



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

We are so proud of everything we do here at Fulfen. We always have so many successes to celebrate; from every individual achievement in the classroom, to the whole school being awarded the PSQM and having our school feature as a leading school in using apple technology. You'll find articles on both of these below as well as some excellent examples of the work and achievements of our pupils.

With harvest approaching, the school is full of music as the children perfect their harvest performances. We aim to welcome parents into the school as often as possible and look forward to seeing you at our harvest celebrations and, shortly after, at our Parents' Evenings. When you visit the school, I'm sure you'll enjoy seeing the hard work and creativity that our children have been putting into their lessons and wider curriculum.

If you haven't yet, don't forget to follow our Facebook page so that you can see on a regular basis what we're getting up to in school!



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Stars of the week!

Rosie Breen, Xander Marshall, Florence Turner, Archie Watts, Ava Green, Eva Field, Harry Startin, Charlotte Pearce, Theodore Douglas, Harry Sprason, Kayla Fiddler, Arthur Roadnight, Amaiah Seedhouse, Paige Ranger, Fynn Pitcher, Ivar Handley, Hunter Smith, Oliver Brindley, Bella Sage, Euan Blower, Charlotte Burley, Megan Smith, Emily Morris

Harrison Upton, Maya Iosipescu, Freya Critchley, Ollie Manning, Amelia Adams, Chester Castello, Benjamin Ricketts, Ollie Ayre, Chloe Warner, Leo Ritchie, Olivia Beadle, Jimmy Drennan, Holly Collinge, Isabelle Kendrick, Charlie Adams-Clarke, Ollie Lyon, Ava Stone, Teddie Williams, Mason Capewell, Freya Phillips, Luca Bott, Katherine Fountain, Evie Vale, Holly Newman, Jaxon-Lee Lemm, Tilly Lightfoot

Sophia Millington, Max Hall, Zack Jagielski, Jessica Barrett, Cameron Jenkins, Evie Dixon, Isla Davis, Indie Roberts, Sophia Edwards, Ella Woodward, Freddie Irons, Cameron Jenkins, Emily Mansell, Sofia Jackson, Molly Beadle, Kian Yeomans, Eden Salt, Joel Hunt, Evie Tweddle, Emilia Weldon, Oliver Benton, William Trickett, Archie Waterhouse, Oliver Meredith, Roxie Prince, Elliot Wicks, Whole of 6P

Love of Learning...

- dream big, have a thirst for learning and achieve your ambitions...

Encouraging...

- to be supportive of yourself and others and value everyone's ideas...

Adaptable...

- being versatile, creative and being prepared to take risks...

Determination...

- being resilient when the going gets tough...

A HUGE "thank you" for last month's fundraising!

Our non-school uniform day in aid of Shelterbox raised **£438.50** – a fantastic result – well done everyone.

The cake sale for Macmillan was also a huge success and raised a whopping **£548.78**. Thank you to everyone who brought in cakes and to all those who helped by buying and eating them!



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Technology at Fulfen

You might remember when we had visitors and a film crew last summer to film how iPad is used in our school? Well, they were in awe of the range of skills from our pupils and have put together a video showcasing our school. Apple are incredibly impressed with the variety of ways in which we utilise our devices in the classroom.



Over the years, we have tailored the way in which our children can use an iPad to help them with their learning. Maybe they're watching a video to help with a



task; or using a resource to scaffold their thoughts; possibly creating a digital video to showcase their learning; or programming a robot to complete a task; maybe they're completing an assessment so the teacher knows exactly where to take their learning next... the list goes on.

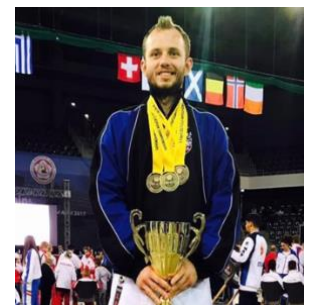
Please take a minute to watch the video, which shows just some of the amazing ways that we use iPad in our school [here](#) on our website.



to see our Apple video!

