

Praise and Thank You!

Weeks Beginning 15th January 2018

Sycamore	The adults in year 6 would like to praise Ryan, Brooke and Kamile for their teamwork in planning their dance routine. They would also like to praise Chris for his prior knowledge of the Titanic and Chelsey for ignoring all distractions when working. Writer of the Week: Kayla for her piece of narrative based on 'Lost and Found' Maths Master: Harry for his work in fractions all week
Birch	Miss Shepherd would like to praise the whole class for helping her settle back in to being a teacher after returning from maternity leave! Writer of the Week: Dannielle for writing a very enjoyable diary entry Maths Master: Tyrell for challenging himself with written addition and doing brilliantly
Ash	The teachers in Ash Class would like to praise the whole class for their superb behaviour during our first swimming lesson. They would also like to praise Augustas, Amelia Rose and Charlie for their excellent definitions for the main parts of the water cycle. Writer of the Week: Mason for writing a fantastic story about a shark using effective language Maths Master: Natalya for applying her multiplication and division facts to simplify fractions
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Jessica and Ben W for achieving their handwriting pen and a massive well done to Dylan, Elly, Artur and Ellia for working together to locate rivers on a map. Writer of the Week: Bethany for her beautiful handwriting and for always trying her best in every literacy lesson! Maths Master: Ellia for applying her knowledge and understanding of multiplication to solve word problems and for being resilient throughout the lesson
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Anthony and Lexie for their improved spelling of high frequency words this week. They would also like to praise Harini for applying her beautiful, cursive handwriting to all her learning. Writer of the Week: Zuzanna for including a wide range of powerful adjectives in her character description Maths Master: Jasmine for the excellent score she achieved in her practice Maths SATs paper
Willow	Year 1 teachers would like to praise Lacie, Baylee D and George for having a fantastic attitude going into this new term. Writer of the Week: Bentley for his great work when writing a character profile Maths Master: Lena for her great work with arrays
Oak	The teachers in Reception would like to praise Waleola and Toby for great listening during carpet sessions this week Writer of the Week: Oliver B for trying hard with his letter formation during phonics sessions Maths Master: Dolly for her great counting of objects and matching to the correct numeral
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise all the children for returning after Christmas with a smile...Could we especially praise Freya and Oliver for a fantastic first week and Rory for growing in confidence every day! We are so proud of you all. Writer of the Week: Sofia for writing her name all by herself! Maths Master: Demi for super counting during the register

Diary:

Monday 15th January

2pm Football match vs Halfway Houses (home)

Year R applications close

Tuesday 16th January

9.15am Year R parent sharing event

Wednesday 17th January

Year 4 swimming

Tuesday 23rd January

9.15am Year R parent sharing event

Wednesday 24th January

Year 3 class assembly (9am)

Thursday 25th January

Tribal sports events

Friday 26th January

PTA film night

Lesley Barber football cup (girls) at Greenfields (pm)



eSafety

Another school in the REACH2 Trust has shared information regarding the 'Musically' app. Musically is a free social network app popular for viewing and creating short music videos. Children can select a song from thousands available on the app and record themselves singing, lip-syncing or dancing along to their chosen song. These videos can be shared.

Within the app is a direct messaging function (Directly). The default settings on this are set to public; as a result, some children have experienced some problems. The settings can be set to private.

We have received a 'parents' guide' document which has been posted on our website within the 'E-safety' folder (under the parents tab) if you would like further information or advice. Thank you.

Hot Chocolate

Don't forget that hot chocolate is available (while the weather remains cold) in the Snack Shack every Friday morning for 20p per cup.



Attendance

Whole school attendance stands at 96.4% at the end of the first full week back at school. This is below where we want to be; we need to aim to get this up again by the end of term 3.

Well done to year 6 for their excellent attendance of 99.3% this week. Reggie is looking forward to another week in Sycamore class.

News from around the school

Nursery: We have had a great week back after an exciting Christmas break! Last week the children have enjoyed learning some new information about the Arctic and Antarctic; we have created igloos and snowmen and our display board is starting to look brilliant!

Our new role play 'snow castle' is nearly ready for the children who have enjoyed helping to create it and they are very eager to get in and find out what activities await them.

This week we are going to continue with our 'slow and gentle movements' to music during some dance lessons. The book of the week is 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers; we will be linking our learning to the elements of the story. We will be learning about blizzards and watching some clips to explore how quickly snow can fall and we will be using some famous snow scenes painted by Monet, Shishkin and Bruegel to play 'I spy'!

