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Enrichment Activities

An after-school Maths Club is being run by Roger Hailwood, one of our school governors. It was attended by members of year 6 during the autumn term and by members of year 5 in the spring term. The purpose of the club has been to introduce interesting mathematical ideas for which there is limited time in the present Maths curriculum.

So far, the children have investigated pattern by drawing stars, curve stitching, tiling, making 3D shapes from paper and straws and tried mathematical puzzles. All with enthusiasm.

For success and satisfaction many of the activities require the careful use of mathematical tools such as pencils, rulers, protractors and compasses, so these skills transfer to normal school mathematics.

Young Leaders

Once again the Year 6 Young Leaders have done a great job for Mrs Simpson and Mrs Lewis. They have supported the younger children with games and friendship - as well as helping the lunchtime staff on the playground.

After Easter half term, Year 6 will be getting ready for their SATS and secondary school so Year 5 will be taking over.

I would like to thank Year 6 for all their help and support and am sure they will give Year 5 their support.

Multi Academy Trusts

The Governors are still in the process of making a decision about whether to join the John Taylor MAT (Multi Academy Trust). In order to help us make the best decision possible, we have asked Colin Hopkins, the Director of Education for the Lichfield Diocese, to come and talk to us about the implications of this for All Saints.

The Governors will be meeting him on 19th April.

This is quite timely in the light of the announcement by *George Osborne* in the budget that all schools will have to become Academies and that therefore Local Authorities will no longer be responsible for schools. As things stand at the moment, comparatively few primary schools have gone for Academy status.

Recruiting a new Head Teacher.

As you all know, *Mr Gray* will be retiring at the end of the school year. The Governors have started the recruitment process to find a new full-time head. We shall be interviewing over two days towards the end of April and hope to be able to appoint someone shortly after that with a view to their starting in September this year.