



Praise and Thank You!

Sycamore	The adults in year 6 would like to praise Olivia H, Mae, James, Luke U, Emma and Connie for their performances when reading their poems in reading this week. They would also like to praise Luke S, Triston and Skye for their work with rounding numbers in maths this week. Writer of the Week: Ramaya for her persuasive letter to Mrs Andrews Maths Master: Lucy E and Scarlett for never giving up when they found the lesson content hard
Birch	The teachers in Birch Class would like to praise Autumn, Kira, Natalya, Julia and Mason for working really hard in maths this week. Praise also goes to Lauren, Keira-Jane and Graciemae for always behaving brilliantly. Writer of the Week: Maleki for writing an amazing plan for a persuasive letter Maths Master: Natalya for being resilient when multiplying this week
Ash	The teachers in Ash class would like to praise Suzie for accurately describing how suspense is created in a film soundtrack. Well done to Noushafarin, Bethany and Elly for recalling a range of conjunctions and using them in their writing. Also, a big well done to all those who attended Forest School for successfully using a fire steel. Writer of the Week: Ellia for creating her own complex sentences Maths Master: Roxi for successfully simplifying fractions
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Terry would like to praise Lewis, Marina, Ronnie J, Josie, Ronnie W, Lilia and Lucy for their fantastic facts about Bonnie and Clyde. We would also like to praise the whole class for their fantastic behaviour on our trip to Madame Tussauds. Writer of the Week: Oliver for being resilient and determined when independently writing his non-chronological report Maths Master: Connor for applying his knowledge of measuring to accurately draw lines in centimetres
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mrs Watson would like to praise Corey for always being extremely polite and considerable to both his peers and the adults in class. They would also like to praise Aronas, Chloe, Dexter and Baylee for working hard in order to pass their 2 times table test. Special praise goes to Flynn for coming into school this week with a positive attitude. Writer of the Week: Alex for using a range of powerful vocabulary in his explanation text Maths Master: Lacie for effectively using the column method of addition to answer tricky word problems
Willow	Mrs Smith and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise and thank Oliver Bates for being amazing in phonics and Lauren for completing her minute read. Writer of the Week: Toni for a fantastic independent plan for a diary entry and using her phonic knowledge in her writing Maths Master: Emily for a good knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and showing a positive and resilient attitude to maths
Oak	The teachers in year R would like to praise and thank Toby and Vinnie for trying hard and showing friendship when playing Writer of the Week: Demi for her neat shapes when writing letters and numbers Maths Master: Ivan for great problem solving when learning 'The Story of 4'
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry class would like to praise Sonny, Luciana, Emilia, Damian and Summer for having a great first week at school. Praise also goes to Bentlee and Rory for being kind and thoughtful members of the class. Well done everyone from Mrs Hughes too who was very impressed when she took the Nursery children to cook gingerbread! Writer of the Week: Annie for exploring mark making and telling us it is 'Mum' Maths Master: Lucy for counting fixed objects and finding the correct number to match

Coming up:

Wednesday 3rd October

Cross country competition (Isle of Sheppey) - 3-5pm

Thursday 4th October

Ash class assembly (9am)

Wednesday 10th October

Football vs Regis Manor (in school time)

Film night

Speed stacking competition for year 3/4 team at Oasis Academy

Thursday 11th October

KS1 Multi-skills team to Greenfields

Friday 12th October

Year 5&6 trip to Chessington

Monday 15th October

Tribal event

Staff vs Kids sports match (tbc)

Thursday 18th October

Year 3 class assembly

Friday 19th October

Spelling bee competition (am)

Please could we just remind everyone that the school is a 'nut free zone'. This is due to some children having severe and potentially life threatening reactions if they are exposed to nuts. Please could we ask that you double check contents of children's lunch boxes and any cakes/sweets that are brought in for birthdays etc to ensure that there are no nuts in the ingredients. Thank you very much.

You may have seen on twitter that we received a letter from the 'Race for Life' organisers thanking the school for the money raised from our event in July. Altogether we raised over £1400! This is the most fantastic result; thank you so much to all of you for your contributions.

Express Events—Unbelievably, it is only a couple of weeks until our Express Events. The dates are as follows:

Nursery—Tuesday 16th October at 9.15am
 Year R—Thursday 18th October at 2pm
 Year 1—Monday 15th October at 2pm
 Year 2—Thursday 18th October at 9.30am
 Year 3—Tuesday 16th October at 2pm
 Year 4—Tuesday 16th October at 2pm
 Year 5—Wednesday 17th October at 2.15pm
 Year 6—Wednesday 17th October at 2.15pm

We hope to see you there!

MESSAGES

TT Rockstars!

