



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

Weeks Beginning 29th January 2018

Sycamore	The year 6 teachers would like to praise the whole class for successfully learning and performing the Haka. <i>Writer of the Week: Madi C for her piece of narrative writing</i> <i>Maths Master: Mitchell for his work in Maths all week</i>
Birch	The teachers in year 5 would like to praise Olivia H and Triston for doing an excellent job of keeping the library tidy. A huge well done to Elizabeth for doing extra home-learning even though she has been poorly and well done to Aston for fantastic efforts with his handwriting. <i>Writer of the Week: Freya for writing a super story opening</i> <i>Maths Master: Oliwia K for confidently working between improper fractions and mixed numbers</i>
Ash	The teachers in Ash class would like to praise Augustas, Dominion, Maleki and Lauren for creating fantastic fact files about the River Nile. Also, well done to Curtis for superb concentration and effort during Literacy this week. <i>Writer of the Week: Keira Jane for writing a superb story including a range of effective language</i> <i>Maths Master: Roberts for accurately using the column method to answer addition and subtraction calculations</i>
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their fantastic effort and positive attitude towards our class assembly. We would also like to say a massive well done to Aiden for his positive approach towards his learning. <i>Writer of the Week: Haydan for accepting help and support to develop his ideas when writing his narrative</i> <i>Maths Master: Ryan for being resilient when trying to measure angles</i>
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Oliver for his excellent behaviour for learning this week, he has been a super-star! They would also like to praise Anthony, Ronnie W, Summer and Jasmine for their excellent alien character descriptions <i>Writer of the Week: Carys for her excellent use of powerful adjectives, vocabulary and similes to describe her alien</i> <i>Maths Master: Anthony for measuring accurately with a ruler to find the difference between two lengths</i>
Willow	The teachers in year 1 would like to praise and thank Violet, Bentley, Honey, Chloe, Lacie, Emily and Tommy for being helpful members of the class. <i>Writer of the Week: Thomas K for showing resilience in his writing tasks this week</i> <i>Maths Master: Bentley for working well on finding half a number</i>
Oak	Well done to Ella-Rose, Paige, Oliver D and Chloe for showing lovely manners at lunchtime. <i>Writer of the Week: Waleola for trying hard to write cursive letter shapes during phonics this week</i> <i>Maths Master: Dre for confidently using ordinal numbers this week</i>
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry class would like to praise Kylan for a fabulous first week. Praise also goes to Jeremiah and Naomi for trying really hard during phonics. <i>Writer of the Week: Freddie for writing 'F' for his name!</i> <i>Maths Master: Ivan for super counting to 18!</i>

Diary:

Tuesday 30th January

9.15 Parent sharing event YR

2.30pm Community team open event
(Snack Shack)

Wednesday 31st January

Family Trust assemblies

8.50am Community team open event

Thursday 1st February

8.50am Community team open event

KS1 football tournament (Greenfields)

Dance off competition (pm)

Friday 2nd February

Young Voices

Monday 5th February

2pm Y3/4 Express event



KEMSLEY COMMUNITY TEAM

Please do come and join us in the Snack Shack this week (Tues from 2.30pm, Wednesday from 8.50am and Thursday from 8.50am) to find out more about joining our Community Team. This is a new team that we would love to build of parents, carers and any members of the wider school community who are able to spare a few hours here and there to help us continually develop the school. This could be about helping to tidy the outside area, do some gardening, clearing the woodlands, helping us to expand the use of the Snack Shack or helping on school trips.

You don't need to commit specific days or hours (although you are very welcome to do so if you can!); just be able to help out for a few hours each half term.

If you think you might be able to help, please come and see us and we can give you more information. If you can't make it to see us at the Snack Shack, please email the office for more information: office@kemsley.kent.sch.uk. Thank you!



Film Night!

A big thank you to all the children who came along to Film Night on Friday! Everybody had a fantastic time due to excellent behaviour.

The event raised a terrific £236.

Look out for information about the end of term disco coming soon!



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the year to date has gone back up and is now 96.7% - well done everyone, keep up the good work!

Class of the week was Beech Class with 99.1% attendance. Well done year 3, enjoy your week with Reggie - Year 6 will be trying to get him back again this week!

News from around the school

What a busy week! The children have enjoyed making bird feeders this week and are excited about taking part in the bird watch over the week-end!

This week we will be focusing our learning around 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. We will be comparing size, trying to find taller and shorter, thinking about our feelings during circle time and exploring story telling through the Helicopter sessions.

