



Pupil star of the week

LL: AM Levi for his amazing shape recognition this week.

LL: PM Ameila for always being enthusiastic and smiley.

CC: AM- Reggie- For his enthusiasm and engagement in our new theme this half term

CC: PM- Alex T- For his amazing retelling of our Talk for Writing story which we have been learning this week

BB: Declan for setting a good example for your peers and always being engaged in carpet inputs.

SS 1: Saffa - for showing she cares about her learning by working very hard in English and maths this week and in her intervention time with Miss Stone. Well done Saffa!

SS 1/2: Eric - for working hard to become a confident communicator and speak in front of the whole class.

DD 2: Aiza N- For being a knowledgeable expert in her maths and for teaching me how to exchange when subtracting!

BB 3/4: Isa for showing he cares about his own work and presenting it so beautifully. He has also taken part very confidently in our whole class discussions and shown that he is a confident communicator. Well done Isa.

WW 3/4: Rylan Wardman for his consistent effort and positive attitude. Rylan shows caring for our community by always offering to help me and his classmates.

SS 3/4: Alfie T - For always being caring and helpful especially when helping Mrs Cooper.

OO 5: Zayan Hussain for being a positive role model on the Eco team - encouraging others in the class to litter pick and improve our school grounds.

SS 5: Sani Zehra for her resilience in Maths. I spent a bit of time with her 1-1 going over the process and I loved how she listened and took all the information on board. From not knowing how to tackle the question on Monday, on Thursday she was completing tasks individually. Well done San!

LL 6: Kai Wardman- For being a great friend and role model.

MM 6: Honey For always being herself and showing that she cares for others. Honey wrote a brilliant cold write - biography narrative - she based this on her Dad and the content and flow of writing was excellent.





What we've done this week

Lively Ladybirds: This week we read the story Sharing a shell and have been learning to take turns and share like the crab. We have played games, made shells in the playdough and built sandcastles in the sand.

Curious Caterpillars: This week our wellies have made a safe return to Nursery. We have using actions to learn our Muddy Puddle story and are getting very good at retelling it independently

Brilliant Butterflies: This week we have been learning the story of Mr Gumpy's outing. We retold the story using a story map and then innovated it to create our own.

Swooping Starlings: We are enjoying our English work about the 100 decker bus and the c children have impressed me with their use of new vocabulary. We have lots of Word Wizards in the Starlings class.

Successful Swans: This week in Swans we have started to read ,Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang as our class story. We are really loving the toot sweets and hearing about Mr Potts crazy inventions.

Daring Ducklings: This week we have learnt about why we have St George's day. It was great to see children drawing their own dragon and writing a wanted poster!

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Blissful Badgers: This week we have been working on clarifying vocabulary and questioning in reciprocal reading. We have learnt lots of new words, grown our words and gained a deeper understanding of the texts.

Wondrous Whales: This week we have been investigating where Egypt is in Geography. We have also explored the River Nile and the importance it played in the Ancient Egyptian's lives. In English we have been learning our new story 'The search for Tutankhamun' about Howard Carter's amazing discovery.

Omniscient Otters: The highlight of our week in Otters has to be meeting Onjali Rauf in our reading session to find out all about her life as an author and to ask questions about our whole class reading text - The Boy at The Back of The Class.

Super Seals: Great week in school this week. We have had a big focus on x fractions. I have seen a lot of resilience and engagement in these lessons and the quality of their work has been great.



Important notices

1. Parents Evening will be on the 4th and 5th May. A letter and link will be sent out to sign up for. We are also offering a zoom option so you can see your class teacher.
2. Our training day has now been confirmed for Friday 14th May. School will be closed to pupils but open for staff INSET.
3. Our residential visits are confirmed now: Year 4 will go to Nell Bank between June 21st to June 23rd. Year 6 will go to Ingleborough between July 7th -July 9th.
4. School reports will be given out on Tuesday 13th July.

Attendance and Absence:

1. Please make sure you continue to see medical advice for any of the 3 Covid-19 symptoms.
2. If your child is absent please let school know using the normal systems.
3. Thank you for supporting our social distancing rule before and after school.
4. Remember to keep wearing masks to support our community.
5. Our food pantry is still open every Friday from 9-10 and from 2-3.

Head Teacher's comment

Well it has been another fantastic week at school with so many highlights! Your children have produced some amazing work.

This week my highlights have been:

1. Seeing Year 5 ask some amazing questions to the author of the boy at the back of the class.
2. Listening to Year 6 and their amazing ideas about Goodnight Mr Tom- it was a joy to listen to.
3. Watching our children in Year 3 playing their brass instruments- it made me smile.
4. I have loved seeing our Year 1 and 2 pupils in provision and listening to them read to adults this week.
5. Seeing EYFS in their PE lesson with Mr O'Brien was just wonderful to see- the smiles said it all.

The key question this week has been; What comforts us in difficult times? We have so many exciting things planned this half term and I am delighted that Year 4 and Year 6 will be able to go to Nell Bank and Ingleborough Hall respectively.

I hope you have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

A special thank you to all the staff this week who have done an incredible job as ever to provide an education your children deserve. Every one of them has been amazing.

Kind regards

Chris Tolson



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Photos from this week