Karate Champion in the school

Our very own Mr Broadhead spoke to the children in assembly last week about his achievements. He has won many medals over the years with his most recent being awarded the title of WUKF World Kumite Champion!



We know that we have many budding martial artists in our school already, but if your child fancies trying a new sport, Mr Broadhead is running a Karate class at Chase Terrace Academy on Mondays from 6-7pm.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

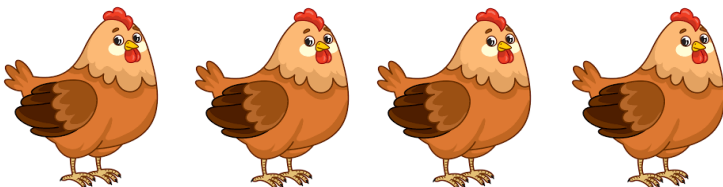
Garden update

The Thursday night Garden Club made delicious vegetable soup and bread rolls with our school Chef Mr Jakes. They prepared all of the vegetables we harvested and were thrilled with their efforts.



Chickens!


We have purchased and built our first Chicken Coup which will house our first 3, rescued battery chickens. Building of the chicken run will continue during half term.



Polytunnel construction underway:



The Rotary Club are working very hard to get our polytunnel up for the winter. The children can then use it to plant out new vegetable and flowers for next year. The base is nearly complete and we are now ready to order the tunnel.

If you would like to make a donation to help us with the cost of this, then please take a look at  [ParentPay](#) where you can make a donation from just £1.00.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

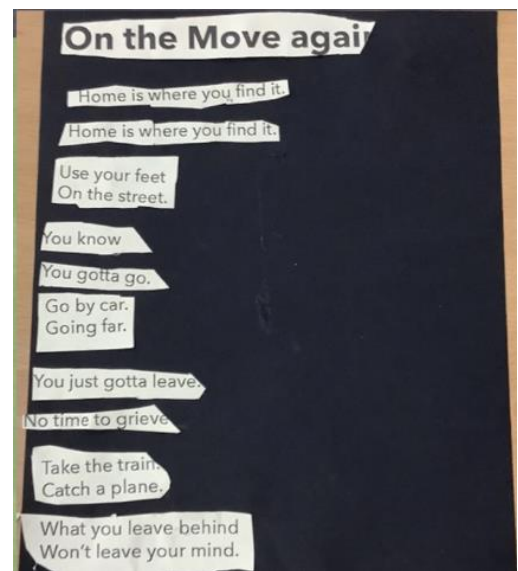
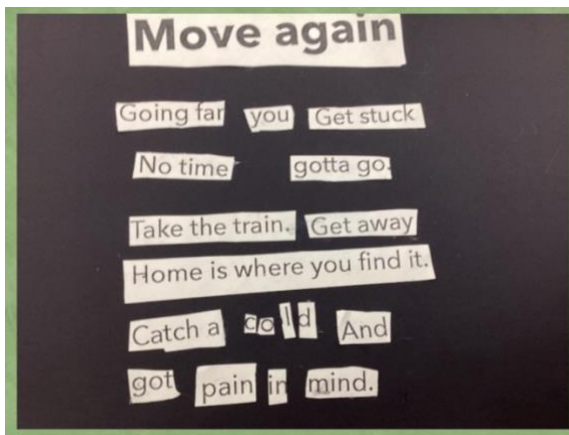
National Poetry Day

Thursday 5th October was National Poetry Day and this year's theme was refuge. All the children enjoyed the opportunity to read, write and share their poems linked to this theme.

