City of Birmingham School: Management Committee
Instead of Governing Bodies COBS has a Management Committee that works closely with our Centres. Members include staff, Head Teachers, people from the Local Authority and also the Community. The Committee holds regular meetings and to find out more please contact Sunil Vyakaranam on 0121 464 3510.

Safeguarding our Staff and Pupils.
All of our pupils are expected to place all items that are not needed in their lessons or during the school day in their lockers as they enter the building. If we think a pupil may have a ‘prohibited item’ then we are allowed to search them or their belongings. On occasions we will use an electronic metal detector as our pupils enter their Centre. If pupils bring weapons or other objects that are clearly intended for use as weapons then we will always inform the police.

Supporting your Child’s learning at home
If you are wondering how you can help you could try to.....
- Put aside some quality time to spend with your child each day to talk about what they’ve learned.
- Encourage your child to read by sharing books, newspapers or magazines together.
- Improve your child’s maths by using numbers together, for example, at the supermarket.

DIARY DATES
School closed for training—Friday 8th February.
Half term holiday—Friday 15th February.
School closed for training—Monday 1st April.

EVENTS

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A fabulous start to the new year here at Minerva with lots of fun activities and exciting learning opportunities for all our pupils. A big welcome has been made to our two new teaching staff Emily Sheehan & Annabel McCormack who have settled into life at Minerva brilliantly. Also a sad farewell to Hassan Mahmood & Deanna Dawes, who will be leaving us at the end of this term to start other exciting adventures.

We have lots to be proud of this year including plenty of opportunities for outdoor education, P.E, music and also the start of swimming lessons for some of our pupils. We also had a fantastic Dragon’s Den where children pitched to the dragon’s to bid for money to make items at our Christmas Fair.

We hope that as many parents, carers and family members will join us here at Minerva on Thursday 20th December at 11am for our Christmas Fair where you will have the chance to buy all our handmade Christmas goodies—just in time for Christmas!

Lastly, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy and safe new year.

Attendance and Punctuality
If your child is absent, please contact the Centre as early as possible to let us know why they are away. It is very important that pupils have good attendance levels and are punctual. We hope that all pupils reach at least 90% attendance.

Congratulations to Tyler W and his family for the most improved attendance this term!

With more consistent effort other pupils can be recognised for their attendance and punctuality.

Head of Centre: Caroline Willis
**Blue Group**

This term all groups have been working hard on their cycling skills. We have had the bike ability team in who have taught some children to ride bikes and the daily maintenance how looking after a bike. These children achieved their level 1 bike ability award.

Blue and orange group have been taking to the streets of Frankley to learn road and safety awareness when riding a bike. Through this they were able to achieve their level 2 bike ability award.

**Orange Group**

**Dragon’s Den!**

Our topic this half term has been ‘Dragon’s Den,’ which has involved each class coming up with their own mini enterprise project. The pupils have been busy researching and designing items to make and sell at our Christmas Fayre.

Before they started making their products, they had to present their ideas to the ‘Dragons’ to try and get them to invest money in them! It was a difficult sell, as the ‘Dragons’ (Miss Willis, Mr Evans and Miss Kauser) were a feisty bunch who were not easily persuaded! However, they all succeeded and their exciting projects have been well under way this week. Yellow Group are making bracelets; Green Group are making snow globes; Orange Group are making snowman related gifts and Blue Group are making slime. They children have really enjoyed it and have made some amazing products. Some children have also displayed some brilliant enterprise skills! Whose stall will sell out first?!

**Yellow Group**

Our year 1, 2 and 3’s got Christmas off to a jolly good start this year with a visit to the mac’s Rudolph play at the start of December.

“I love going to plays with school, I wish we could do it ever week”. Hayleigh, Yellow group.

Thank you to Mrs. Manley for organising tickets and co-coordinating the event.

Parents please remember to leave a carrot or two out for Christmas’ unsung hero’s this year!

**Green Group**

This term we have had the pleasure of working alongside Mr D- Our new PE teacher! Mr D has been working with all the groups and has been giving out medals and trophies to different classes and children who have worked extremely hard. Green group and yellow group have been learning how to do some really cool dance moves. Green group have learnt how to break dance and have been practising their balancing skills. Meanwhile in yellow group they have also learnt some balancing skills, they have also learnt some amazing bhangra moves! Blue and Orange group have also joint in with the PE lessons but have also been taking swimming lessons. The children have been visiting a swimming bath and have had a specialist instructor teach them and show different types of strokes which the children have been able to complete and show off! In 2019 all children will have the opportunity to go swimming and learn some fun essential life skills.