

## Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning 25th September 2017

<b>Sycamore</b>	The adults in year 6 would like to praise the whole class for helping to set up, run and participate in the Mini-Mudder last week. You were all a credit to the school. <b>Maths Master:</b> Alfie for showing resilience and gaining confidence in his ability in ordering numbers <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Robert for an amazing piece of writing based around the Witch Doctor
<b>Birch</b>	Mrs Andrews and Mrs Melrose would like to praise all the children who managed to complete their mile each day last week. Well done for being so resilient and working hard so consistently. Thank you to Luke S for being so helpful around the classroom. <b>Maths Master:</b> Ervie for staying focused and resilient even when she finds things tricky <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Emily for her excellent work on the Black Death
<b>Ash</b>	The teachers in year 4 would like to praise Liam, Dominion and Jamal for successfully recalling the main events from Theseus and the Minotaur using their story boards. <b>Maths Master:</b> Kira for successfully answering some tricky problems involving column subtraction <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Keira-Jane for writing a superb newspaper report about Theseus and the Minotaur
<b>Beech</b>	The teachers in year 3 would like to praise the whole class for their fantastic ideas during RE when learning the significance of prayer. We would also like to say a massive well done to Ben W for getting 25 out of 25 in his reading paper! <b>Maths Master:</b> Ellia for being resilient when trying to use her knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division to solve some very tricky word problems <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Elizabeth for her fantastic set of instructions on how to build a Trojan horse
<b>Maple</b>	Year 2 teachers would like to praise and thank Bradley, Ronnie H and Harini for their five times table achievement. <b>Maths Master:</b> Ronnie W for not giving up and therefore being able to use the correct signs for more than and less than <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Seanna for including all the key features in her non-chronological report plan
<b>Willow</b>	The adults in year 1 would like to praise and thank Thomas K, Leia, Baylee D, Ruby, Lottie and Mia—for always being read to learn and setting a great example on the carpet. <b>Maths Master:</b> Emily for concentrating really hard during bingo on Friday afternoon and helping her team to win the game by recognising all the numbers in their written form <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Bentley for giving 100% in handwriting practice
<b>Oak</b>	The teachers in year R would like to praise and thank Dre and Rylee for showing everyone how to be good friends. <b>Maths Master:</b> Toby for being the first person to complete our challenge of the week...ordering numbers to 9 <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Toni for writing her name on all her learning
<b>Cherry</b>	The teachers in Cherry class would like to praise all the children for being superstars and showing amazing resilience and positivity during the mini mudder. We would also like to say thank you to Bella and Eliss for being great friends to one of our new Nursery friends; they showed great kindness. <b>Maths Master:</b> Amber for trying really hard with her counting this week <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Naomi for reading Mrs Legg a lovely story

### Diary:

Mon 25th—NSPCC workshops for years 5 and 6  
Weds 27th—Cross country event  
Thurs 28th—Tribal sports league event  
Fri 29th—MacMillan coffee afternoon  
Weds 4th—Family Trust assemblies  
Fri 6th—Harvest Festival  
Fri 13th—NSPCC thank you assembly  
Mon 16th—Y5/6 express event (am)  
Y3/4 express event (pm)  
Weds 18th—Y1/2 express event  
Thurs 19th—N/R express event



### Messages

-Well done to everybody who took part in the Mini Mudder—you were awesome! There were countless examples of children showing all of our school values: exploration, resilience, aspiration and positivity (even when soaked to the skin and muddy!) If you managed to get sponsorship for the Mini Mudder (in aid of the NSPCC) please bring your sponsorship money back into school as soon as you can. A HUGE thank you to all parents for providing children with old clothes, footwear (and underwear!) that they could wear without worrying about what state it got into. Your support is incredible and very, very much appreciated.

-Please could we ask again for all packed lunches to be thoroughly checked for nut products before they come into school? We have children in school with severe allergies who can be affected by even just sitting close to a child who is eating nuts. This is not just about not eating packets of nuts but ensuring that nuts are not included in the product—for example, Snickers bars are potentially dangerous as are nut based sauces (eg satay). Please, please double check so we can ensure that we are keeping all our children safe. If you would like to check anything with us, please just contact the office.

### Macmillan Coffee 'Afternoon'!

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday to help us raise money. Classrooms will be open from 2.30pm. If you would like to send in a cake for our competition (and for sale afterwards!) please bring it into school on Friday morning. Thank you very much for your support.

### Attendance

It has been another good week for attendance—well done superstars! Year 6 have held on to Reggie Bear (although they didn't really do a great job of sharing him with Year 5 last week...) with fantastic attendance of 99.7%. Overall school attendance stands at 97.8%. This is great; if we can keep attendance above 97% all year, that will be outstanding!



# News from around the school

**Nursery:** What a great week! We have been super busy finding out about different stories, starting our Helicopter story sessions and of course, taking part in the Mini mudder.

This week we are going to be focusing our learning around the 'Three Little Pigs'. We are looking forward to seeing your little pig houses as part of your home learning challenge... we have a table ready to display them! We will be thinking about the characters on the story and hopefully making our own little pigs!

On Friday we have Macmillan tea time so we are inviting you to join us for a cake or biscuit for a small donation to fund raise for this amazing charity—more details to follow—please check the nursery window for further information.

