



## Pupil star of the week

**LL: AM Eleanor** for always being positive and enjoying all new learning experiences.

**LL: PM Finley** for participating in all our activities with a huge smile on his face.

**CC: AM Noah B-** For his working so hard in phonics and being a knowledgeable expert at recognising and blending sounds

**CC: PM- Kewell-** For settling into Nursery life and becoming more confident at following the Nursery routines

**BB: Sufian** for coming to school with a positive attitude this week and working much more independently.

**SS 1:Ruby Mutimbirwa-** for working hard at home and producing work that she can be really proud of. Well done for showing how much you care about your learning.

**Year 1 Bubble: Fabian** - for developing his independence with his work and also helping other children to succeed. He has shown just how much he cares about his own and his friends learning.

**SS 1/2: Jemimah** - all through lockdown Jemimah has challenged herself to complete learning tasks to a super high standard. With her family's support she has tried her best every single school day and because of this she is making fabulous progress. Well done Jemimah I am very proud of the hard work you have been doing.

**DD 2: Nikolass!** For being a confident communicator when creating his roof for his Tudor house!

**BB 3/4: Mohammed Eesaa** for being a knowledgeable expert and completing most of the home learning tasks. I have enjoyed reading the work and seeing the progress that you are making whilst at home - well done!

**WW 3/4: Archie** for being a confident communicator and completing lots of home learning to a high standard. We have been really impressed, especially with his science poster - well done Archie!

**SS 3/4 : Roksana's** positive attitude to learning is reflected through the work she is producing from home. She challenges herself, completes everything set and responds to feedback and is therefore making amazing progress.

**Year 4 bubble: Isa** for an amazing attitude to learning. You have joined our bubble this week - shown kindness, consideration and worked hard, especially in Maths to become a knowledgeable and expert learner.

**Year 3 bubble: Elijah Whyte** for his consistently positive attitude to learning. He is a confident communicator and has been taking an active part in all of our class discussions. Well done Elijah.

**OO 5 : Zayan Hussain** for having a brilliant week and being himself. It has been lovely to see you laughing, smiling and enjoying your time in school. You have been working hard and it was great listening to you convert fractions, decimals and percentages in Maths - definitely a knowledgeable and expert learner! Well done :)

**SS 5: Kai Amir,** for settling back into school really well. His work on fractions especially has really impressed Mrs Nash and I. Well done young man and keep it up.

**LL 6: The home learning star of the week for year 6 is Abby.** Abby has joined every live lesson and completed every piece of work this term. She shows very clearly that she is an independent and confident learner. Well done Abby.

**MM 6: Bubble - Leah G** - for showing a positive attitude to all of her learning, contributing to our bubble by supporting other learners and impressing with her writing.





## Parent star of the week

**LL:** Evelyn's mum for always being supportive and making sure Evelyn has everything she needs.

**CC:** Fatima's mum for logging onto Dojo everyday to support Fatima with her home learning

**BB:** Henri's mum for all her support throughout home learning and uploading lots of work via class dojo.

**SS 1:** Cheryl, Mason's mum for supporting Mason so well to keep up with his learning at home and for uploading his work so that we can see the great work he has been doing.

**SS 1/2:** Roya - Daniel's mum for all the support she has given her children go access live lessons and comolet work. It has Ben a real.joy watching some of the videos you have sent of Daniel working hard at home.

**DD 2:** Alia's mum! For always helping Alia with her home learning, for uploading work and for making home learning wonderful for Alia :)

**BB 3/4:** Dilshan's mum for all of her support with home learning, for collecting work packs and making sure that Dilshan is on line for live lessons and keeping up with his work. Thank you!

**WW 3/4:** Aayan's mum for posting photos of Aayan's work daily to Dojo. It has been lovely to see his home-learning.

**SS 3/4 :** Sarah's mum and dad. For supporting the girls so well with their home learning. They attend almost all live sessions - also very impressed with the baking skills on well being wednesday! Thankyou for sharing photos!

**OO 5 :** Michelle - Abby's mum - For always keeping in touch and supporting Abby with her home learning and sharing some lovely photos of them enjoying the snow and outdoors!

**SS 5:** Mary Roach - for giving her children her own challenges in Maths when their internet went down and couldn't access online work.

**LL 6:** Alex's mum - for keeping me updated with how home learning is going, and supporting Alex with his learning. His newspaper report was sensational - he richly deserved Writer of the Week! Thank you.

**MM 6:** Lucy's Mum and Dad - for supporting Lucy and Sarah to be online everyday and keeping me in touch with any developments. Excellent work!





## What we've done this week

**Lively Ladybirds:** We have been learning about Chinese New year and Valentines day and even enjoyed a tasting experience of new foods.

**Curious Caterpillars:** This week we been creating our own stories about the day that we met the Bid Bad Wolf. We have also enjoyed another visit to Mr O'Brien where we made hot chocolate on the fire and explored the snowy slope.

**Brilliant Butterflies:** In Reception this week we have been learning about capacity and using vocab such as full, empty etc. We have also been comparing containers to see which holds the most.

**Swooping Starlings:** In Year One this week we have had some great newspaper reports and videos of children reading them for us. The work produced at home and in school displayed this week for all to see was amazing. Well done everyone!

**Daring Ducklings:** We have really enjoyed learning all about The Great Fire of London! We also really enjoyed ending our theme of learning by making our own Tudor houses!

