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READING CHALLENGE - % of children that read 4 times last week

FS2/1	57%	Y1/1	40%	Y2/1	61%	Y3/1	73%	Y4/1	77%	Y5/1	57%	Y6/1	100%
FS2/2	57%	Y1/2	40%	Y2/2	77%	Y3/2	90%	Y4/2	72%	Y5/2	70%	Y6/2	90%

Words of Welcome..... Have you seen our blogs this week?! I think this must have been, not only the busiest for blog posts, but also for the number of comments received. One key item that has featured by several year groups is work done by classes on Tuesday, Safer Internet Day. It was even picked up by the Local Authority, who asked to include something in their weekly e-brief. It is so important that the children are equipped to know the potential dangers of using the Internet and social media. Equally important is for parents/carers to know the dangers and how to protect their children against them. If you're not sure, then help and advice is on the way. Other great blog posts included: Y5 French 'Ordering food in a café'; 'Sweetie House Maths' by Reception; Making Club; Y6 Playground Planners; Y3 Cave Painting; Tricky Trapeziums; Y5 to Jodrell Bank; and Y2 African Sunset Paintings. We do love your comments so do have a look.

Diary dates:

- Mon 13th Feb** Scholastic Book Fair - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Mon 13th Feb** Y6 Parent/Carer SATs Information Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Thurs 16th Feb** Reports sent home
- Fri 17th Feb** **Staff Training Day - No children in school**
- Mon 20th - 24th Feb** **HALF TERM**
- Thurs 2nd March** Y5 Group1 of Junior Cadets start
- Mon 6th March** Y1 Parents/Carers Phonics Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 4th & 6th April** Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Fri 7th March** Last day at school before Easter Holidays
- 8th - 12th May** Y6 SATS week
- 12th - 16th June** Y1 Phonics Week

CLUBS

There will be **no clubs** next week or the first week after half term, EXCEPT Choir. See below.

YOUTH CLUB

Huge thanks to all the adults who have supported Youth Club this half term. There will be no further Youth Club until after the half term break. Further details to follow.

Blog Of The Week this week is awarded to the author of the 'Scream Street' series of books, Tommy Donbavand, which many of our children are enthusiastically reading. We were so excited on Wednesday when Tommy replied to a post on our blog celebrating our boys' reading achievements. Since then many of the Y6 children have themselves commented on the post and have been absolutely thrilled to see Tommy individually reply to each and every one of them. Here is one of Tommy's replies:

"Great to hear that everyone is enjoying Scream Street! Fang-tastic work, Kian! Did you know there is a new vampire in the series from book 7 onwards? His name...? Kian!"
Here's a Scream Street story starter for everyone. Just continue the tale from where I leave off...

"Luke!" yelled Mrs Watson from downstairs. "I won't call you again. You're going to be late for school!"

Wearily, Luke dragged himself out of bed. He was shattered! Why he'd spent half the night reading monster comics under the duvet, he'd never know. Now, he was bound to doze off in school and get a warning from Professor Skully.

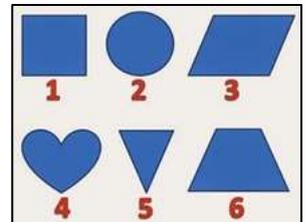
Stumbling across the landing to the bathroom, he grabbed his toothbrush and turned on the tap – making sure he chose the one that would supply him with cold water, and not blood. Then he looked up into the bathroom mirror at his reflection, and froze.

Something had happened to him during the night. Something that had changed his entire head and face. Trembling, he dropped his toothbrush back into its pot. That particular brush wasn't going to be large enough anymore... *(You carry on from here!)*

We're going to use this story starter in class next week and hope to share with you some of our work. A massive thanks to Tommy – you're really inspiring us to read and to write!

Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 1

Can you work out which of the shapes is the odd one out and explain why?



'Tweets of the Week' As the countdown to the KS1 and KS2 SATs has started, each day we'll be tweeting a 'Maths Thought For The Day' for to share with you and your children. They are great little tasters of what to expect in the SATs.



School Attendance

Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.4% which is **slightly below** our school attendance target of 96.5%.

