

Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning 6th November 2017

Sycamore	The adults in year 6 would like to praise Madi S, Brooke, Casper and Keira for their work with their writing this week. They would also like to praise Callum, Alfie and Charlie for their efforts in the Daily Mile. Writer of the Week: Mikey for his piece of narrative based around landing on Mars Maths Master: Fred for this work with fractions this week
Birch	Mrs Andrews and Mrs Melrose would like to praise the whole class for their amazing efforts and enthusiasm in the Daily Mile this week; you have been absolute superstars! Writer of the Week: Aston for his letter from the moon! Maths Master: Connie for great understanding and application of rounding numbers
Ash	The teachers in Ash class would like to praise Gracimae and Keira-Jane for thinking carefully about tone and texture when sketching a piece of fruit in our topic lesson. Also, well done to Ellie for settling in well to Ash class this week. Writer of the Week: Alexia for writing a set of precise instructions for how to make a strawberry shortcake Maths Master: Mark for recognising and extending number sequences involving negative numbers
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their <u>fantastic</u> behaviour and attitude towards their learning throughout the week. Writer of the Week: Bethany for her improved handwriting and for being more confident to answer questions. Maths Master: Dominic for being more confident with his approach to tricky questions
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Summer and Adeshina for their excellent behaviour for learning this week. They would also like to praise Jack for his excellent AR scores. Writer of the Week: Tyreece for independently spelling out 'tricky' words in his fact file on Mary Anning. Maths Master: Addison for applying his knowledge of fractions to find two thirds of nine
Willow	Year 1 teachers would like to thank Ervie, Daniel and Lottie for coming in so well every day so far this term. Writer of the Week: Anonas for writing a paragraph of beautiful cursive writing—full of interesting facts about dinosaurs! Maths Master: Anaiah for being a star at counting in twos.
Oak	Reception teachers would like to praise and thank Annabelle for always being kind and helpful to everyone in Oak class. Thanks also go to Casper (Y6) for playing with the Reception children at lunchtime. Writer of the Week: Jacob for his enthusiasm to write during child initiated time Maths Master: Christian for his enthusiasm when creating number lines
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise Ivan for being a kind friend to our new friends in Cherry class this week. Praise also goes to Freddie for trying hard to hear rhyming words and Lauren for being more settled and joining in with her friends. Writer of the Week: Naomi for great rhyming this week in phonics Maths Master: Bella for creating a super model using different shapes

Diary:

Thurs 9th Nov—PTA ladies film and Prosecco night

7 habits meeting with Ali is postponed—a revised date will be published in due course

Fri 10th Nov—Year 4 out poppy sowing

Weds 15th Nov—ADHD group (9am)

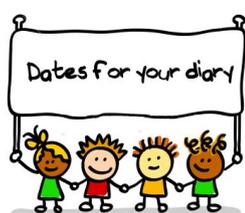
Fri 17th Nov—Pudsey PJ day for Children in Need

Football vs Regis Manor (3pm kick off)

Weds 22nd Nov—Family Trust Assemblies

Thurs 23rd Nov—Girls' football match vs Greenfields (home)

Fri 24th Nov—Football team at Greenfields (pm)



Messages

-A huge well done to all the children for returning so well for the start of term 2! It has been really lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back to their work.

-Well done to our fantastic football teams for wonderful performances last week. The girls team finished 3rd overall in the Minterne girls' football tournament on Friday. The boys did a fantastic job in their equivalent tournament on Saturday morning letting in only 1 goal during their heats. Despite this terrific performance, they did not get through to the next round. An equally big well done and thank you to the parents who braved the weather conditions on Saturday morning; it was VERY wet (!) and to Mr Gladwell and Mr Summerfield for all their time and commitment.

-Just a reminder; please could all children have full PE kits in school every day. While each class has specified days/times for PE lessons, these may well need to be changed in the run up to Christmas as production rehearsals require hall time. If children have kits in school at all times, we can ensure that all children are able to participate in all PE lessons. Thank you.

eSafety

Some great information and links to other websites on issues of internet safety for children can be found at: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Attendance

Whole school attendance for year to date has gone up this week and is now 97.3%! Well done superstars—keep up the great work.

A big well done to Birch class for a fantastic week with overall attendance of 99.2%; enjoy your week with Reggie!



News from around the school

Nursery: Our new topic has started with some fantastic learning. The children have made some fabulous models for their home learning and have also used these skills to make their own during the week.

Our new role play area, the mediæval banquet hall, is up and running and the children have enjoyed learning about how people lived during this time.

A big thank you to those who were able to come along to the hot dog and choccy apple sale. When the takings are counted, we will let you know how much was raised.

This week we are going to be using shapes to recreate castles using the Queen's coins to count the correct amount and we will be making sock dragons!

Another fun packed week is awaiting us!

