of lost learning time in a half term which equates to 2 whole school days that they have missed by being late 5 minutes every day, which is a huge amount of time. If you are having any difficulty in getting your child to school on time, please let me know and I'll do what I can to support you. Mrs Higginbotham



## Message from your Headteacher

What an amazing term we have had. I am so proud of our year 6 and year 2 children who have risen to the challenge of the SATs tests. They have worked so hard to be ready for the week and shown real determination and confidence during the tests, they are a real credit to school. Again the Teachers have been wonderful, organising lots of exciting learning for our children, which is reelected in the forum. The Forest area is being well used and all the children have really enjoyed learning in this area. It was great for the children to have so many parents in school for the 'King's Coronation' day. Thank you for coming, supporting the school and your children. Have a fantastic break, fingers crossed the sun lasts for us.

Mrs Cartledge