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# The Adderley Post

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## Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers ,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break over the summer. It is always a pleasure to see all the children return for the start of a new year, especially now that many of the restrictions have been lifted and life is beginning to return to a more normal way. The children have quickly settled into their new classrooms, ready and eager to learn. They all look very smart and have enjoyed getting back into school life, being with their friends and teachers.

I would also like to extend a big welcome to our new parents and carers in our Reception classes whose children started their first mornings and afternoons with us last week. It has been a delight to see them begin their learning journey at Adderley Primary School.

Mrs R Darr

## WE ARE AN AWARD WINNING SCHOOL



We have built up an impressive record of achievements in the past year or two! We are one of the few Platinum schools for Artsmark in the UK established on our outstanding practice in art and design.

We are the second primary school in Birmingham to have received the Gold Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award based on embedding children's rights through our unique curriculum and ethos.

Our Art Ambassadors officially opened the new Tortoise enclosure at Drayton Manor Zoo with their winning tortoise sculptures as a result of excellent art teaching and learning.

We recently participated in an internet safety campaign which received an official title in the Guinness World Records!



Some of our children recently entered the Reading Agency's doodle competition. Three of our entries were selected as a winner of the Holly Hopkinson Doodle Competition. Overall, there were approximately 30 entries across the country and 3 of the 5 winners were from Adderley! Huge congratulations to Sakeena (Yr 5) Hana (Yr 5) and Tanisha (Yr 6) !



We were recently awarded with the Primary Science Quality Mark centred on our excellent practice in Science.

We are a National Online Safety Certified School for our commitment to keeping children safe online and teaching them how to report inappropriate online content.

Our children won the Global Canvas 2020 and were finalists again last year for their amazing art work!



Artsmark  
Platinum Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



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## Headlines from our School Development Plan

Each year we review how the school is performing. This helps us to decide how we can further develop our school and enable our children to be the best they can be. We analyse our latest results, as well as information from our annual pupil, staff and parent questionnaires. We also listen to educational advisers who visit our school. Below is a summary of our current priorities:

**1. Further improve outcomes for our Reception children in line with the new EYFS framework.**

- \* We will be holding workshops for parents, strengthening our parent partnerships.

**2. Improve children's reading, writing and speaking skills.**

- \* We will introduce a programme which will help children to develop their higher order speaking skills and purchase further reading books across the school.

**3. Further improve children's reasoning and problem-solving skills in maths.**

- \* We will further develop children's mathematical fluency and reasoning skills as well as their confidence and ability in the efficient use of times tables.

**4. Close the attainment gap between boys and girls, disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children.**

- \* We will implement further strategies for children who may have slipped back whilst the school was closed during lockdown, particularly the boys and non-disadvantaged children.

**5. Further improve our Curriculum so that it helps children use their knowledge and skills across different subjects.**

- \* We will enhance curriculum design to make explicit links across different subject and stages.

## Inspirational story from Mrs Begum

This is Mrs Begum's nephew, Zain. Zain attended Adderley Primary School for a duration of time as an infant. At the age of 6 years, Zain was diagnosed with hydrocephalus of the brain resulting in a life long debilitating condition. Although he has undergone considerable brain surgery, Zain is strong boy who refuses to let his disability get in the way of his life and education.



Zain is part of the sports team at his school and captain of table cricket team, leading from the front. Zain has 15 gold medals in various games during his years at secondary school.

He has now been chosen, alongside four other children, to carry the Commonwealth Games torch or flag from Buckingham Palace down the Pall Mall, representing his school and children with disabilities on the 7th October. You will see Zain on television on that day. What an inspiration to us all!

**Did you know our children were part of the branding of the Commonwealth Games and contributed to the design of the 2022 logo? Our school is featured on the official website!**

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