



Pupil star of the week

LL: AM Naslin for her creativity and specially her drawings of her family and the wolf.

LL: PM Inaaya for her fabulous home learning, especially in Maths, helping make a cheesecake and shapes in the snow.

CC: Olivia H- For being a knowledgeable expert and confidently remembering all of the sounds that we have learnt in phonics

CC: Tess- For showing confidence when trying something new and working collaboratively to make a class piece of Art by painting each other's feet.

BB: Junaid for all the work he has done on class dojo this week and for his amazing snow cat.

SS 1: Payton - You have worked so hard this week and completed all the challenges we have set you. It has been a delight to have you on some live lessons. I know you find working at home difficult but you have persevered and produced work you can be very proud of. You are showing that you care. Well done!

Year 1 Bubble: Samira - You have really impressed me this week with your enthusiasm for learning and for contributing so many ideas to our classroom community.

SS 1/2: Ayeza - for logging to live lessons and working hard to complete and submit work. Ayeza is really demonstrating how hard she is working to become a knowledgeable and expert learner.

DD 2: Bubble: Rayaana, for being a confident communicator in his lessons by asking for help and for developing your independence skills further!

BB 3/4: Jake Cawthra - for completing lots of his home learning and persevering when it has been challenging. He has really tried hard to become a knowledgeable expert and to keep up. Well done Jake.

WW 3/4: Mahnoor S for attending all live lessons everyday.

SS 3/4 : Sarah for continued dedication to home learning, excellent communication between home and school

Year 4 bubble: Poppy for a positive mindset, always having a go, she works so hard!

Year 3 bubble: Daniel S-for having a green week.

OO 5 : Amelia Eller for always showing she cares, helping others and being a positive role model to all.

SS 5: Lacie Redman for her ongoing effort and engagement in her online learning. A special mention from Mrs Nash who regularly lets me know how well you're getting on. Keep going!

LL 6: Aaleyah - for consistently participating in live lessons, communicating ideas confidently and sharing some well-thought out pieces of writing. Thank you!

MM 6: Bubble - Aleena - For working incredibly hard all week in school and for logging on at home during the snow day. Aleena is always caring and considerate of other peoples needs and is a great friend to all in year 6. Keep up the hard work Aleena.





Parent star of the week

LL: All Ladybirds parents for your amazing contribution to your children's learning. We have some very happy children both in school and at home.

CC: Alex T's mum for supporting Alex to complete every home learning challenge and sharing it with us on Dojo

BB: Imogen's mum for juggling a lot at the minute and still managing to complete lots of home learning.

SS 1: Eliesha, Scarlett's mum for supporting her children so well in their home learning. Thank you for all the home teaching you are doing and all the uploading of work. You are doing an amazing job.

SS 1/2: Chloe Hargreaves (Amelia's mum) for encouraging Amelia to login to every single live lesson and complete set challenges. Amelia is making amazing progress in all areas because of the support from home.

DD 2: Kezia's mum. For going above and BEYOND with Kez's and Jemimah's home learning! Thank you so much for all of your hard work and effort, it is so appreciated!

BB 3/4: Jake's mum, for supporting Jake with his home learning, especially when he has found it challenging, in between doing her own job. She has persevered and helped him to keep up and achieve well.

WW 3/4: Ryan H's mum for working super hard with Ryan to complete his homelearning.

SS 3/4 : Alfie H's mum for supporting home learning through challenging times of her own

OO 5 : Ammad's mum for her continued encouragement and support of home learning and allowing Ammad to show off his creative style!

SS 5: Sarah (Evie mum) who has helped her this week access and upload work even though she has not been able to access online learning. Thankyou!

LL 6: Lucus' mum - since the start of home learning, mum has always communicated any issues and successes going on at home. This feedback is invaluable and very much appreciated. Thank you!

MM 6: Zach's Mum - For always helping and supporting Zach in and out of school and for going that extra mile to make him and the year 6 team smile. Thank you.





What we've done this week

Lively Ladybirds: This week we have been learning the story of Little Riding Hood and we have painted some fantastic pictures of the wolf using water colour paints.