**Star of the Week:** Ivan for being a superstar, great sharing, great listening and all round great work all week!

**Reception:** This week in Oak class we will be continuing our learning through the story of 'Goldilocks' but we will be looking at alternative endings to the story and trying to create our own stories based on the original. We will be continuing to develop our creativity by creating our own Helicopter stories.

In maths we will be looking at 2D shape, learning some shape names, describing them, learning shape songs and using shapes to create pictures.

We will be going to the hall for PE again this week to explore movement to a story and visiting the woodland area for the first time to go on a bear hunt!

Don't forget our story sharing session every Monday at 2.15pm in the classroom. Everyone is welcome and...look out for a story 'gift' coming home during the week!

It's been a very busy 2nd week for the children in Year R but they are doing an amazing job of settling into our routines—well done everyone.

**Star of the week:** Chloe for coming into school all week with a beautiful smile

**Year 1:** We've been continuing our investigation into the life of Captain James Cook and have started making 'information booklets' on the subject of pirates. On Friday the children were busy making detailed drawings of their very own pirate ships—which were all beautifully complete with labels to explain the various features of a large ship.

On Friday the children had a chance to get muddy as part of the 'mini-mudder' competition happening throughout the school. Everyone was willing to have a go and lots of fun and giggles were had as the children crawled through muddy tunnels and ended up in a paddling pool of...mud! Thank you for bringing in the spare clothes etc to make the day such an all round success.

**Star of the week:** Lacie—for being incredibly helpful and helping her friends to make good choices during learning time

**Year 2:** Well done to all those children who took part in the Mini Mudder on Friday. You all gave it your best amongst the water, flour and mud!

This week is 'Text Based Week'. In literacy all our learning will focus on the story 'The Night Pirate' by Peter Harris. We will be listening to the story then focusing on a different genre each day. We will be writing a recount, a diary entry, setting description and a character description.

In maths this week we will be practising our addition skills. We will be learning how to solve addition calculations using a blank number line and a hundred square before moving on to addition using the column method. In addition to this, our arithmetic lessons will focus on finding the missing number in division calculations.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that home learning books need to be in school every Thursday; there are still some children who are not returning these books to school. This results in home learning not being checked and marked.

**Star of the week:** Connor for coming back in to year 2 with a fantastic attitude towards all of his learning and trying hard to use new skills in his work

**Year 3:** This week in Beech class we will be exploring how to follow recipes for our Macmillan coffee afternoon. The children will be having a bake off morning on Wednesday to see which group can follow a recipe and measure ingredients correctly.

Reading books: it is the children's responsibility to change their AR books once they have completed their AR quizzes as well as to take them home every night.

Spellings: the children need to write their name on our spelling board when they are ready to complete their spelling test. We have encourage the children to make a note of their spellings at home so their homework can be handed in on Wednesday.

If you have any questions or queries, please come and speak to myself or Mrs Pullen. Thank you!

**Star of the week:** Alexis for always having a massive smile on her face and for consistently trying her best in all subjects. You're a superstar, keep up the good work!

**Year 4:** Well done to everyone who took part in the Mini Mudder! We had an excellent morning and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

This week in literacy we will be looking at the siege of Troy. We will be creating our own Trojan horse models and then writing detailed instructions. While in Maths we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division; we will then apply these skills to answer a series of problems.

Please can you ensure that children have a PE kit in school every day, including suitable footwear.

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

**Star of the week:** Graciamae for her conscientious attitude towards all her work, she is a role model for other members of the class

**Year 5:** A huge well done to everyone in year 5 for their amazing resilience on the Mini Mudder last week—you were fantastic! There were some seriously muddy children at the end of our morning on the course. A big thank you to all parents too for dealing with the clothing that came home!

This week we will be focusing on some key skills in English. We have been discussing what 'sense' means when we say that a sentence has to make sense. We have been experimenting with changing the start of sentences but these changes sometimes mean that the rest of the sentence doesn't quite make sense! We will continue with this work. We will also be focusing our literacy on producing a non-chronological report on the many different thoughts on the causes and cures of the Black Death in medieval times. The children have already had a preview of what some of the cures were thought to be; the idea of strapping a live chicken to yourself was probably our favourite!

In maths we will be using our knowledge of place value again to multiply by 10s, 100s and 1000s while in arithmetic we will be using similar skills when we think about percentages.

We will be making sure that we find time to cook up something delicious to offer any visitors on Friday afternoon for Macmillan cancer research. Please join us if you can!

**Star of the week:** Tommy for his excellent attitude and approach to all aspects of his work through the week. Well done Tommy, keep it up!

**Year 6:** This week in Sycamore Class, we are looking at semi-colons and how to use them in our writing. We are going to be writing a setting description on England at the height of the Black Death. The children will be writing, editing and improving and then producing a final draft.

In Maths, we are rounding numbers. We will be learning how to round numbers up to 8 digits long and to the nearest 10,000...all the way up to the nearest 1,000,000. In the latter part of the week we will be rounding decimals up to 3 decimal places.

In PE we continue to learn about fencing with Lewis on Monday and Tag-Rugby on Thursday. In the afternoons we will be looking at what effect the plague had on the human body.

**Star of the week:** Finlei for her help and support in and out of the classroom this week