

Happening in Courthouse Green.

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Welcome to the second edition of the CGNN. Junior Leaders have been voted in (see the display outside the office), as have the Eco Councillors and the Anti Bullying Champions. Make sure you make a note of who they are as they are there to help you! Why not, for example, approach a JLT member and tell them your views about the school or tell an eco councillor about a part of the school you think is particularly tidy or a part that needs attention!

Questions:

- **Who are your JLT and eco council members?**
 - **Name two ABCs.**

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One of our big pushes this year is on reading. All classes have a target to ensure that 75% of the class read at least 3 times a week at home. That means around 22 children in a class of 30 need to be reading at least 3 times a week! But why, I hear you cry, is reading so important? Well just look around you- the world we live in is full to bursting point with words and sentences and if we cannot understand them we may begin to find it a confusing place. In fact research suggests that boys who read at home actually earn more money when they are adults than boys who do not.

Questions:

- **How often did you read at home last week? The week before?**
- **How do you think you could contribute to the class target of 75%?**
 - **Why is it important that we can read?**
- **What do you think about the research that says boys who read at home earn more money when they are older?**
 - **Why do you think this is?**



Happening in Coventry.

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Questions:

- **Do you use libraries in Coventry? Which ones?**
- **Why do you think you using them regularly will help keep them open?**
- **Why does Sarah want to keep the libraries open?**
 - **Why else does she think libraries should be kept open?**
 - **Do you think the libraries need to be kept open? Why?**

It is ESPECIALLY important to read right now as our libraries are under lots of pressure to close. If we don't use them we will certainly lose them!



Libraries across Coventry are under threat because the council says it wants to save money. It has said that unless people volunteer to run the libraries (work there without being paid) they will close. However, some library users have criticised the plans.

Sarah Smith, from Save Coventry's Libraries Group, taught herself to read at the city's libraries.

"Libraries are no longer just for people to borrow books. They are for children to do homework, adults to do job searches, they are a place to go for elderly people," she said.

She also added: "How can mothers who cannot afford to buy reading books, teach their children to read if their local library is closed?"

Kevin Maton, cabinet member for education and skills, said the council wanted to keep the buildings open, but "had no choice" but to look for volunteers to run some services.