**Blissful Badgers:** We have enjoyed learning text maps and making adjective word banks to help us with our non-fiction writing about Rome. We have been able to create some fantastic descriptive, persuasive sentences.

**Wondrous Whales:** We have worked hard using Overwrite to construct an information leaflet about Ancient Rome. We have also been reading about the creation of Rome by the brothers Romulus and Remus.

**Stupendous Squirrels:** We have tackled fractions with great resilience and enjoyed the wintery weather this week. We even attended our forest schools session and loved our hot chocolates - thankyou Mr O'Brien. The home learners have continued to impress with some amazing information writing! Thank you so much squirrels for your dedication this half term. We really miss you being in school - enjoy your break!

**Omniscient Otters:** My highlight this week has to be sledging and snowboarding with the children in our bubble, even though I wasn't very successful! It was a joy to see them enjoying the fun and each other's company :)

**Super Seals:** Same as Mrs Rosenberg, my highlight has been sledging in the snow. However I do need to apologise to Sachin for breaking his sledge. I think I went a bit to fast down the hill.

**Leaping Lions:** At the end of this long half term, I have been delighted to see our Y6 contribution to the curriculum display in school - learners at home and school have done an amazing job. The other highlight has been our newspaper reports and the videos we have shared of the news stories!

**Magnificent Monkeys:** I have loved seeing the green screen news reports based on Dracula which the home learning children have completed. I have also been impressed with the quality of work the home learners and children in school have completed this term which is displayed on the curriculum corridor.



## Head Teacher's comment

As we finish our half term there have been many highlights. I have been so impressed by the children and families at home and those in school. I have been inspired by the work you have done and all the staff and their support of you and your family.

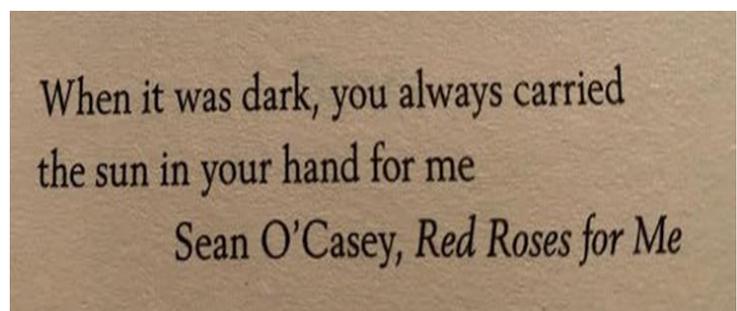
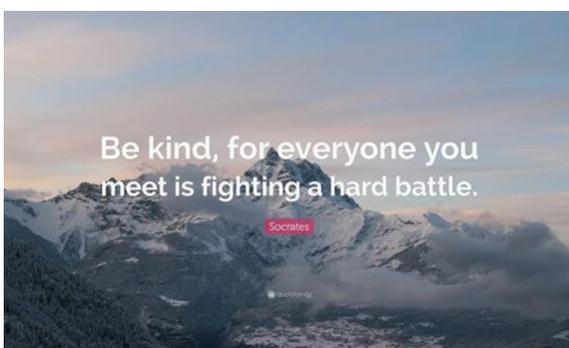
This weeks highlights for me are:

1. Our learning finale in the dining hall and seeing children from Reception look at everybodys work- it was wonderful to watch.
2. Year 6 and their Dracula newspaper work- I was so impressed by the work at school and at home.
3. Seeing Year 5 sledging, snowboarding and having a great time outside- seeing Miss Rosenberg snowboard was a video highlight. Mrs Nash- thank you for organising the sledging festival!
4. I smiled so much watching Year 1 and 2 building their houses linked to the Great Fire of London- well done to all the team- they had so much fun!
5. Year 3 and 4- you have produced some amazing writing this week- I loved seeing Lola Mai and her writer of the week work.

I also wanted to say a huge well done to Teleah who raised £300 to support James Longden- James has been poorly in hospital and this is an amazing achievement.

I would like to thank you for all your hard work and support this term. For me it has been the hardest half term yet I can only smile and feel thankful for the memories and experiences we continue to create for our children. Our work on physical activity, well being and some of the amazing learning we have seen happening over the last 6 weeks has brought a smile to all our faces.

I wish you a happy and peaceful half term. When we come back on Monday 22nd February our key theme is forgiveness. Take care and thank you again for everything.





### Important notices

1. We finish school on Friday 12th February and come back on Monday 22nd February.
2. Our key theme for next half term is forgiveness.
3. Each class teacher will give out a half term learning menu with some things the children can do.
4. A parent guide to how to support your child can be found here:  
<https://academystjames.com/parent-guide-and-home-school-agreement-2/>
5. Here are the details of our remote learning policy <https://academystjames.com/remote-learning-policy-and-support/>
6. Our school pantry will be open on Friday 12th February on Friday 19th February - Mrs Albentosa will be there to support you if you would like some food.
7. Breakfast club continues to operate for a small group of pupils- if you need any support during the national lockdown please let us know.

### School places:

1. We are still in a national lockdown: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>
2. The key things for you are to avoid mixing in houses, keep good social distancing boundaries and wash hands regularly.
3. If your child has any of the symptoms of Covid-19 you should not send them to school and get them tested straight away.
4. We are only partially open and have to follow the rules around school places, The rules are here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We will be sending out a parent survey this to see how we can continue to improve our offer and we will have another parents meeting in the first week back online.





**Photos from this week**

