

Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning 27th November 2017

Sycamore	Year 6 teachers would like to praise Johnathan, Kamile, Arsenas and Mitch for their topic work around the moon landing. We would also like to praise Mikey and Kayla for putting up with the adults as their partner in gym this week! Maths Master: Madi S for drawing irregular and regular polygons this week in Maths Writer of the Week: Maddi H for her discussion text about the existence of aliens
Birch	Mrs Melrose and Mrs Andrews would like to praise Daniel, Ramaya, Freya, Tristan and Tyrell for using their time knowledge in maths. Thank you to Freya, Milan and Dannielle for tidying the cloakrooms! Maths Master: Jayden for his reasoning work with time Writer of the Week: Mae for a fantastic introduction to her narrative this week
Ash	The teachers in year 4 would like to praise Natalya and Lauren for applying the effective language generated earlier in the week to write fantastic stories based on Charlie and the Chocolate factory. They would also like to praise Kamil, Mason and Alfie B for their excellent contributions during our lesson on how to save energy as part of 'Switch off' fortnight. Maths Master: Alfie J for successfully measuring a range of angles Writer of the Week: Autumn for writing a fantastic story based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their phenomenal behaviour this week. An extra well done goes to Dylan and Harley for their fantastic attitude and effort throughout the week! Maths Master: Suzie for applying her knowledge and understanding of subtraction to help her solve money word problems Writer of the Week: Elizabeth for correctly using inverted commas
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Carys, Marina, Cassie and Lucy for working collaboratively when examining 'poo samples' this week. They would also like to praise Pterodactyl table for their improved listening and concentration skills this week. Maths Master: Connor for showing resilience and positivity when using the column method of addition. Writer of the Week: Ronnie T for his excellent independent non-chronological report on dinosaurs. Ronnie included a range of questions, power vocabulary and adjectives in his report!
Willow	Year 1 teachers would like to praise Leia, Lola and Tommy for having a really positive attitude when facing a challenge in their school work. Maths Master: Lottie for using her number bond knowledge to help her subtract correctly Writer of the Week: Bailey H for producing some fantastic writing for her character description
Oak	Oak class teachers would like to praise Chase, Lauren and Emily-beau for always playing collaboratively with their friends Maths Master: Dre for challenging himself with an addition activity during child initiated time Writer of the Week: Akesel for forming beautiful letter shapes during phonics
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise Bella and Eliss for always being kind to others. Praise also goes to Naomi for fantastic recall of our book of the week and Jeremiah for being a super-star tidier all week! Maths Masters: Theo and Amelia for recognising 2D shapes Writer of the Week: Bentlee for showing a keen interest during story time this week

Diary:

Weds 29th Nov—Years R-4 flu vaccine

Fri 1st Dec—inset day—children not in school

Tues 5th Dec—Reports out to parents

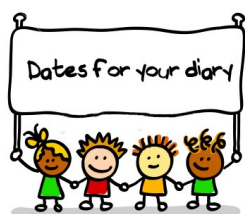
Thurs 7th Dec—Year 5/6 Astronomy dome in school

—Girls football team playing a Greenfields (3pm kick off)

Friday 8th Dec—9.15am Nursery express event

Saturday 9th December—Christmas Fair

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December—Parent meetings



Messages

—The Walk to School winners this week are Willow class—well done year 1!

—A huge well done to the football teams that played at home—and away—against Greenfields last week. Fantastic effort from everyone and excellent sportsmanship all round.

—A reminder that we have an inset day this Friday (1st December). School is closed to children on this day. Have a good long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 4th December.

—Children's term 2 reports will be coming home on Tuesday 5th December and parent evenings are the following week. We hope to see as many parents as possible to discuss how well the children are doing and how they have settled into their new year groups. Please do make an appointment to come in and see your child's class teacher using the slip that will be sent out with the reports

Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccines will be given in school this Wednesday (29th November) to all children in years R to 4 who have returned permission slips.

All children in year R to 4 should have received information and permission slips to their home from the NHS. If you have not received this, please do let us know.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the year to date is now 97.1%.

This is still good; particularly as this time of year tends to bring lots of different illnesses. Keep up the great work everyone!

Well done to Sycamore class who have the highest attendance this week and have won Reggie back again!



News from around the school

Nursery Last week the children showed good understanding when learning about 'road safety'; we were very impressed!

We are half way through 'Switch off fortnight' and the children have enjoyed being 'switch off' monitors. We have been making sure lights are off when they're not being used so as to save energy.

We have had lots of fun finding 2D shapes last week and we created some brilliant dragon pictures using the shapes we have learnt.

This coming week we will be learning lots of lovely Christmas songs and dances!

We will also be carrying on with our 'Switch off' monitoring making sure we are saving energy whenever possible.

Star: Siddie for great work in phonics this week, hearing those initial sound and using cued articulation to say them too!