F1/1	93.3%	Y1/1	98.7%	Y4/1	97.7%
F1/2	98.7%	Y1/2	94.0%	Y4/2	97.5%
F1/3	95.9%	Y2/1	97.1%	Y5/1	97.9%
F1/4	98.7%	Y2/2	93.7%	Y5/2	98.0%
F2/1	95.0%	Y3/1	95.3%	Y6/1	96.2%
F2/2	96.7%	Y3/2	95.3%	Y6/2	95.3%

The Tony Hughes Award:

This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Oliver Taylor	Y3/1	Aiden Smith
FS1/2	Mollie Barker	Y3/2	Harley Hough
FS2/1	Daniel Diamond	Y4/1	Amie-Mae Callaghan
FS2/2	Jessica Wright	Y4/2	Keira Mason-Anderson
Y1/1	Isabelle Yeomans	Y5/1	Lena Qurban
Y1/2	Ava Toothill	Y5/2	Ellie Yeomans
Y2/1	Jack Sargeant	Y6/1	Maddie Hallam
Y2/2	Sebbie Gillie	Y6/2	Ruby Palmer

News in Brief

• Y5 visit to Jodrell Bank

On Tuesday, our Y5 classes visited Jodrell Bank where they learned lots about Earth and space. They enjoyed the planetarium where they were shown the night sky including star constellations and the phases of the moon. They were also set the Mars Rover Challenge and in groups explored how they could drop an egg without breaking it. (a similar problem to the one facing scientist when they tried to drop the 'Curiosity' robot on Mars). A very good visit and children who were a credit to the school. Well done Y5.

• Thanks to our wonderful parents/carers

Thank you so much to all the parents that attended the maths workshop for parents/carers of children in our Reception classes. It was a fantastic turn out and we are so grateful for your support. We hope you found the lesson and activities useful. Thanks also to some of our Y6 parents/carers who joined us for maths workshops to learn how best to support their child with fractions. And lastly a very big thank you to all the Y2 parents/carers who attended our Y2 SATs information evening last night. If you could not make any of the sessions but would like information, then please see the class teachers. Many thanks also to all the staff involved. Working in partnership we can achieve so much more for our children.

Congratulations

• Well done to Eloise Gray on achieving her Level 6 proficiency Award in Trampoline Gymnastics.

And Finally

Next week is Mrs Adams', one of Reception class teachers, last week in school, as she finishes to start her maternity leave. We send her off with very best wishes to her growing family and the impending new arrival. Best wishes also to our school cook, Mrs Browne, who has undergone surgery and will be off for the summer recuperating. We look forward to welcoming you both back to school in due course.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

Thoughtfulness and Respect

Headteacher's Star Awards:

Congratulations are sent to the following children who won the Head Teacher's Star Award last week for their hard work, attitude and/or progress:

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Leighton Bocca	Y3/1	Evie Elliott
FS1/2	Teddy Lavick	Y3/2	Freya Espley
FS2/1	Woodrow Tooth	Y4/1	Thomas Kelemes
FS2/2	Jessica Wright	Y4/2	Tyler Thompson
Y1/1	Aston Murray	Y5/1	Brooklyn Cartwright
Y1/2	Lily Hunt	Y5/2	Gray Bradbeer
Y2/1	Finley Jackson	Y6/1	Millie Redshaw
Y2/2	Alana McLean-Inglis	Y6/2	Kian Taylor

Notices:

• School closed next Friday

A reminder that the children are off school next Friday as it is a staff training day. We will look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 26th February, after half term.

• Book Fair Tonight and Monday

We do hope you can visit the Book Fair on **today or Monday, between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.**

• CLUBS

Please be reminded that there will be no clubs next week or the first week after half term. This is with the exception of Choir who are preparing for their concert and so choir will be running both weeks as normal.

• Y6 SATs evening

We look forward to welcoming our Y6 parents/carers next Monday at 6:00 p.m. for a Y6 SATs information session.



Mr Wardle's Maths Challenge 2

The shop is having a sale. The bike did cost £176 but there is sale of one eighth off the price. What is the new cost of the bike?

