



Pupil star of the week

LL: AM Levi for his positive attitude to coming to nursery and being an effective communicator.

LL: PM Inaaya for all her amazing home learning, we have enjoyed seeing all your pictures.

CC: Hannah- For her amazing home learning and completed lots of challenges. One of our favourites is her scary mask to disguise the adorable little bunnies

CC: Noah B- For being a confident communicator when sharing his ideas during carpet time discussions. He has also made some fabulous predictions on our new story Billy and the Beast

BB: Joe for being a home learning super star and completing all the tasks that have been set for him.

SS 1/2: This week I really need to congratulate and thank two young ladies in Swans class for logging into every single live lesson, completing every piece of work and have edited and responded to feedback from home. Well done Poppy and Amelia, you are both shining stars and have shown me you are knowledgeable and excellent learners.

DD 2: Our bubble star of the week- Jessica. Jessica has tried really hard not only in school but also at home where she has matured this week and was a confident communicator. Our home learner star of the week goes to Lara. Who, with the help of mum, completes all of her work and really engages with her home learning.

BB 3/4: Badger's star for home learning is Mollie. I have been so pleased with Mollie for joining the online lessons, getting some work done and handing it in on google classroom and messaging to ask for help when she is stuck. Well done Mollie. I am proud of you!

My Year 3 bubble star of the week is Millie. Millie has worked really hard on writing sentences independently this week. She has also amazed us all with her maths work - counting confidently in 10s. Well done Millie!

WW 3/4: Ryan Hudson: for his great online learning. Ryan has joined in almost every live lesson and sends his work daily. Well Done Ryan- Keep it up!

SS 3/4 : Tristan Wright - for persevering with his home learning and responding to feedback. Well done!

Year 4 bubble: CJ for being a confident communicator and always willing to help others with their work! Thank you CJ for being helpful and supportive!

OO 5 : Maisie-Paige Ross - for a fantastic effort with your home learning and still working to an exceptional standard. Well done Maisie :)

SS 5: Amelia Eller - for her great effort in school for all her subjects. She flew doing improper fractions and her explanation of answers has been very precise

LL 6: Oliwia - for showing great great with all of her learning, confidently communicating her ideas with other home learners and completing a wonderfully creative Castle Dracula as part of her homework.

MM 6: For Abby - For her amazing home learning work. On line for every lesson and uploading every piece of work. You are a super star!





What we've done this week

Lively Ladybirds: We have been working on our listening and communicating skills this week and in particular following instructions through games and songs.

Curious Caterpillars: This week we have been learning about the story Billy and the Beast. We have made simple predictions and were able to answer questions about the text

Brilliant Butterflies: This week we have been working on our adding skills. We have been using objects to help us and have had a go at writing number sentences.

Successful Swans: This week we have been working hard to build new friendships and we have shown we really care for each other.

Daring Ducklings: We have had another fantastic week this week in 2DD. We have developed our understanding of The Great Fire of London and have enjoyed singing the very catchy Great Fire of London song!

Blissful Badgers: In The year 3 bubble we have had a great week, working hard on multiplying and dividing by 10 or 100. We have worked practically with place value grids and really understood the concept.

Wondrous Whales: In Whales class we have been exploring our new English text: 'The Hero of Pompeii'. We have been learning about the Rags to Riches story structure. In Reading we have continued to read 'Escape from Pompeii' The children have been showing some wonderful inferences about the characters and the text.

Omniscient Otters: Otters have really upped their game this week with their home learning. They have loved reading our new whole class reading text The Boy at The Back of the Class and have come up with some wonderful thoughts and ideas around it. Well done!

Super Seals: Great week back teaching face to face. I have really enjoyed it and everyone has made a great effort in school.

Leaping Lions: It has been lovely to work with the Year 6 bubble in school this week. The children have shown a clear understanding of their fractions learning, inferred character feelings for both Frankenstein and Dracula, and made my day with a snowball fight yesterday!

Magnificent Monkeys: I have really enjoyed working with all the year 6 home learning group. They have been fantastic. They have worked incredibly hard and produced great work even through this challenging time. Well done everyone and a big thank you.



Important notices

1. We have had to close school today due to icy conditions around school- we aim to be open on Monday.
2. Remember we are currently on national lockdown restrictions and therefore you need to be social distancing from as many people as possible <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>
3. We have had much better engagement from online learning and are running a combination of live sessions, online learning and work packs
4. Work packs will be ready for collection on Monday and Thursday morning every week if you would like one. You **must** return the old pack in order to get a new one.
5. Food parcels are available for collection on Monday too. We will be starting the food voucher system on Monday 25th January. The office team will be in touch about this very soon.
6. If you have technology issues we have a number of chrome books, MIFI dongles and SIM cards which you can loan from us- please see Mr Tolson and Mrs Albentosa about this

We have had some lovely messages from parents this week and I wanted to share 2 of them:

