



# The Anchor News

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Our values focus this half term is **Compassion**



Date for your diary: Monday 7th June - SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Training Day

Hello!

It has been a very busy - and rainy - week! The children looked very smart on Wednesday for their photos. Don't forget to order them by using the card that your child brought home.

In case you didn't know, I am the SENDCo for the academy, which means I am responsible for ensuring all children with special educational needs or disabilities receive everything they need to be supported during their time at school. If you ever have any concerns about your child, please book an appointment to come and have a chat. Also, keep an eye out for SEND updates coming in future issues of the newsletter.

In year 5 we have been reading Macbeth, by William Shakespeare. The children have been enjoying writing their own plays, casting their own spells and writing narrative poems surrounding the story.



Don't forget to check out our class blog, where you can find out more about all of the fantastic learning the children are doing at the moment.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Price  
SENDCo & Class Teacher



## YOUNG MINDS AGAINST COUNTY LINES



### WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Children are being coerced into carrying drugs across the country by gangs and dealers, which has led to an 807% increase in modern slavery in the UK. The issue is especially prominent in Birmingham, with approximately 100 County Lines running in and out of the city.

### OUR AIM

We want to see County Lines and grooming taught in PSHE in age-appropriate ways to years 5 and 6 so that they are as protected as they can be especially during that transition period between primary and secondary school, which can be especially difficult. We hope that a classroom that is better armed against County Lines is a safer, more peaceful space to learn and grow up.

### OUR COMMITMENT

We are pledging to educate as many parents, teachers and children about County Lines and grooming, in order to arm our community with the knowledge to spot County Lines grooming when it's happening and stop it before the child is fully involved.

### A PARENTS STORY

"We've actually seen one of our sons thrown into the back of a car (...). When he comes back in the house and describes to you, 'if I don't pay I'm going to be hurt', what do you do then?"

### WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of passionate young adults studying an interdisciplinary degree at the University of Birmingham. We created our organisation because we want to see a future where children can grow up in safe communities and classrooms without the threat of County Lines, and we are committed to making this future a reality.



## Safeguarding: County Lines

For more information please visit:  
[youngmindsagainstcountylin.es.co.uk](http://youngmindsagainstcountylin.es.co.uk)

Feel free to contact them if you have any queries  
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Compassion isn't about solutions.  
It's about giving all the love you 've got.

- Cheryl Strayed



**Article 8** (protection and preservation of identity)

Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

## UNICEF Rights of the Child

**Article 16** (right to privacy)

Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.



**Royal Mail Heroes  
Stamp Competition**

**THIS Monday  
(24th May)**

is the deadline to  
hand in your entries.

### Photo Order Deadline for FREE Delivery to School

This week we had photo day and sent home your order form (as seen below).

Please be aware that if you would like to order any photos and get FREE delivery to school the order deadline is next week **SATURDAY 29th MAY** (after the end of term).

You can order after that but will need to pay a small delivery fee.



Please  
take note...

### Breakfast Club...

*After half term,  
Breakfast Club  
will return to  
starting at 8am*

**Date for your diary:**  
Monday 7th June  
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Teacher Training Day

## National Numeracy Day

**19 May 2021**

On Wednesday it was National Numeracy Day, and every class took part in an exciting maths challenge in their classroom.

The focus this year was all about how we need numbers for different types of jobs when we are older, even jobs we may not think we need maths for.

Check out the class blogs to see what the children learned about!

National  
Numeracy  
Day

For more information you can visit  
[nationalnumeracy.co.uk](https://nationalnumeracy.co.uk)

## NURSERY PLACES School Year 2021/22

If you or a friend has a child born between September 1st 2017 and August 31st 2018 then you can apply for a Nursery place for September. Please contact the office to arrange collecting an application form.



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