



## Reception mini scientists



This week in Reception the children have been carrying out experiments with ice. They have enjoyed describing what ice feels like and they were very excited to observe what happened when they held an ice cube in their hands. They also left pots of ice outside and by a radiator to investigate where the ice would melt the fastest.



**Congratulations to**  
**1J and Year 4**  
**Lunchtime Classes of the Week**



**RB Sophie Young & Elliott Griffin**

**RS Naomi Watson & Jake Read**

**1J Grace Garside & Eshal Hamid**

**1R Jessica Riordan & Sabah Ghazal**

**2W Martha Carn & Ava Wilcox**

**2G Millie-Grace Biddle & Charles Booth**

**Year 3 Tabitha Jones-Gilmore & Jessica Ashley**

**Year 4 Tristan Key & Lewis Gibbons**

**Year 5 Evie Tonks & Emily Culley**

**Year 6 Iliana Michael & Musa Sultan**



## **Sports update**

It has been a busy couple of weeks at Maney Hill on the sporting front. During P.E lessons, specialist coaches are working alongside 1R and 2G for their Gymnastics sessions, and Aston Villa are supporting 1J and 2W with their multi-skills lessons. All classes in Key Stage 2 are working with an F.A skills coach, developing their football skills too. We aim to ensure all classes get chance to work with specialist coaches for at least a half-term during the year.

Children from Year 5 and 6 went to Castle Vale Baths to take part in the Sutton Schools Swimming Gala trials following on from the Year 3 and 4 trials that happened just before Christmas. I was extremely impressed with the standard of swimming, well done to all who took part. Letters have been sent out to the children who will represent the school at the gala in early February at Walsall swimming baths. Hopefully whilst enjoying the competition, we can also retain some of the clean-sweep of trophies we won last year!

Last Thursday night, selected children from Year 6 took part in a Basketball competition against 9 other schools at Bishop Vesey Grammar School. The children played with skill and determination, progressing through their group with 3 wins and a loss, then picking up a bronze medal for finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Well done to Vincent, Danny, Tom, Ethan, Freddie, Zoe Poppy and Maddie for an excellent team performance.

On Monday 20 children from Year 2 took part in a multi-skills competition also at Bishop Vesey. The event tested skills of balance, coordination, agility and speed with children rotating around a series of activities collecting points for the team. The concept introduces children to friendly competition, and Maney's two teams competed in the right spirit, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place overall. Well done to all involved.

Mr Wigley

# Interested in inclusive football holiday sessions for your child?

The FA Skills Programme provides quality football coaching in a safe and positive environment.

We cater for all abilities, from beginners to more experienced players and provide the opportunity for children to develop technically, psychologically, physically and socially.

Sessions will challenge participants at their own level, whilst they also learn the importance of teamwork and responsibility. We also ensure children have fun, and enjoy their football as they grow in confidence.

## The FA.com/Skills Girls Only & Mixed Sessions

**WHERE:** Boldmere St. Michaels, Church Road,  
Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B73 5RY.

**WHEN:** Tues 20th February & Wed 21st February.

**FOR:** Boys and Girls of all abilities aged 7-11.

**TIME:** 10am – 12pm & 12pm – 2pm

**COST:** Boys: £5 for 2 hours OR £7 for 4 hours  
Girls Only: Free

**LED BY:** DBS Checked FA Skill Coaches.

**Other Info:** Please make sure your child has shinpads and suitable clothing. Plenty of fluids, and snacks if attending the whole day.

Reserve your child's space at [www.thefa.com/skills](http://www.thefa.com/skills)