**Pupil star of the week**

LL: AM: Jacob- For always being ready to learn with a massive smile on his face

LL: PM: Rahim- For settling into Nursery, quickly learning new routines and making new friends

CC: AM: Paisley- For her amazing prediction work around our new class story ‘Can I build another me?’

CC: PM: Danyal- For trying really hard and being a good friend to all

BB:  Lilly for always being ready to learn. Asking good questions and offering her opinion.

SS 1: Ellie - For being a confident communicator. I loved your retelling of the Island story. Great description of the villain.

SS 1/2:  All Children in Swans class - for being super patient and resilient whilst learning in new and challenging ways.  I am super super proud of all of them.

DD 2:  CJ- For having a wonderful week and for being a knowledgeable and expert learner when in geography when learning about the oceans.

SS 3/4: Alfie Tordoff - Alfie always has such a wonderful attitude to learning.

BB 3/4: Kacper for always making the right choices and working so hard. Kacper also deserve this for always being so kind and helpful and helping his partner with her work - he is a true friend.

WW 3/4: Ayat Rehman for showing that you care and being kind.

OO 5: Kenley Garner for having a much more positive week in school, trying his hardest with his work and laughing and smiling again, it has been lovely to see. Keep it up Kenley!

SS 5: Connie Silson for her great resilience in English and her willingness to improve her work

LL 6: Jacob - For consistently using his expertise and contributing to the success of our learning as a class. Thank you!

MM 6: Kyle - For becoming a confident communicator and expert learner especially in maths. Welldone Kyle. Keep up the hard work. You are a star!



**Important Notices**

1. Parents Evening- we will be setting up a parents evening this term. Further information will be provided soon.
2. Please remember to arrive at your allotted time in a morning and afternoon to help us with social distancing.
3. Please ensure you follow these guidelines around the pandemic: <https://academystjames.com/newsletters-for-september/>
4. Have a look at new website page about winning the West Yorkshire Sports Premium Awards:  <https://academystjames.com/we-are-the-champions/>
5. Remember information about your child's PE kit and home work can be found on your class pages e.g <https://academystjames.com/classes/nursery/>
6. Mrs Louch is always available if you have any parent requests as are our parenting team <https://academystjames.com/parent-support/>
7. The term dates for this academic year can be found here: https://academystjames.com/parental-information/holidays-and-attendance/

**What we’ve done this week**

Lively Ladybirds- This week we have been learning the story Goldilocks and the three bears

Curious Caterpillars: This week we have started our story ‘Can I Build another me?’ where we have been learning how to make simple predictions

Brilliant Butterflies: This week we have been reading the story of the enormous turnip. We have story mapped this and retold the story using actions.

Swooping Starlings: This week we have really enjoyed our art sessions with Mr Bullock and creating turtles-they looked fabulous.

Successful Swans: This week we celebrated poetry with Conrad Burdekin, worked with Mr Bullock to create some spectacular art and had a fabulous music session with Mr Morrison.

Daring Ducklings:   This week we have been learning about the different animal groups, we have also designed our own reptile and fish!

Stupendous Squirrels: This week we have published our Island stories. They look amazing!!

Blissful Badgers: We have really enjoyed computing this week and learning how to use inputs to get the ipads to respond with an output - we programmed a whale to bark like a dog :)

Wondrous Whales: I enjoyed seeing Whales producing some beautiful writing and how well they have listened to each other.

Omniscient Otters: I really enjoyed our Science lesson yesterday, listening to our class discuss variables about how to make an effective parachute. I was also really proud of the little group who worked with the poet, Conrad, who created a brilliant ‘Lockdown’ poem in just 20 minutes! Well done :)

Super Seals: Well done everyone in Seals, it’s been a pleasure watching you all acting on advice and being eager to improve your work. Well done and have a great weekend. UTS

Leaping Lions: In addition to our quizzes this week, we have been publishing our stories creatively. Continuing the theme of writing for pleasure, we excelled in our poetry writing and performance with poet Conrad Burderkin for National Poetry Day.

Magnificent Monkeys: This week we have continued with the reading of our class book - Wonder! There have been some wonderful explanations as to why the characters behave in the way they do. The children have worked incredibly hard in their maths quizzes this week and I am really proud of each one of them.

**Head Teacher’s comment**

I hope you have all had a great week. It has been a really busy one at school and my 3 highlights this week were:

1. Watching Year 1 and 2 design and make their turtles in Art
2. Watching the video of Reception enjoying their new stepping stones
3. Watching the video of Year 5 make their ‘lockdown poem’

I also enjoyed all the children eating their ice creams- we gave over 350 out on Thursday. It has also been a busy week for all our classes as we have seen some wonderful work linked to our whole school book by Mark Janssen called the Island. I am really proud of the work all the children are producing.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and take care.

**Photos from this week**