Curious Caterpillars: This week we have been learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have discussed the characters and what might have happened if she had not strayed off the path. We have also had lots of fun painting with our feet

Brilliant Butterflies: We have been learning the story of Farmer Duck, talking about the characters and how they could be kinder. We have also been thinking about how we can be helpful at home.

Swooping Starlings: We have some engineers of the future in Year One. They really impressed me with their problem solving and teamwork in D.T. this week. At home children are contributing really well in the live lessons and have become experts at halving and quartering amounts.

Successful Swans: This week we have continued our learning journey about The Great Fire of London. The children have published some fantastic innovated stories, we have had everything for books to puppet shows.

Blissful Badgers: In class and in home learning, we have been tackling some tricky but fabulous fraction work. It has been brilliant to see those in home learning logging in for live lessons, then completing the work. Well done everyone!

Wondrous Whales: We have been investigating sound this week. We have conducted investigations into sound proofing and how cones help us to hear.

Stupendous Squirrels: We have been tackling times tables and fractions which has been tricky but we are all doing a fantastic job!

Omniscient Otters: We have been pulling everything we know about fractions together this week and have done a fantastic job! We have also tried different well-being activities to help our mental health and found our 'zen'!

Super Seals: We have been working on adding and multiplying fractions. Children have kept on going and been resilient in their work and it's great to see. It's been another great week for attendance and the amount getting handed in is improving. Always room for improvements though so don't let it slip!

Leaping Lions: This week, we have been practising rightly formally for a newspaper article, learning about line graphs and pie charts, and continuing our Dracula comprehension. What I enjoyed most, however, was seeing the smiles on everyone's face with their snow activities - the perfect way to mark Children's Mental Health Awareness week! =)

Magnificent Monkeys: This week we have been focusing upon statistics and their use in a variety of ways, eg, line graphs and pie charts. We have continued to read and enjoy our guided reading book Dracula - this is becoming very exciting. My favourite moment this week was watching yr 6 have a snowball game with Mr O'Brien.



Head Teacher's comment

It has been Children's Mental Health Week this week and we have been taking every opportunity to look at the key theme #ExpressYourself. All our worship this week has focused on this and on the concept of gratitude.

My highlights this week have been:

1. Building a snow family with 3 boys in Year 5- it was a joy to watch you and the snow caterpillar was amazing!
2. Our physical activity Wednesday afternoon was a joy! Loved every minute of it!
3. Some of the writing in Year 3 and 4 has been unbelievable! I have loved reading them :)
4. Watching Year 1 and 2 design and discuss what a good structure look like was just amazing to watch!
5. The foot art #wellbeing afternoon made me smile alot- I might have to get involved next time! :)

I have seen yoga, art and dance all taking place and it has been a time to reflect and think about what we enjoy doing! Take some time this weekend and after seeing Simona in Year 5 bring her art work in I know we have so many talented pupils at school.

We had another snow day this week and it was great to see so many pupils enjoying home learning but also taking part in our snow challenges! Wow! I loved Isla snow wall :)

I hope you have a good weekend and thank you for all your support. I sent a letter out this week to thank you and the staff. Our community continues to pull together and I am very proud of you all.

Have a great weekend #staysafe

Important notices

1. I sent out a letter this week thank- here it is for you: <https://academystjames.com/update-and-thank-you-from-mr-tolson/>
2. Remember to follow social distancing rules and avoid mixing different households please. We are still in national lockdown so please make sure you follow the guidelines. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>
3. School places- please remember that we are only allowed to offer school places to children who have one critical worker member of the family.
4. At the moment the earliest school will be returning will be 8th March; we will keep you updated on any further government guidance.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry opens every Friday and will be accessible during half term for families who need support. Please speak to Becky Albentosa about this.



Important notices

Home learning

1. Any work posted after 3.30pm will be marked but not until the next day. We recognise that you have different work patterns but we also need to support the staff in having time to switch off
2. Please avoid sending messages on the weekend. Staff are working incredibly hard to make things work in the class and at home. It is also a time for you to switch off too as we think it is important that we all get a break. If you have a Covid-19 emergency please contact me directly.

Our mobile library will start this Friday and Mrs A Gibbons and Mrs H Gibbons will be out and about supporting you and will have books you can borrow.

If you are needing support with accessing home learning digitally, please contact us and we do have some devices and MIFI dongles spare you can use.

Photos from this week