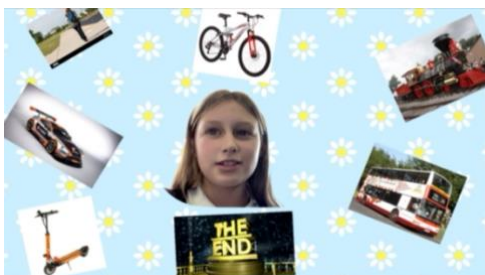
Here are a few digital examples of work from Year 3 – who created their own versions of the poem “Take a Deep Breath” by by Joseph Coelho. Get ready to relax! (click the image to watch the **video**):



In Year 4, children deconstructed “On The Move Again” by Michael Rosen and put it back together and examined how the meaning had changed:



And, from Year 5, some work based on the poem “Somewhere” by Michael Rosen; they've linked their ideas to the journey from Year 4 to Year 5 (click the **image to watch** the poetry performance):



Celebrations - what we've been up to

More Poetry – The Highwayman

Year 5 have been immersing themselves in the world of poetry and have also re-written and performed their favourite verse from The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. Watch these amazing performances from our very own Highwaymen:



Primary Science Quality Award for Fulfen

We are delighted to announce that Fulfen has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) as a result of our development of our science curriculum over the last twelve months.



This means that science at Fulfen is in an incredible place and is ever-improving. The children's learning in science is of high quality and they are making good progress each lesson thanks to our dedicated teachers who plan and resource our fantastic lessons.

This is a great achievement for our school – a huge well done to Mrs Kennedy for collecting the evidence to demonstrate the great work that goes on in our school every day. As a school, we are so excited to see where science will take our pupils!



Useful Information - what's coming up

Can you help raise money for our school funds?

School funds are vital now more than ever. Did you know that you can support our school from the comfort of your own home **at no cost to yourself**? There are thousands of online brands (including Morrisons, Screwfix, Just Eat, Etsy, Shein and many more) that will make a small 'thank you' donation to our school EVERY time you shop online and use easyfundraising.

This is FREE, EASY and QUICK and we ask for you to take 2 minutes to register as every little really does help – especially in the run up to Christmas with all the Christmas shopping!

All you need to do is:

- 1) Download the easyfundraising app: [for apple](#) or [for android](#).
- 2) Search for the cause: Fulfen Primary School
- 3) Set up your profile
- 4) "Enable Donation Reminder" so that you don't miss the opportunity to donate.



Then, every time you go on a website that participates, you'll get an automatic pop-up for you to confirm a donation with no extra effort from yourself other than a tap of a button.

At the moment we have 47 supporters and have raised £367.14 for school - imagine what we would raise if all our families and friends signed up!

Parking near the school

It is part of our job in the community to ensure that our children and local community are as safe as they can be. When dropping children at school by car, can you please ensure that you park responsibly around the area of the school. We have had a number of complaints from local residents and are sure that the majority of parents agree that it is important that any inconsiderate parking is not acceptable as everyone has the right to arrive at school safely.

You can report any irresponsible parking around the school directly to:

parking.enforcement@stoke.gov.uk



Useful Information - what's coming up

Online Safety Update – Among Us

Although Among Us is presented in a 'child-friendly' visual style, any children's game which essentially focuses on the concepts of deceit, betrayal and killing is always likely to cause some concerns. Here is the latest advice from National Online Safety:

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Sports Updates

Our Y6 boys have won every game in their football tournament and are now through to the finals! Well done boys!

More football coming up:

- Thursday 12th October Y3/4 Mixed
- Monday 16th October Y5/6 Girls
- Thursday 19th October Y6 Boys



Good luck to all of our teams!

Young Voices Information



Young Voices rehearsals are well underway for the performance at Resorts World Arena, Birmingham on Monday 22nd January. It's a great selection of songs this year including a Moana Mashup, a Matilda Medley and of course the ever-popular Pop Medley!

Ticket and T shirt order forms have been given out and need to be returned to Mrs Shermer or the office by Friday 20th October.

Clubs

As always, we pride ourselves on the amount of clubs that we put on and have had excellent attendance so far this year!

After half term, sports Clubs on offer (with Mr Broadhead) are:

- Monday KS2 Archery (competitive) 20 places
- Tuesday KS1 Martial Arts 15 places
- Wednesday KS2 Martial Arts 20 places
- Thursday Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics (competitive) 20 places

There will also be more exciting teacher-led clubs (such as choir, art and dance) too! Relevant year groups will be emailed about the clubs available before half term.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Do you shop at Tesco? We need your help!