Well done again to year 6 for being the class with the highest level of accuracy last week.

Congratulations to Elizabeth W for the most improved rock score over the last week! Keep up the good work.



Attendance

A big well done to year 3 for winning Reggie Bear this week with a class attendance of 97.3%.

Whole school attendance is now at 96.9%. Let's try and get above 97% again next week!

News from around the school

Nursery: The children have enjoyed 'The Three Little Pigs' this week and their home learning pig houses are amazing!

This week we will be focusing our learning around 'Goldilocks and the three bears' and making porridge!

We will be counting out a given number of objects in maths and during our phonics we will be listening for the 'a' sound and going on an environmental walk to find out what sounds we hear outside.

Star: Shanjana for really listening during our phonics this week

Reception: The children had a fantastic week last week and we are very pleased with how they are approaching all their learning at school. Well done to everyone!

This week we will be following the children's interests and exploring some 'spooky stories'. A little early for Halloween but it links with a story writing competition that we are getting involved in soon! We will be exploring lots of fun 'spooky' stories and creating our own to act out around the stage. We will be creating and describing characters and settings for our stories.

In maths we will be looking at shape and using shapes in patterns, and our creative learning will involve exploring tools and colour to create illustrations for our stories. In phonics we will be continuing to learn some new phonemes; look out for some information coming home to help you to support your child at home with development of their phonic knowledge.

Star: Theo for making very grown up choices when taking part in group learning

Year 1: We have had a busy week in Willow Class.

In literacy we have been planning and writing a diary entry as Mr Invisible. For Maths we have been on shape hunts around school and in our classroom for 2D and 3D shapes.

In guided reading we have been orally retelling and performing stories in groups and sharing them with the rest of the class.

Please do come and talk to Mrs Fletcher or myself if you have any concerns at all. Thank you.

Star: Oliver B for showing an enthusiastic and positive attitude to all areas of learning.

Year 2: This week in literacy all our learning will be focusing on the story 'Superhero Hotel'. We will be using the book and the vocabulary generated from the book, to help us write a setting description.

In maths this week we will be looking at and learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will be identifying how many edges, vertices and faces each of the shapes have. We will then use this knowledge to help us recognise everyday shapes in our environment.

On Thursday of this week we will be having a topic day. All our learning will be centred around the famous nurse, Florence Nightingale. We will be re-searching who she was and how she became famous.

As our Express Event is drawing nearer, please can I ask that you keep sending in any old newspapers you have? Thank you to those who have already sent some in.

Star: Bailey H for taking on the challenges of the Mini Mudder with grit and determination.

Year 3: This week in Beech class the children will be creating a poem based on the infamous villains, Bonnie and Clyde. The children are finding the villains fascinating and are enjoying being able to develop their understanding of the pair. The children will be creating a rhyming poem and will try to apply the facts that they have learnt to add extra detail to their poem.

In maths the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of 2D and 3D shapes; the children will be learning about their properties and towards the end of the week they will be going on a shape hunt to help them make links.

If you have any questions or queries, please come and ask an adult.

Star: Ronnie W for using what she has learnt from her hand-writing facts about Bonnie and Clyde to help her add more detail to her non-chronological report.

Year 4: This week in Ash Class we will be creating our own hero stories. Our challenge will be to accurately use apostrophes for possession in our writing.

In Maths we will be multiplying and dividing by multiples of 10. We will then be applying this knowledge to convert units of measurements. While in our topic lessons, we will be changing the lyrics of a nursery rhyme to create a simple song about a hero or heroine.

PE is on a Monday and Thursday but please can PE kits be in school everyday.

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

Star: Harley for his improved concentration in Maths and Literacy

Year 5: I want to start by saying a huge well done to the whole class as they produced some amazing persuasive letters to Mrs Andrews.

This week we will be writing poems in Literacy and learning all about angles in Maths.

We will be carrying out a variety of different Science experiments; looking at how different surfaces affect how a marble rolls and how air resistance works on different sized parachutes.

On Friday the children will be writing 'Spooky Stories' as part of a competition organised by The Forum shopping centre in Sittingbourne. The top 5 stories from our class will be entered into the competition, so fingers crossed everyone.

Star: Kira for impeccable behaviour in all areas of school life.

Year 6: This week in Sycamore Class, we are focusing on poetry. We will be looking at different types of poems throughout the week, analysing them and then writing our own.

In maths, we are converting measures. We will be using our prior knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to change grams to kilograms, metres to centimetres and more.

We will be doing a science experiment based around the best shape to make a flume for a water park ride. The children will be in groups to test different shapes and sizes to see which is best.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mr Gladwell, Mrs Hughes and Mr Summerfield.

Star: Oliwia K for her resilience and perseverance in Maths this week