Just a gentle reminder that the 7th February at 2pm is our Express Event.

Star: Lilley for being a 'Stickasaurus' when persevering at opening her milk.

Next week in Oak class we will be basing our learning around the story of 'The Snow Queen'. We will also be continuing to build up our repertoire of 'winter' themed rhymes and poems. In literacy we will be using story maps to sequence events in a story. In phonics we will be continuing to work through phase 3 learning 4 new graphemes during the week. We will be learning to read and write 'tricky' words and we will also be learning the alphabet letter names through songs and games.

In maths we will be sorting objects by different criteria and using objects to create repeating patterns. We will also be revisiting our understanding of 'adding one more' to a given number.

We will be creating 'frosty' pictures and exploring 3D shapes through construction using junk modelling materials. If anyone has any small boxes, trays or tubes we would be very grateful if the children could bring them into school next week. Thank you.

Star: Danni for her enthusiasm and hard work during the daily mile tribal challenge

Year 1 had a fantastic week last week and produced some amazing writing! We really enjoyed our time with Miss Martin and worked really hard in all our lessons. We did a fantastic job in the school tribal event as well running as many laps of the daily mile course as we possibly could in the time we had!

This week we will be thinking about how to be persuasive. We will be thinking about all the different ways that we might be persuaded to do things or buy things. We will be collecting all our ideas and then thinking about how we can use these to help us to persuade others. We will be ending the week by looking at letter writing—we will be persuasive in our letters too!

In Maths we were looking at finding halves and quarters last week and this week we are moving on to measuring length and weight and also thinking about telling the time.

Star: Ruby for always doing her best and working hard in class.

This week in literacy we will be focusing on persuasive letter writing. To start the week off, we will be looking at the key features of letter writing before building on our persuasive language skills and writing a plan. We will then be writing our own persuasive letter asking our parent / carer to let us keep an alien as a pet.

Our focus in maths this week is time. At the start of the week we will be learning how to read and record o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Towards the end of the week we will be focusing on learning how to read time of five minute intervals.

In topic this week we will be having fun investigating how far balloons of different shapes and sizes travel down a string.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that our Class Assembly will be taking place next week on Wednesday 7th January at 9am.

Star: Lucy for consistently demonstrating a high level of resilience and positivity in all her learning

This week in Beech Class the children will be developing a better understanding of how to write instructions. The children will begin the week by embedding their knowledge of imperative verbs and connectives.

In maths the children will be increasing their understanding of data handling. The children will be using bar graphs and pictograms throughout the week, to help them interpret data.

PE—our PE days are Monday and Wednesday; please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

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

Star: Toby for always having a smile on his face and for being a great help in class.

In literacy this week we will be writing a range of instructions, including how to make a water-cycle mobile and how to create river diorama. We will be learning how to use modal verbs to add extra detail to our writing. Over the past two weeks, in maths, we have been developing our knowledge of the four operations. This week we will be applying this knowledge to answer word problems and complete a task which involves budgeting for a holiday. While, in our topic lesson, we will be taking part in an e-safety session to remind us how to stay safe online.

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. Also, could children who wear earrings, please bring a small pot or envelope to put them in during the lesson.

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

Star: Kira for her excellent effort and careful listening during our swimming lesson

This week in English, Birch class are going to be finding out about Robert Falcon Scott and his expedition across Antarctica. We will then use this to write diary entries from his point of view. Our SPaG work will be based around synonyms and antonyms. In topic we will be carrying out a science experiment investigating how animals keep warm and will also be looking at E-safety and how to create safe and strong passwords.

In maths we will be working on conversions of measure and reading scales accurately. Arithmetic will be adding and subtraction fractions.

We have our Express Event on Tuesday 6th February at 2.15pm; we hope to see lots of you then.

Star: Ramaya for a lovely picture of the Northern Lights

This week we are going to continue to work on narrative writing in Literacy. We are going to be focusing on our tenses, writing in the correct person and ensuring that our stories flow.

In Maths we will be focusing on place value. Our lessons will consist of ordering numbers, understanding and writing the value of each digit in a number up to 10,000,000 as well as rounding any number up to the nearest million. We will also be sitting a few reasoning papers this week in preparation for our SATs.

In Topic, we will be looking at Arctic explorers and what equipment is needed to tackle a journey into the unknown... PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday and French will remain on Monday. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Star: Johnathan for his attitude and effort towards all areas of his learning