Don't forget that you can now vote for Fulfen Garden Appeal at the following Tesco Stores.

2501 Fazeley Tamworth Express	B78 3RB
3073 Lichfield Netherstow Express	WS13 6TS
3126 Shenstone Lichfield Express	WS14 0JR
4671 Lichfield Three Spires Express	WS13 6NF
5064 Amington Tamworth Express	B77 3DG
5338 Dosthill Tamworth Express	B77 1LE
5852 Lichfield Extra	WS13 6DZ



To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk> Simply make a purchase in store and pop your token in the Fulfen Garden Appeal box. You won't need to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Please support our project by spreading the word so we can purchase our poly-tunnel and hens!

Voting is open until mid-January. Thank you in advance for your support.

Harvest celebrations are approaching!

Harvest donations of tins and packets of food (which will be given to the Cannock & District Foodbank, Chads Moor) are being accepted until Friday 20th October.

Our performances are on **Thursday 19th October:**

Key Stage 1 – 9:30 am

Key Stage 2 – 10:30 am

You are welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a biscuit before the performances.



Pre-School parents are invited to stay at the end of the morning session at 11:15 am to celebrate harvest with their children.

Reception children will be taking part in a Forest School Harvest Parade on Thursday 19th October: **R1 at 3:00 pm and R2 at 3:20 pm**

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Useful Information & what's coming up

Open Day for Reception Parents for next academic year:



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RECEPTION OPEN DAY

Tuesday 14th November 2023

9:15am - 10:45am

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Refreshments in the school hall, accompanied by our school choir performing a selection of songs. Early Years presentation, followed by meet our headteacher and Early Years staff.

Tour of the school by our School Ambassadors.



If you are interested in attending please scan the QR code or follow the link to complete the Microsoft form

<https://forms.office.com/e/3zhBzsiLcN>

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Open Day for Pre-School Parents for next academic year:



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PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Thursday 23rd November
10:00am - 11:00am

Was your child born between 1st Sept 2020 - 31st Aug 2021? Are you looking for a Pre-School place for your child next year?

Join us for our open day and experience what Fulfen has to offer!

Pre-School places for 3 and 4 year olds
15 and 30 hours funded and fee paying places available
for September 2024

If you are interested in attending please
scan the QR code and complete the
Microsoft form

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Useful Information & what's coming up

Half Term Multi-sports Club at the Friary



OCTOBER FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

30th Oct - 3rd Nov



-  4-12 YEAR OLDS
-  8.30AM-3.30PM
-  £20 PER DAY
-  £80 PER WEEK

The Friary school, Lichfield, WS13 7EW
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Useful Information & what's coming up

An “Ele-fantastic” opportunity for pupils at Fulfen!

Here at Fulfen we will be getting creative and joining the “March of the Elephants” - a unique community art event in 2024 when the streets and parks of Lichfield, Tamworth and Sutton Coldfield will be home to a series of intricately decorated elephant sculptures.



We will be adopting and designing our own elephant sculpture which will then feature in a family-friendly trail for people to enjoy whilst exploring local areas. The programme will enable community groups, schools, businesses and nurseries to showcase their commitment to community cohesion and will allow us here at Fulfen to celebrate the creativity of our children and young people in the context of their wider environment and the world around them.

Dates for your diary

- 18th October - Year 4 Visit to Tamworth Castle
- 19th October - School Harvest Festival
- 20th October - please bring in any final harvest donations
- 20th October - Young Voices order deadline
- 24th October - Pre-school Photos
- 24th October - Year 3 Stone Age Day
- 25th October - Parents Evening 3.45 -6.00pm
- 26th October - Parents Evening 4.45 -7.30pm
- 27th October - Feel Good Friday Non-Uniform Day
- 30th Oct – 3rd Nov Half Term
- 6th November INSET Day: School closed for teacher training.
- 14th November – Reception (Sept 2024) Parents’ open day
- 23rd November – Prospective Pre-school Parents’ open day