Star: Eliss for always trying her very best and putting effort into her work

Year 1: This week Willow class have been getting creative by making dinosaurs for our display. The children made a selection of Stegosaurus and Diplodocus—two of the dinosaurs they have been learning about as part of our topic this term, 'Dinosaur Planet'. A huge thank you to those of you who brought in a dinosaur-themed creation to share with the class. We had everything from fossils to papier-mâché plant-eating dinosaurs!

In maths we have been learning to count in twos and fives with the help of 'rolling numbers'. I have been very impressed with how quickly the children have started to get the hang of this!

I hope you all enjoyed Bonfire night this weekend and made the most of the hot dogs and choccy apples being served up by Mrs Legg on Friday afternoon!

Star: Baylee D for being so brave during our first run through of the Christmas play.

Year 3: This week in Beech class the children will be using the iPads to research information about Roald Dahl. Throughout the week they will use this information to write their own non-chronological report.

In maths the children will be collecting and analysing data. The children will learn about different types of graphs such as bar and line. The children will answer and create their own questions based on the data they have collected and/or been given.

PE—we have got PE on Mondays and Wednesdays, please ensure your child has their PE.

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

Star: Dylan for a huge improvement with his behaviour and for being supportive towards his peers

Year 5: Well done Year 5 on such a fantastic first week back last week; you were absolute super-stars. We are incredibly proud of all of year 5 for coming back to school so committed to their learning and their daily mile! We have been incredibly impressed with the quality of home learning projects that have come in too—thank you so much for all your hard work and imaginative creations!

We have a bit of a change with PE this term as we are fortunate enough to be able to work with Lewis on a Monday afternoon to learning about fencing. As a result, our PE lessons this term will be on Monday and Thursday. However, please make sure that PE kits are in every day in case we have to move our lessons around a little; this is increasingly likely as we head towards Christmas as rehearsals require hall time!

This week in writing we will start to create our own travel brochure for excursions to an imaginary solar system; the planets are definitely very distinctive! In maths we are looking at dividing and, as always, we will have a significant focus on developing our reasoning skills.

Finally, we have a big drive on trying to achieve our Accelerated Reader targets this term; keep up the great work in reading!

Star: Evie for always facing challenges with positivity and enthusiasm!

Reception: This week in Oak class we will be focusing on talking about our own abilities and the things that make us all special. We will be thinking about our own learning and celebrating all our achievements since we started school. We will continue our theme with a story about a dragon, 'who couldn't do dragony things!'; however, he discovered he had some other amazing talents.

In maths we will be revisiting 2D shape and starting to use mathematical language to not only name shapes but also describe their features. We will also continue to develop our skills to match numerals to a group of objects.

We will also be using balls and hoops to develop our coordination and creating pictures based on our experiences of fireworks over the weekend.

Our woodland learning this week will focus on using natural materials around us to create models.

Star: Danni for her enthusiasm during PE and the daily mile

Year 2: Welcome back to school and term 2! I hope you all had a lovely half term break?

The children have already kick started our new topic, 'Dinosaur Planet' with a dino dig where they worked in groups to search for dinosaur bones hidden in sand. They then used their dinosaur identification chart to piece the bones together and discover which dinosaur was buried in the sand.

This week we will be continuing our work on dinosaurs. In literacy we will be looking at and identifying the key features of rhyming poems. Towards the end of the week we will be generating our own dinosaur rhyming words then putting these words into verses to generate our very own dinosaur poem.

In maths this week we will be practising our multiplication skills; finding multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will then use our knowledge to help us solve some tricky problems. Our focus in arithmetic will be finding the missing number in addition calculations. We will be using the inverse to help us solve these problems.

At the end of last week the children were given their parts for the Christmas production. I appreciate this is quite early but some of the children have many lines to learn. It would be greatly appreciated if you could read through any lines your child may have in preparation for rehearsals.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already started bringing in 'junk' for our express event. Please keep sending it in, the more 'junk' we have the better!

Star: Lilia for her excellent scores in her practise SAT's papers this week

Year 4: This week in literacy we are writing our own poems. First, we will be reading the poem 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll and writing definitions for some of his nonsense words. Then, we will be writing poems using an AB-BA rhyming pattern using our own nonsense words about food. Then, in Maths we will be developing our knowledge of addition and subtraction and applying these skills to a range of problems. While in our topic lesson we will be identifying different food groups.

This term PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. However, could children please have a full kit in school every day, including footwear.

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

Star: Natalya for her superb effort in all lessons this week

Year 6: A warm welcome back to a very busy term in Year 6. As you are aware, this term's topic is 'Stargazers' so we are learning about all things 'Space'!

In writing, we will be producing newspaper reports about aliens visiting our planet! The children will write two drafts throughout the week and have feedback in how to edit and improve each piece. They will then produce a final draft on Friday to show how their work has developed and progressed throughout the week.

In Maths we are looking at percentages. This is an area that the class found challenging during our two practice SAT's papers. So, we will be going back to basics at the start of the week—progressing to harder materials the closer to Friday we get.

PE: this term will be Tuesday and Thursday; we are inside on both days with the focus being on gymnastics.

Star: Jada for a superb week of learning where her focus has hugely improved