

WHATS COMING UP

- **24th January - KS2 Hockey**
- **8th February - KS1 Mobile Zoo**
- **3rd February at 6pm Esafety training with EST Safety - Facebook Live Event**
- **7th February - Y6 Residential Zoom meeting**
- **14th-18th February Half Term**
- **28th February - Year 1-6 VR Day**

Stars of the Week

KS1 certificates were presented to:

Tommy Leigh (EYFS)
Mille C (Yr 1)
Charlie (Yr 2)

KS2 certificates were presented to:

Jaskirat (Yr 3)
Teddy R (Yr 4)
Zara (Yr 5)
Lily P (Yr 6)

PE Star Players

(EYFS) Noah, Joseph, Neve (Yr 1) Linda, Levi, Ava (Yr 2) Stanley, JamesQ, Ann-Mary

(Yr 3) Alan, Isla, Maximus (Yr 4) Hope, Moses (Yr 5) Callum, Rosie (Yr 6) William, Ruby

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the government announced on Wednesday the relaxing of national restrictions due to the number of Covid cases falling, it feels like as a school we are running slightly behind. We have done so well as a school to avoid what many others have faced, such as staff absence leading to class closures and case numbers rising in every class. There is no doubt that we have seen a rise in COVID cases this week, however, the number of cases and staff absence are not alarming in that we need to close classes or that we cannot operate as normal.

I understand that for many of you it is a difficult time trying to stay healthy yourselves/work and look after your poorly children so I would like to thank you all for the support you are giving the school as we try keep a control of infection rates to keep our staff and pupils safe and to ensure that the school does not have to adopt a contingency plan of going into lockdown to curb the spread of infection.

All school adults will continue to wear face masks in communal areas and we will continue to emphasise the importance of regular handwashing / sanitising of hands. We will continue to ensure that all areas of the building are adequately ventilated and will continue to ask parents and visitors to wear masks when on the school premises including when coming into the office areas or for meetings.

On a brighter note, we had an extremely positive visit from the Trust last week. It was recognised that the school is continuing to move forward and I would like to highlight the following points:

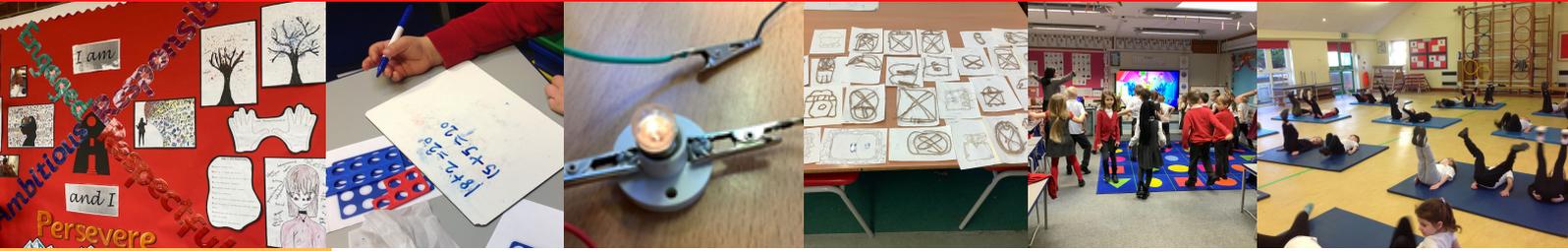
- Pupils' behaviour was a strength
- In lessons pupils are responding to higher expectations from staff
- Governing body is now full with a good balance of experience and skill which will support and challenge the leadership team

You can see from the Class News that all our children are engaging in some fun and exciting curriculum activities. As I walk around the school the children continue to amaze me by talking in depth about their learning and wanting to show me what they have produced as a result. Please ask your children about their learning so they can amaze you too!

Mrs Cagney

**Ambition is the path to success.
Persistence is the vehicle you arrive
in.**

— *Bill Bradley* —



AR READERS

Year 6 read 126,196 words this week.

100% Reading Quiz Scores:

Year 2 - Stanley, Freddie, Poppy, Ann-Mary, Reuben, Thomas, Katy, Elliot

Year 3 -Teddy, Taylor, Jack, Richie, Kaya

Year 4 - Lenny

Year 5 - Hollie

Year 6 - Sophia, Charlie, Kallie, Maisie, Isabelle

CLASSROOM NEWS

From Year 6

This week Year 6 have created timelines of the past events over the last hundred years looking at how modern Britain evolved. We have also included events that are important to us as a class and as individuals. We have finished our pop art and put this on display to represent the 1960s. We have listened to some music from the 60s and in TOPSTIME watched children’s programmes from the 1950s, Andy Pandy and The Flower Pot Men. In English we have read cloud busting, a book by Malorie Blackman as part of our author study and written character descriptions for a new opening to the book as well as writing book reviews for our favourite book, we are also making film blogs of these.



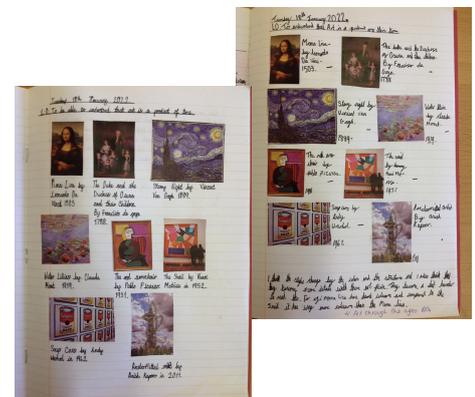
From Year 4

In Year 4 we have been learning about different art forms. This term, our focus is photography and we have been looking at different camera angles and how it can create different effects. A low angle, can make someone look really tall and big. A high angle can make someone look a lot smaller than they are.



From Year 5

Year 5 have been getting artistic this week! The children experimented with different 'line' types to create an effect. They have reflected on how art styles have changed throughout history



From Year 3

In our science, this week we have been exploring magnets. We are all fascinated by how they work. We have been trying to explain how the poles attract and repel each other. We are loving our weekly trip to swimming and are now much more confident in the water and are making great progress.

REMINDERS

Please ensure you are wearing a mask, unless exempt.

Children's PE kit should be black or dark blue jumper, and joggers with a plain white t-shirt.