I just wanted so write a little appreciation to @church_prim and especially @year5church. Last week I wasn't around for home schooling at all as I was working. My children all got on with it independently. This week I've managed to have more time at home and honestly I'm amazed and in complete awe of you all. The online learning and teaching has been amazing you are all superstars. How daunting it must be knowing that people are watching you teach, trying to differentiate for each child and support each of them, all while battling with technology and other unforeseen circumstances. I take my hat off to you all you are an incredible team and the best school



Dear Ofsted enquires, (E-mail)

I am writing to inform you of the appreciation I have for the Staff at The Academy at St.James in Bradford BD15. With little over 12 hours notice of a national lockdown the Head Mr. Chris Tolson and the Teachers all rallied round to arrange remote learning whilst also staying safe online for under 12s, they prepared work packs and chromebooks/ dongles for those without access, arranged food hampers, did a zoom call with the parents for a Question Answer and feedback meeting on a personal level and phoned each parent to check the mental health of all the students. All whilst still operating for the students who are still learning in the building and I just think this is above and beyond. None of us have experienced a pandemic before so really don't know what to do in a situation like this and I think they have exceeded all expectations. I have seen a lot of threads on all forms of social media of people email yourselves to complain about schooling and education during this time so thought I would also express my feeling but in a positive manner. I am very very happy and grateful for all they have done. As a parent of a child doing home learning and a parent of a child in school they have made sure both children are as happy as possible whilst still putting their educational needs as priority too.

Thank you for reading
Samantha Webster



Head Teacher's comment

Wow! What a week. It has been another wonderful week inside and outside of school with so many beautiful things happening.

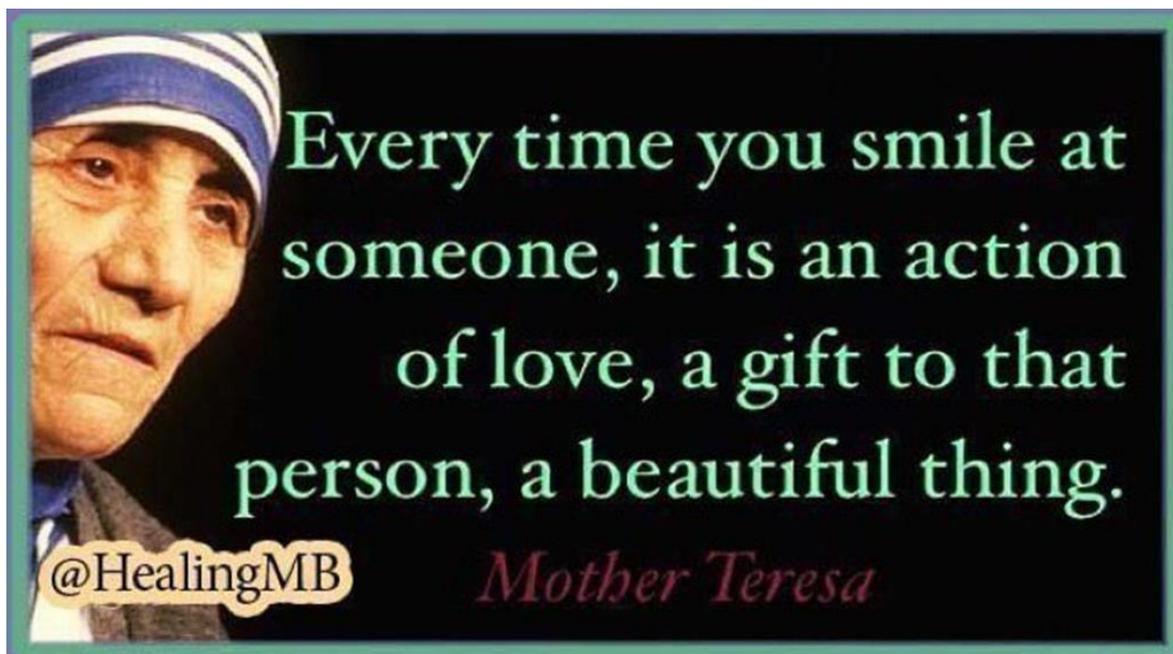
First of all I would like to thank all the amazing staff we have at St James who have continued to work tirelessly to support you. We have had some great parent feedback this week which has been lovely to hear-keep talking to us as we try to keep improving what we do.

My highlights this week have been:

1. Our first Live PE sessions with Mr O'Brien- great to see so many of your tuning in.
2. I had the pleasure of tuning into some phonics and reading sessions in Year 1 and 2- the KS1 team should be really proud.
3. Listening to Y6 maths in one room while Mrs Allingham taught the pupils at home in the other- loved it and it made me smile.
4. I loved the Year 5 snowman- great team effort and I think they had a snowball fight too!
5. Seeing EYFS on the field enjoying the snow and hearing them laugh- what a way to end the week.

Our core value is respect and this week we have been looking at how we look after our family. I hope this weekend you take some time this weekend to spend with your family.

- I used this quote and I want to finish my newsletter with this- each and every day we have the opportunity to do things in the right way even if it is hard. The way we treat other people is so important and I hope you find the space and time to do the same this week.



Take care

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Photos from this week

