



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning Monday 23rd April 2018

Sycamore	The teachers in year 6 would like to praise and thank the whole class for their efforts in their final practice SAT's papers. Writer of the Week: Jada for her piece of narrative set in the Tudor times. Maths Master: Finlei-Mai for an amazing set of Maths results in her practice SAT's
Birch	The teachers in year 5 would like to praise James for his thoughtful but funny response to history green marking. They would also like to praise Alex for all his efforts in maths and Keane for some beautiful reading during guided reading. A huge well done to Elizabeth for always putting 100% into everything she does. Writer of the Week: Daniel for writing an excellent (but gruesome) piece of narrative from the point of view of a Chief Executioner Maths Master: Milan for some quick and accurate problem solving using column addition and subtraction
Ash	The teachers in year 4 would like to praise Natalya, Augustas and Curtis for their fantastic topic work this week. They would also like to praise Kamil for remembering the definitions for some key topic work. Writers of the Week: Macie for writing a superb poem about a Viking invasion using a range of effective language Maths Master: Mason for successfully rounding a range of numbers including decimals
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Jellytots and Skittles tables for their fantastic and positive approach towards their 'cold' tasks this week. We would also like to praise Roxi and Alfie for helping a friend during arithmetic. Mrs Pullen and Mrs Melrose would also like to say a massive well done to all of the children who attended the library on Thursday for your brilliant behaviour. Writer of the Week: Harley for his phenomenal independent 'cold task' on The Vikings Maths Master: Aiden for his superb work on reading and writing numbers
Maple	Mrs Bond and Mrs Woolley would like to praise Snowdrop table for working collaboratively when investigating what plants need to grow and survive. They would also like to praise Oliver for being helpful around the classroom this week. Writer of the Week: Lexie for independently using capital letters and full stops in her writing this week Maths Master: Ronnie T for accurately identifying the number of lines of symmetry in regular 2D shapes
Willow	The teachers in year 1 would like to praise green table for their fantastic effort in maths this week.. Well done superstars. Writer of the Week: Bentley for writing some great reasons why we should grow our own vegetables Maths Master: Lottie for solving some difficult multiplication number sentences by drawing arrays
Oak	The teachers in Oak Class would like to praise Isabell, Alex and Wilburn for their enthusiastic speaking about their experiences Writer of the Week: Lauren for trying hard to write her name Maths Master: Matthew for using maths to solve problems
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise Lauren, Archie and Lilley for trying hard during our phonics sessions this week. Praise also goes to all the children for showing great care and respect for the butterflies we released this week. Writer of the Week: Eliss for trying really hard when writing CVC words! Maths Master: Timi for his super attitude towards his counting and number matching!

Diary:

Monday 23rd April

Handball competition (pm) at Greenfields

2pm Parent sharing event—Nursery

Friday 27th April

Milshakes at the Snack Shack (20p) morning break

Snack Shack open from 2.4-5pm

9.15am Year R parent open session

Sunday 29th April

BBQ at Bunnings—come and see us!

Monday 30th April

2pm Parent sharing event—Nursery

Girls' football match vs Greenfields (away)

Monday 1st May

Staff vs Kids Rounders match. Refreshments available (after school)

Wednesday 2nd May

9am Willow Class Assembly

Thursday 3rd May

Tribal Challenge Day

2pm & 6pm Esafety presentation to parents

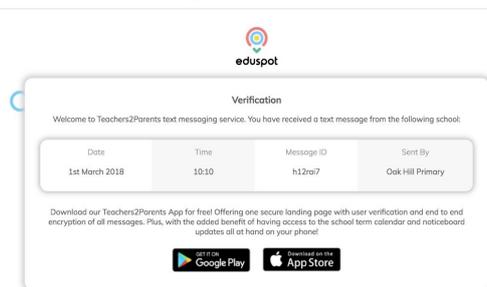
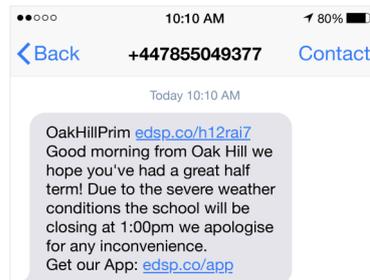
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Thank you!

The Easter Cake Bale Sale raised £210! Thank you very much if you baked cakes for the sale and if you came along and bought them! Milshakes and fudge were a big hit in the Snack Shack last week. Thank you to Mrs Hughes and the 'stars' that helped!

Don't forget: milshakes in the Snack Shack on Friday morning—20p each. Mrs Hughes and the Stars of the Week will be baking Cheese Scones this Friday (50p each)—gates open at 2.4-5pm!

Attendance

A fantastic week of attendance led to year 2, 5 and 6 sharing Reggie as all 3 classes had 100% attendance. This is amazing—well done everyone!!

Whole school attendance remains at 96.7%. If we can keep up the 100% rate, we will soon hit our 97% target!