Can we also take the opportunity to say a big thank you for all the lovely gifts and cards we received at the end of last term; it was very kind of you.

Star: Bella for knowing which materials she needed to make a fantastic igloo!

Year 1: Our first full week of our new topic, 'Moon Zoom' has been a fun-filled one rounded off perfectly with our 'Astro-dome' experience at the end of the week. The children got to go inside a big tent like structure to learn all about the lives of astronauts and ask questions about our solar system.

Willow Class got off to an ambitious start to the next term tackling multiplication for the first time; I have been impressed by the children's efforts.

This week the children are reading the book 'Beegu' in Literacy, another alien themed book! In maths we will be looking at division starting with how to share fairly; something they should all have a lot to say about!

Star: Bailey H for giving 100% to every cold task this week and producing some fantastic work

Year 3: This week in Beech class the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of the features for a non-chronological report and will use the key skills taught throughout the week to help them write their own NCR based on our key text, 'The Journey'.

In maths the children will be developing their understanding of money. The children will recall their prior knowledge at the beginning of the lesson and they will use their knowledge to solve everyday based word problems.

PE—we have PE on Monday and Wednesday; please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Star: Emma for her phenomenal attitude and behaviour throughout the week

Year 5: Year 5 have started term 3 well and have produced some great work already! This week in English we will be researching the Titanic and then using this information to create non-chronological reports. In SPaG we will be looking at how the position of a comma can change the meaning of a sentence. In maths we will be revising and extending our knowledge of area and perimeter and our arithmetic sessions will focus on writing large numbers in words.

Our 'Frozen Kingdom' topic work this week will see us finding out about polar travel and researching the kind of sea creatures that can be found in the Arctic Ocean.

Just for information: year 5 will now have PE on a Thursday and home-learning will continue to come home on a Friday.

Star: Alex for not giving up during art and creating an amazing Inuit drawing

Year R: Welcome back to a new term and a new year.

During the first week back last week we introduced our new learning project, 'Where does snow go?' The children had great fun playing in the snow using our snow machine and also sharing what they already know about snow.

Last week we started to think about what we want to explore this term by thinking of questions we want to ask. This week we will be focusing our literacy learning around the film, 'The Snowman'. In maths we will be developing our ability to recite numbers in order going beyond 20, we will also be securing our ability to put numerals in order from 1-10 and accurately counting a group of objects.

In phonics we will be continuing to move through phase 3, learning new sounds and using them to develop our blending and segmenting to read and write words. We will also be identifying which tricky words we are able to read and write.

We look forward to welcoming our families into school for our sharing sessions this term which started on Tuesday last week. Make sure you wear comfy shoes to join us for a 'workout'!

Star: Ona for always being kind, helpful and polite

Year 2: This week in literacy we will be focusing on character descriptions. At the beginning of the week we will be creating our own alien. We will then be generating similes to describe our aliens before independently writing our own descriptions.

In maths we are focusing on measurements. We will be learning how to read and record measurements on a scale with missing intervals. Towards the end of the week we will be practising how to measure and draw lines, of a given length, using a ruler.

In topic, we will be learning and making our own electrical circuit in order to help an alien send a light signal home.

Please can I ask that all children have a PE kit in school on a Monday and Wednesday to ensure they are able to fully take part in lessons.

Star: Marina for demonstrating excellent resilience and positivity when learning how to tie her shoelaces!

Year 4: This week in Ash Class we will be investigating how flood plains are used. We will then write a balanced argument outlining the positive and negative impact of building houses on flood plains. While in Maths we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division and applying this knowledge to answer a range of problems. Then, in our topic lesson, we will be researching how rivers are used. After that, we are going to imagine we have been given our own section of river to manage and draw a map to show our ideas.

Please can children remember to bring their swimming kit on Wednesday in a bag which is large enough to contain their school uniform while they swim. For the journey home children may also bring a small healthy snack to eat.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Star: Julia for consistently showing great resilience in every task she is set and being a superb role model for other members of the class

Year 6: This week in Sycamore class, our writing will be based around chronological reports. We will be looking back at our work from last week and identifying the areas that we struggled on. At the start of the week we will be identifying the features of a chronological report. As the week progresses we will be learning how to structure our report and what needs to go where and then we will finish with a final draft.

In Maths we will be working on Area and Perimeter. We will start the week by measuring the perimeter of regular and compound shapes. We will then calculate the areas of some regular quadrilaterals and triangles. At the end of the week we will be finding the volume of regular 3D shapes.

PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday and French is on Monday. Please make sure that your kit is in school please.

Star: Robert for helping and supporting others around him when they find tasks tricky.