



ANGLESEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS GREEN

Dear Parents and Carers,



Mr Pembleton has been in school today again. He will be in school next Thursday and Friday too. On Friday he will be at the Parent Forum Meeting at 9.00am, so please come along and say hello and I'm sure he'll have some time to answer any questions you might have.

Mrs Green

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half term week – 12th-16th February
Young Voices Choir – 23rd January
Fire Fighter visit to Y4 – 25th/26th January
Parent Forum – 26th January with Mr Pembleton
Falconry in Reception – 29th January
BrigHouse Residential/SLB – 1st February
E-Safety Week – WB 5th February
Science Day – 7th February

WEBSITE AND TWITTER

<https://www.angleseysch-bham.co.uk>

<https://twitter.com/AngleseyP>

[Youtube@anglesey.bham.sch.uk](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

ATTENDANCE



Our current attendance figure for this week is at **94.7%**. That is much better. It is really important that your child attends school every day possible. Let's get this number higher! If your child comes every day, they could win a family hamper each half term.

WELL DONE SL1 and 2 – 100% attendance!



WELL DONE ALSO TO 3T, 5O and 6C with 99%!

1K have hugely improved and this week have 95%.

5H and 4PC are down at only 90% this week.

If your child's attendance is low, then you will be receiving a phone call from the Phase Leader to find out why and to try and improve their attendance.

A text will be sent if your child is late twice in a week.

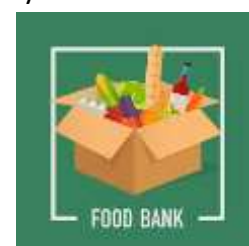
FOODBANK

We are sorry to announce that Fareshare, the charity that provides food for our foodbank are no longer able to provide the service.

Without this service we are unable to supply a weekly food bank.

We will be in touch with you soon, as we are trying to arrange for alternative providers to donate food.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



STAFF NEWS

Mr Ferris has been taking Comptia IT courses to improve his skills and knowledge using an online learning service from North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College.

As a result of his fast learning/career progression path, he's been nominated for an Inspirational Adult learner in the West Midlands learning award scheme.

We are all very proud of him and wish him good luck with the award.



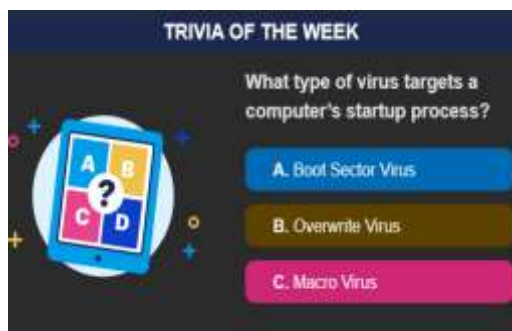
MORE STAFF NEWS!

Congratulations to Mrs McCoy who has completed an MA in Education! She won't want me to tell you, but she achieved an A grade.

We are very proud of her and all of her hard work.

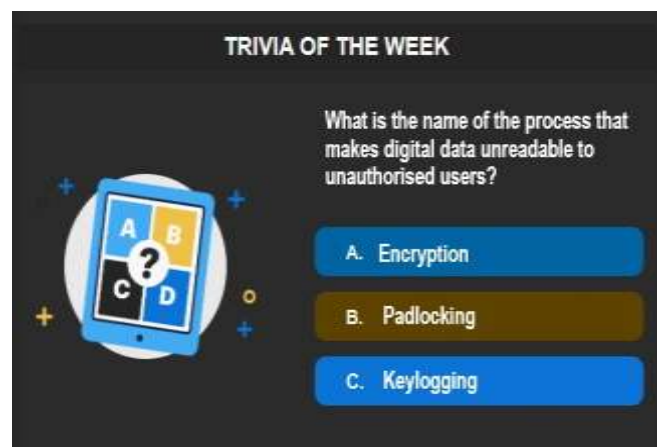


CYBERSECURITY QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Answer to last week's question:

A: Boot sector virus.



Answer next week!

PARENT FORUM

On Friday 26th January, we will be hosting our first Parent Forum meeting for this New Year. Please come and join us in KS2 Hall at 9:00am. This will be a great opportunity to meet Mr Pembleton our new Head Teacher.



RECEPTION VISIT TO SUTTON PARK

Reception visited Sutton Park in the cold and sunshine this week. They were looking for inspiration to write using all of their senses.



School Attendance – a very important message for all parents/carers

Important - please read!

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is an important update about school attendance for the 2023/24 academic year.

Anglesey School is working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance.

A big thank you to the majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly, particularly during the current cost of living crisis impacting families.

Your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work. It will also enable your child to:

- access the lessons needed to achieve their expected grades
- maintain friendships and develop new ones
- have access to social and sporting events offered by the school
- explore potential careers
- develop work habits such as good punctuality which are essential to thrive in the world of employment

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

If you are worried about your child/children's attendance the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with the school directly. The school has specialist staff who may be able to help, and all schools work closely with health and council teams who may also be able to help if needed. If you have concerns about mental health; domestic abuse; parenting; bereavement; finance; problems with drugs and alcohol; you can find help and support from the 'From Birmingham with Love' webpage:

[From Birmingham with Love](#)

Additionally, Birmingham City Council provides online information and guidance to parents on school attendance which you can access here:

[School Attendance Information for Parents](#)

It may be tempting to book a family holiday in term time to save on costs during the cost of living crisis. Parents have also told us that the impact of industrial action in schools and the recent pandemic has made them even more likely to book holidays during the school term.

However, now is not the time for children to miss even more school. Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are very unlikely to be authorised. Taking children on leave without applying for authorisation may mean the school has to report your child as 'missing' to the local authority and holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively in law. Adding even more absence to the time children have missed because of school closures only means that the children miss even more lessons that will not be repeated.

Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Notifying the school of leave due to a family emergency does not mean it will be authorised.

Please note that where parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered.

We wish you and your child/children all the best for the new academic year.

Kind regards

Education Legal Intervention Team
Birmingham City Council

1K – MRS ALI

We welcome the amazing Mrs Ali to class 1K. The children's attendance has shot up to 95% since she arrived and they are all doing so well. It's lovely to have her as part of our Anglesey team.