News from around the school

Nursery: Welcome back to term 5! This term we will be basing our learning around 'Who lives in a rock pool?'

We hope to go on a trip to the beach this term; please check bags for a letter!

This week has been very warm, please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream applied before coming to school, thank you.

This week we will be looking at mermaids!! We will be creating our own mermaids, making mermaid combs and thinking about where they might like to live. We will also be creating some lovely 'under the sea' artwork.

Star: Sienna for being more confident when joining in with whole class activities

Reception: Welcome back to a new term, we hope you all had a restful Easter break. This term our topic is 'who lives in a rock pool?'

We have already started to think about what we know about the sea and the beach and the good weather last week allowed us to have some fun the sun to start our term's learning! This topic will allow us to investigate different habitats and what might live there. We will also be thinking about water safety and pollution.

Our parent sharing sessions start again on Friday. This term we will be exploring outdoor learning so we hope you will all be able to join us. Come dressed to get a little bit muddy as we may be using the woodland area as part of that learning.

As the weather may be changeable this term, can we please ask that children come in with sun hats when the weather is warm but bear in mind they may still need a jacket or coat on the cooler days. Thank you.

Star: Chase for always being kind, helpful and friendly

This week in Willow Class, we will continue to water our sunflowers and hopefully observe them growing into little shoots. We will also be looking closely at the cress we planted and placed in different areas in the classroom to see which grows the best.

In Numeracy we will be looking at division and in Literacy we are using the book, 'The Enormous Turnip' to create posters to advertise why we should eat different types of vegetables.

Well done to everyone who read last week. I can't believe what an amazing difference it is having with the children's progress and their confidence. I know time is short in the evenings but even if you read a few pages with your child, it will make a huge difference for them.

Star: Corey for consistently trying hard in all his learning

Year 2: Welcome back to term 5. We hope you all had a lovely Easter Break.

This term all our writing will be focused around the text, 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. We will start the week off by finding out about the key character in the story, Mary Lennox. We will be writing a character description on Mary then putting ourselves in the place of Mary to help us write a diary entry.

In maths this week we will be working with money. We will be calculating the cost of two or more items in a shop to make sure we have enough money in our piggy bank to buy both items. Towards the end of the week we will be calculating change.

Our topic work this week will investigate how plants transport water. We will be carrying out a 'Rainbow of Flowers' experiment to help us understand how water is transported. We will be placing white carnations into a vase of water, adding drops of food colouring and marking on the vase to indicate the level of water. We will then watch over a few days to see what happens to the water level and the white carnations.

Star: Rosie for always working hard and to the best of her abilities in all areas of the curriculum

Year 3: This week in Beech class the children will be learning about relative clauses in Literacy and securing their understanding of the different features of a non-chronological report.

In maths the children will be securing their knowledge of multiplication and division, through using the bus stop and grid method. The children will be applying their understanding of the two skills to solve tricky word problems towards the end of the lesson.

PE—just a reminder that we have PE on Monday and Wednesday; hopefully we will start to have more of the nice weather and therefore will be conducting PE outside.

If you have any questions or queries please ask a member of staff, thank you.

Star: Jessica for always being a positive, helpful and positive peer.

Year 4: This week in literacy we will be researching facts about Anglo-Saxon life using the ipads. We will then be writing our own non-chronological reports using the facts that we have found out. While, in Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of measures and applying these skills to answer a range of problems.

In our topic lessons we will be designing our own Saxon settlement and looking in detail at a Saxon burial site.

This term PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. However, can children please make sure they have their PE kit in school everyday, including plimsolls or trainers.

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

Many thanks.

Star: Evie for all her excellent contributions during our discussions about the Saxons and Vikings

Year 5: Welcome back after the Easter break. Birch Class have started their Tudor topic brilliantly and seem to like the gruesome side to it!

This week in English we are going to be looking at Tudor riddles, both performing and writing our own.

In maths we will be working on both Roman numerals and rounding large numbers, including numbers up to a million.

Topic lessons this week will see us looking at the artwork of Hans Holbein and recreating some of his portraits of famous Tudors and also finding out about the many wives of Henry VIII.

Don't forget: all children should have a full PE kit in school. As the weather improves, we try to do our PE lessons outside as much as we can.

Star: Emma for making a fantastic model quillotine for home learning

Year 6: This week in Sycamore Class, we are starting our final push towards the SAT's papers. In Maths the focus is measurements and geometry. We are going to be looking at reasoning questions around these two areas and making sure we are reading the questions carefully and doing enough to pick up the maximum number of marks.

In writing, we are going to be researching about Anne Boleyn and finding the skills to write persuasively. With these skills and information we are going to write to King Henry VIII persuading him not to imprison us!

In Topic, we will be looking at Henry VIII wives in more detail; who were they, how did they die, why were there so many?!

PE will be on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. A big thank you for the whole class as everyone had their kits last week.

As you are probably aware, SAT's start on Monday 14th May. If you have any questions / queries—please ask. Many thanks.

Star: Victoria for coming back with a positive attitude towards her learning