

## Newsletter Friday 7th May 2021

Messages from
Mrs Hopkins, Executive Headteacher &
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parent and carers who filled in the parental questionnaire. So far we have had 106 responses. this is brilliant, thank you. There is still time to fill in the form and offer us your thoughts and suggestions, so if you have not yet filled in the form please do so. The form will be closed on Friday 14th May, after which time I will communicate the findings to vou.

Did you know?



Have you heard about?

#### World Press Freedom Day - 3rd May 2021

The **Freedom of the press** is a promise by a government not to punish journalists (and other people who report the news) for doing their job. It is an idea like freedom of speech: it lets people express their opinions or beliefs. Many countries have laws or constitutional amendments protecting freedom of the press. The word "press" in the phrase comes from the printing press.

Like with freedom of speech, freedom of the press does not protect everything that a journalist writes. A journalist can be sued for libel, which is publishing false and damaging claims about a person. Publishing copyrighted material is not legal in many countries. Writing about state secrets, like military plans, weapon designs, or other classified information is almost always illegal.

If you click on the blue words you will find out more information.

## School Updates



Since we returned to school on the 8th March we have not stopped using the google classroom. If your child is in Year 1-6 you will be able to find the learning that your child has been accessing all week - ask them to show you and get them to tell you all about the amazing things they have been learning each week.

#### **School Uniform**

Please read the information below regarding ordering school uniform.



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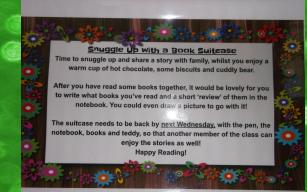
#### Term 6

We are hoping that we may be able to run some of our more usual events during term 6, such as sports day. This will of course depend on guidance from the government. Once we have been given the go ahead we will send the dates out to you. Please keep an eye out for these, they will be emailed to you.

# **School Updates**



The last couple of weeks have seen the introduction of our 'Reading Suitcases'! On a Friday, one child is randomly selected to take home their class 'Reading Suitcase' for a few days, which has lots of lovely goodies inside: a packet of biscuits, a sachet of hot chocolate, a cuddly teddy bear and, most excitedly, lots of brand new books for them to read and enjoy!



# **School Updates**



The Year 1 team are undergoing a project to raise awareness of **recycling** and the impact of **single use plastics** while brightening the school path leading to the Stanhope Gate. We are going to collect non-recyclable plastics and 'upcycle' them to create **rainbow trees** along the fence.

In order to do this we need your help!

We are asking for **donations** of any coloured, clean, non-recyclable plastic you may have at home e.g. broken and discarded plastic toys, plastic milk bottle tops, plastic cutlery and plates, plastic bottles etc.

To help ensure we collect enough plastic of different colours we are asking each year group to donate the following coloured plastic:

Years N, R and 1: Yellow

Year 2: Red

Year 3: Blue

Year 4: Green

Year 5: Pink/purple

Year 6: Orange

Please hand in donations to your child's class teacher by Friday 14th May.





# Safety Tip of the Week

#### **BE SAFE**

When children arrive for breakfast club, please can you ensure that you use the 'zebra crossing' inside the school gate and then walk behind the wooden barrier, this will ensure that you keep safe.

Between 08.00 and 08.30 there are members of staff arriving at school and often deliveries arrive at this time.

#### **School Assembly**

The assembly this week reminded the children about the PANTS rule, this gives them ideas and teaches them ways to keep safe, this is in connection with the NSPCC. If you would like more information please look at this website: The Pants Rule

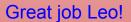


## Star of the week - Nursery

This week in the Nursery we have been learning about Pets. We have enjoyed listening to our friends describe their pets and how they look after them.



Leo is our star of the week. He was able to sort all of the pets into order according to their size and confidently identify the "Biggest and smallest."













## Reception Learning in Term 5

This term Elephants and Penguins are learning all about Animals! So far we have learned about pets, minibeasts and this week we are learning about jungle animals.



