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Newsletter 7 – Spring Term

28th February 2020

A message from the head.....

The children have had a busy first week back with lots of fantastic Marvellous Middles taking place! A huge thank you to Mr Nettleship and Mrs Eaton who worked hard during half term to prepare the campfire area for the children in Reception and Year 3/4 for their bushcraft days this week. On Wednesday the children in Year 3/4 had a fantastic day at Sherwood Forest in Nottingham, thank you to all the parents who gave up their day to come and help!

Thank you also to the parents who came along to support our annual pancake races - if you have any sponsorship money please send it into the office.



Our annual a Bake Off is back and this year the focus is on savoury bakes. This week was the turn of Year 1 and Year 6 who produced some gorgeous creations! Congratulations to the winners who have gone through to the final! Next week is the turn of Year 5 on Monday.

Please join me in welcoming back Mrs Allen (Miss Probert) from her maternity leave to Year 6 and welcoming Mr Moon our new sports coach to the school.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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This week's letters home – look for them in your child's bag or via ParentMail

Year 5 – Sports Leader training

Year 6 – Football tournament

Year 5 – Football trials

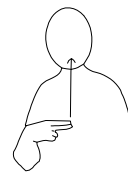
Year 4 – Grafham Water April 2020 Information session for parents

Year 3 – Bikeability course Letter & Consent Form

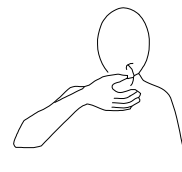
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This week



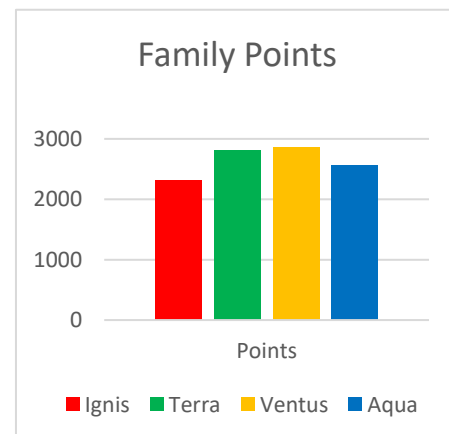
Eat



Drink

Our attendance winner this week is Pegasus with 99.4%.

Our Family Points winner this week is Ignis with 107 points.



February Prize Winners!

Yesterday we launched a new initiative whereby 2 children in the school won a cash prize of £15 each. As you may remember from newsletters we have asked local businesses to sponsor these prizes so that once a month we can award a cash prize to children who have gone above and beyond. There is one prize for Maths and another for English. Each month teachers will nominate children in their class who have tried really hard, perhaps overcome some challenges, worked hard for example on their reading or maths at home or just made fantastic progress in one of these areas. In the last celebration assembly of each month we will draw from the hat 2 winners!

Congratulations to Joey in Year 1 for winning our first Maths award and Hugo in Year 2 for winning the English award.



This month's donation was kindly made by Mr & Mrs Ruskin - thank you!

If you know any local businesses who would like to sponsor a month please contact Mrs Swanepoel, in return we offer a month of advertising in our newsletter.



Art Competition

Congratulations to our prize winners of the art competition who went to Bedford Modern on Tuesday to be presented with their prizes!



REMINDERS

World Book Day

This year we are running a 'Book in a jar/shoebox' competition to celebrate **World Book Day**. (Please see letter sent on 12th Feb).

'Book in a jar' competition entries need to be in school by the morning of the **Wednesday 4th March** for judging.

Please label with child's full name, year group and class.

Children can dress up as a character from a book on **Thursday 5th March**.

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 2nd Mar** – 1.45-2.45pm – Pre-School – Stay & Play
- **Wed 4th Mar** – World Book Day
- **Mon 9th Mar** – Street Dance Comp
- **Wed 11th Mar** – Y1 Marvellous Middle
- **Fri 20th Mar** – 7.45am – Pre-School – Mother's Day Breakfast
- **Mon 23rd Mar** – 3:20pm – Y4 – Grafham Water Residential parents meeting
- **Tue 24th Mar** – 1.30pm – Y3/4 Fab Finish (At Community Hall)
- **Wed 25th Mar** – 9-10am – Y1 Fab Finish
- **Thu 26th Mar** – 2.45pm – Rec – Parents invited to look at Books
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Rec – Bromham Woods Trip
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Pre-School – Dress up day
- **Fri 27th Mar** – Y2 – Fab Finish

Sports Update

Reception OAA - Our year 5 Sports leaders set up and ran an orienteering competition for our Reception children on Tuesday, for their marvellous middle. The Reception children absolutely loved working with the leaders to complete their activities which involved map reading and finding clues. Staff commented that the leaders demonstrated exceptional communication skills and enthusiasm, as well as a kind, gentle and caring approach.

Well done to our sports leaders; Daniel T, Wanny, Amy, Micah, Ayan, Katherine, Caleb and Layla.

Year 5 Netball trials - THANK YOU to all of the girls who came along to play netball. All of the girls showed great determination and potential. The team will be announced after Wednesday lunchtimes training session. Thank you to our year 6 sports leaders who gave up their time to help coach and help during the session!

Sports leaders - The infectious enthusiasm and passion from our sports leaders continues to grow. This week they created a timetable to take turns helping at extra-curricular sports clubs. If your child has offered to assist at a club, they will bring a permission letter home prior to the date they are needed.

Next week's fixtures

Mon 2nd Mar – Year 5 (selected) Sports leaders course 9:30-2:45
delivered by a Paralympian athlete at Westfield School

Tue 3rd Mar – Year 5 Boys Football trials 3:15-4:15

– Year 5/6 Hockey team training 3:15-4:15

- **Fri 27th Mar** – 1.30-3.00pm – Y3/4 Planting Trees
- **Mon 30th Mar** – 2.30pm – Vela Fab Finish
- **Tue 31st Mar** – Swan Lake Trip
- **Tue 31st Mar** – 2.30pm – Lyra Fab Finish
- **Wed 1st Apr** – 2.30pm – Eridanus Fab Finish
- **Thu 2nd Apr** – Y5 Easter Experience
- **Fri 3rd Apr** – Last day of Term

Stars of the week

Little Stars: Madeleine & Ace



Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Cassiopeia, Orion – Aliza, Tucana – Finley, Aquila – Joseph, Cygnus – Alex, Pavo – William, Volans – Jamie, Delphinus – Tyler, Pegasus – Ava, Andromeda – Mollie, Auriga – Madi, Perseus – Naima, Eridanus – Noah, Vela – Saima, Lyra – Rio, Lacerta – Abigail, Circinus – Kevin.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Ellie, Orion – Dylan, Tucana – Elysha, Aquila – Luke, Cygnus – Freddy, Pavo – Lexi, Volans – Abid, Delphinus – Annise, Pegasus – Lailoma, Andromeda – Rowan, Auriga – Hasna, Perseus – James, Eridanus – Mahmood, Vela – Gabriel, Lyra – Laila, Lacerta – Husnain, Circinus – Grace.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Year 1 – Logan, Year 2 – Grace, Year 3 – Joe-Joe, Year 4 Sian, Year 5 – Caleb, Year 6 – Daniel.



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



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★★★★★ by Eileen

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