



# KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning Monday 11th June 2018

<b>Sycamore</b>	The adults would like to praise Sophie, Johnathan, Harry and Brooke for their writing all week based around Wallace and Gromit. They would also like to praise 'Fagan's boys' for their acting in the rehearsals this week. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Callum for his emotive piece of writing as Gromit <i>There is no Maths Master this week as children have been focusing on their writing projects.</i>
<b>Birch</b>	The teachers in year 5 would like to praise Jayden for his great home-learning on his own identity and Rosie for completing some very good research on genetic characteristics during our science this week. They would also like to praise Daniel for writing an excellent story on Monday and Connie for working on fractions of money well. A big well done goes to Alex, Mae, Luke S, Thaddeus and Dannielle for their brilliant effort in handwriting group this week. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Chelsie for independently writing a fantastic advert and remembering the key features <b>Maths Master:</b> Thaddeus for solving some tricky problems that involved fractions
<b>Ash</b>	The teachers in Ash Class would like to praise Macie, Julia, Alexia and Graciemae for always demonstrating excellent behaviour for learning and being role models for other members of the class. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Alexia for writing an excellent recount of the 'Windhover' <b>Maths Master:</b> Jamal for independently using his knowledge of place value to answer some tricky riddles
<b>Beech</b>	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their excellent behaviour throughout the week and for their brilliant effort during our science day. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Freya for her great description of the different parts of a flowering plant <b>Maths Master:</b> Alexis for correctly calculating the perimeter of various shapes
<b>Maple</b>	Mrs Bond and Mrs Woolley would like to praise Leopard table for all the hard work they have put into their writing this week. They would also like to praise Ronnie H, Jack, Bradley, Tyreece and Anthony for demonstrating a grown up attitude whilst playing football this week. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Lilia for her amazing setting description on the Kalahari Desert which was jam packed with exceptional powerful vocabulary. <b>Maths Master:</b> Summer for independently using the inverse to check her addition calculations.
<b>Willow</b>	The teachers in Willow class would like to praise the whole class for their amazing effort and enthusiasm during Art Day this week. The work you produced is fantastic. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Honey for writing a great recount based on the book 'Meerkat Mail' <b>Maths Master:</b> Ruby for solving some very hard fraction problems
<b>Oak</b>	The teachers in year R would like to praise and thank Jacob, Matthew and Benjamin for their enthusiasm and willingness to share their ideas with others. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Danni for trying hard when forming letter shapes and writing her name <b>Maths Master:</b> Dolly for counting and recording accurately
<b>Cherry</b>	The adults in Nursery would like to praise all the children for their positivity towards remembering the Class rules after a week at home and returning back to school with super smiles! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Lucy for brilliant sound sorting during phonics! <b>Math Master:</b> Joyzer for showing how to count to 10 independently!

## Diary:

### Monday 11th June

Kingswood trip returns

Phonics screening week begins

KS1 football event at Greenfields

### Tuesday 12th June

Lasertag competition (pm)

### Wednesday 13th June

KS2 girls' football tournament (at Greenfields)

### Thursday 14th June

9.30am Informal new year R open morning

KS2 Boys' football tournament (at Greenfields)

### Friday 15th June

Snack Shack open from 2.45pm

Red, white and blue day for 'Aspire' charity

### Monday 18th June

Cricket festival (Y3/4) Sevenoaks

9am and 5pm—New YR parent meetings

### Tuesday 19th June

Year 2 strawberry picking and 'High Tea' event

### Thursday 21st June

Y3/4 to Wingham

## Garden SOS!

As you will have hopefully seen on the flyer that was distributed, Mrs Legg is organising a 'Garden SOS' afternoon in the Nursery courtyard garden. This will take place on Friday 22nd June. Please do join us if you can in the Nursery courtyard; we will be planting up the planters, making a pallet sofa and upcycling the playshed. If you can donate any plants to the garden, please do see Mrs Legg, drop them into Nursery or sign up on the sheet on the office door. Thank you very much for your support!

## Letters via Marvellous Me

In order to provide electronic copies of letters, as well as paper copies, we have decided to start sending out electronic copies of letters via Marvellous Me. Over 92% of the children have a parent/carer signed up to the app so we are hoping that this will be a useful additional means of communication. If you do not have a Marvellous Me password, or are having any difficulty in downloading the app, please just ask your child's class teacher (or ask at the office). We will continue to send out all letters on paper as well.

## No smoking

Please could we remind everyone that smoking, including vaping, is not allowed on the school grounds at any time. We would also be grateful if you could move away from the school gates before smoking/vaping at the start and end of the school day. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## Red, White and Blue Day!

Don't forget that we are dressing up this Friday in support of Fran Wallis who, with her team, is swimming the English Channel to raise money for the 'Aspire' charity. All contributions will be very gratefully received.

## Attendance

Whole school attendance has dropped again this week and now stands at 96.5%. Hopefully we will increase this in the next few weeks so we can finish the year a little higher. Well done to year 4 who had the highest attendance last week at 96.7%



# News from around the school

**Nursery:** Welcome back to the final term of the year. How fast has this year gone? The children have loved exploring Pirates! They know how to speak pirate language, dress as a pirate and have shared some gold doubloons!