Reception This week in Oak class we will be exploring the book 'Tell me a dragon'. We will be using describing words to talk about our own dragon and creating illustrations to match. In maths we will be starting to explore addition and during our daily routines we will be focusing on money.

We will continue to join in with our daily exercise routine of yoga first thing in the morning and the daily mile before lunch. Alongside this we will be using small equipment such as bean bags and balls to develop our coordination.

This week is national tree week and we will be celebrating this with a range of tree based creative activities as well as listening to tree themed stories in the woodland.

Thank you to all our families who have joined us for our phonics sessions over the last few weeks. We hope you have found them useful. If you have any questions about phonics, please feel free to speak to one of us at the door.

Star: Andrew (AJ) for his imaginative role play

Year 1 Willow class have really enjoyed text based week. We have been reading the book, 'The Dinosaur that pooped a planet' and have based our literacy lessons around it. On Tuesday the children created some fantastically weird characters, which we later incorporated in to our adaptations of the original story.

In our topic lesson we were learning about Mary Anning an important historical character due to her significant fossil discoveries. The children enjoyed learning about her interesting and eventful life, consequently they produced some fantastic writing including the new information they discovered.

The children had a fantastic time at the tribal skipping event on Thursday. They were all really keen to show off their skipping skills and represent their tribe in the process.

Just a little reminder about the fast approaching Christmas production! If your child has a speaking part, it would be much appreciated if you could go through their lines with them as much as possible. Many of the children have a singing/dancing role so practising songs at home would also be a great help.

Star: Daniel for making a huge effort in every lesson!

Year 2 This week in literacy our focus is narratives. We will be listening to a range of dinosaur stories and looking at the different features of each story. We will then imagine what it would be like to have a dinosaur as a pet. We will plan a narrative around this and then, towards the end of the week, we will be using our planning to write our own narrative.

Our focus in maths this week is pictograms and bar charts. We will be looking at how to interpret charts by reading and answering questions. We will then be learning how to record data in a tally chart. We will use these new skills of recording when gathering data for other year groups to support us in drawing our own pictograms and bar charts.

In arithmetic this week we will be working on finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a quantity. We will be practising our 'sharing' skills to help us solve these calculations.

Please keep sending in the 'junk' for our Express event; it is quickly creeping up on us and we are still in need of plenty more!

Star: Jasmine for coming into school with positivity this week

Year 3 This week in Beech class the children will be writing a diary entry pretending to be Charlie Bucket. The children will need to 'put themselves into the characters shoes' and portray their thoughts and feelings using emotive language.

In maths this week the children will be applying their knowledge and understanding of fractions to solve some tricky problems. The children will begin the week by showing fractions of a shape. They will then move their learning on to fractions of an amount and finally, the children will be solving word problems.

If you have any questions or queries please speak to either Miss Searle or Mrs Pullen. Thank you!

Star: Ella for putting 100% effort into all of her learning this week even when she has found the work challenging!

Year 4 This week in Ash class all of our Literacy work will be based on our key text, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. We will be writing in a range of genres, including a diary, newspaper report and letter. While in Maths we will be investigating the properties of 3D shapes. We will also be calculating the area and perimeter of regular and irregular shapes. In our topic lesson we will continue to look at Fair Trade and how food is transported across the world.

Can you please ensure that children have a full PE kit in school every day including suitable footwear.

As Christmas draws closer, could those children who have speaking parts for the Christmas play please practise at home.

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

Star: Graciemae for always modelling fantastic learning behaviour and demonstrating great resilience during challenging tasks

Year 5: This week in year 5 we will be focusing on man's first landing on the moon. The children researched this last week and found lots of information about Neil Armstrong and his team. We will be using the information that we found to create our own front page newspaper reports of the event. Linked to this we will be spending some time thinking about the differences between direct and reported speech and the punctuation that direct speech requires.

In maths we will be looking at 2 different things. We will be revising and developing our knowledge of finding percentages of amounts. We will also be thinking about mixed and improper fractions and thinking about how we can easily convert between the two.

Outside of Maths and English we will be taking time to practise the Christmas production, continuing with our fencing and clarinet practice and further investigating the work of Isaac Newton.

Star: Ramaya for continually showing resilience in her approach to her learning

Year 6: This week we will be sitting our practice SATs papers. We will be sitting all 3 maths papers (arithmetic and two reasoning papers), SPaG paper (with spellings) and the Reading paper. This will be an important week as we look to get the class ready for the real thing next year.

When we aren't sitting our papers, we will be continuing with shape in Maths with the focus being on 3D shapes this week. Can we classify the 3D shapes and do we know what 2D shapes make up each 3D shape? Can we use a net to create a 3D shape?

In literacy we are focusing on punctuation this week especially the use of semi-colons, hyphens and using parentheses.

It is only a four day week for the children as there is a staff training day on Friday!

Star: Sophie for her fantastic arguments and counter-arguments in the class debate