We have enjoyed exploring and playing in our new role play areas. We have a pet shop and a zoo! We spoke about how important it is to take care of our pets. We have been cleaning out and looking after our pet stick insects!





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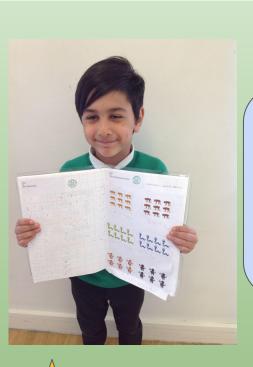
Tina-Marie is Penguins Class star of the week. She has done amazing maths work and joined in enthusiastically! Here she is playing Jungle Race to 20. She even beat Mrs Hemstead! Keep up the great work Tina.



The star of the week in Elephant Class is Cohen. He created an incredible elephant model using duplo after listening to our story 'Walking through the Jungle'. He thought carefully about all the different parts and was proud of his elephant. Well done Cohen!





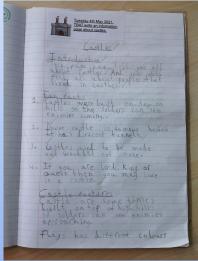


The Star of the Week in 1SJ this week is Muhammed. We are very proud of Muhammed's Maths learning. He has shown fantastic understanding and was super speedy to complete his work!



The Star of the Week in 1JS this week is Charlie H. Charlie used his creativity to start his fantastic collage of a rainforest. He thought carefully about how to use the tissue paper to make texture and what colours he needed. I can't wait to see what it looks like when it's finished!







The Star of the Week in 2OE this week is Harlee! He has written a fantastic information page about castles, using his best handwriting! You have worked so hard Harlee and we are really proud of you. Well done!

Well done to 2NB's Star of the week, Jayden. Jayden produced a great piece of informative writing all about year 2's topic this term, Castles. Keep it up Jayden







The Star of The Week in 3BC is Harry H for designing and creating an amazing illuminous volcano. Well done Harry!



Our fabulous Star of The Week in 35K is Tianna for her amazing discussion work during our Wildfire Activity!



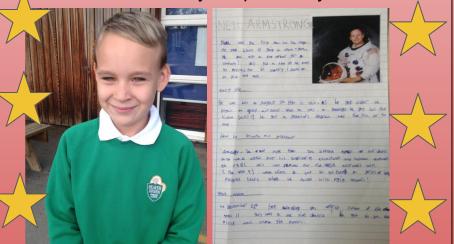
Our Star of the week in 4PA is McKenzie. As he returns to our class, it is lovely to see just how much the rest of the class has missed him. He has worked exceptionally hard and it is a real joy to have him back. I'm not sure I could compete with him on TT Rockstars and it says much about his enthusiasm just how good he has got. I have left Jessy in the photo as he has been a really good friend which has helped McKenzie with his transition. Well done Mckenzie!





4KB's Star of the Week this week is Tommy S. Tommy has been working super hard on his Maths the last couple of weeks and showing us just how clever he is at decimals and money! He got really tricky questions correct and kept focused. Well done Tommy! We are very proud of you! Keep up the fantastic work!

5AT's star of the week goes to Jake. Jake has been amazing this week - trying his hardest to stay focused and engaging well with his learning! Jake has worked particularly hard in his writing this week, trying to improve his presentation and has written an amazing biography about Neil Armstrong! Well done Jake, I am beyond proud of you!!



5MM star of the week is Scott. During our reading sessions Scott showed what a kind and caring person he was when he helped a classmate to read. Scott showed his partner how to decode and blend and then gave his partner real encouragement to have a go. You are a superstar Scott. Keep up the good work!





Well done to Charlie H & Simrik in 6SH this week for amazing team work! You have both been working so well together in lessons and asking each other questions to enhance your learning. Keep up the good work!







Amos is 6VH's Star of the Week. He has really enjoyed reading Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet!" Well Done Amos we have been so impressed!