This week we are going to be exploring Space! We will be reading, 'Whatever Next?' by Jill Murphy and linking some of the story into our learning. We will be learning about stars and looking at the different planets in our solar system.

Remember, our parents sharing events are on each Monday from 9.45-10.30am; this term you can join in with PE! There is a sign up form in the Nursery cloakroom along with details of this term's Express Event.

Finally, we are holding a Garden SOS event on Friday 22nd June. Please see the poster in the class window for further details—if you think you can donate your time or some plants—all will be gratefully received! Thank you!

**Star: Darcy for being an all round super star; showing super listening to all the adults and children, being a Tryatops during group work this week and for persevering when writing some letters in phonics!**

**Year 1:** As you know, your child will be taking the Phonics Screening test this week; this should not cause your child any stress or worry as they all have fantastic phonics knowledge. The children will be made to feel at ease throughout the process—they will not even be aware that they are taking the official test.

This week we will be looking at multiplication in Maths and writing instructions in Literacy.

As our topic this term is 'Paws, claws and whiskers' could you please send in any photos you have of your family pets so we can look at the wide range of animals we have as a class.

**Star: John for making an amazing animal mask during our Art Day!**

**Year 3:** This week in Beech class the children will be developing their knowledge of adventurous language to help them add more detail in to their narrative towards the end of the week.

In maths the children will be applying their knowledge of time to read analogue clocks as well as convert from digital to analogue. Towards the end of the week the children will be learning about Roman numerals and applying their knowledge to solve tricky word problems.

PE: our PE days are Monday and Wednesday, please ensure your child has their PE kit.

Spellings: we are really trying to encourage the children to conduct a spelling test at least 3 times a week; we would be grateful if you could support us with this process. If your child has lost their spelling book, this problem can be easily resolved. Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, please just ask myself or Mrs Pullen.

**Star: Elizabeth for being more confident in class and for not being able to clearly explain the parts of a plant to the rest of the class.**

**Year 5:** Term 6 already and it is set to be a busy one! This week in English we will be continuing our work on the book, 'Bill's New Frock' when writing short narrative, imagining we have woken to find that we are someone else. In SPaG lessons we will be working on extended noun phrases. Maths this week will be split into two halves, with the first part of the week focusing on types of triangle and the rest of the week focusing on factor pairs. Our arithmetic lessons will involve tasks on ordering fractions.

Last week in Science we researched different genetic characteristics, such as having dimples or a Widow's peak. This week Year 5 will be surveying the class to see which of the characteristics are the most and least common.

A date for your diary: the year 5 express event this term will be on Monday 16th July at 2.15pm.

**Star: Luke S for putting excellent effort in to English tasks this week**

**Year R:** Welcome back to the final term of this academic year...where has the time gone?

Our topic this term is 'Can we explore it?' and our learning will focus around 'things that move'. We will be using the children's interests and fascinations as a basis for our learning, looking at vehicles, animals and dinosaurs.

We all had great fun last week going on an adventure to Spain in our classroom and the children are keen to travel abroad later in the term too!

In three weeks we will be heading off for another school trip; this time to Wingham Wildlife Park to explore both animals and dinosaurs. A letter will be sent out shortly to confirm the details.

There will be no parent sharing sessions this term as it is already very busy with lots of different events for the children and our families to enjoy.

We look forward to enjoying a busy but fun-packed term!

**Star: Oliver B for his enthusiasm during our trip to Spain this week!**

**Year 2:** Welcome back to term 6; our final term in year 2!

This week in literacy all our learning will be based on the book, 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be focusing on a different genre of writing each day—this will include a non-chronological report, a letter, a character description, an explanation and a diary entry.

In maths we will be reading and recording measurements at the beginning of the week. We will be reading the daily temperature all week and recording this temperature on a blank thermometer. Towards the end of the week we will be improving our knowledge of fractions by identifying fractions and finding fractions of amounts. We will then use this knowledge to compare, reason and explain.

Please can I take this opportunity to ask for any 'junk' you may have? We are planning on building junk model animals towards the end of the term so any used boxes, bottles or cartons will be greatly appreciated.

**Star: Tyreece for the massive improvement he has shown in his writing this week through using the resources available and checking the spelling of high frequency words.**

**Year 4:** This week in our topic lessons we will be creating a food chain using ICT. We will also be researching different species of alligators and crocodiles and identifying where they live on a map. Following on from this, in Literacy, we will be writing our own dilemma story set in the Everglades National Park. Our main character will be a park ranger who has to rescue an alligator, injured by poachers. While in Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of addition and subtraction to answer a range of mastery and reasoning problems.

This term PE will be Rounders and Athletics. Can children please make sure they have their PE kit in school every day, including plimsolls or trainers.

**Star: Keira-Jane for her excellent contributions during our discussions about food chains.**

**Year 6:** This week in Sycamore class we are writing a newspaper report based around a theft in the 'Wrong Trousers'. The children will place their journalistic hats on, gather the facts and evidence (as well as some quotes) and produce a front page seller!

Topic: We are designing our own personal space as part of our ID topic. What would you have? Why?

PE will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and possibly Friday. All the rest of the spare time will be play practice! Many thanks.

**Star: Bethany for her writing all week and her improved confidence in the play.**

*Year 6 won this week's Walk on Wednesday. Well done Sycamore class!*