

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 12th January 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to Jakub Smyl, Amy-Leigh Gower, Lastonie Kens, Alicja Bieda, and Caitlin Worwood who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

Golden Tickets: The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets this week and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' next week are:

| Year Group | Children | Year Group | Children |
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| R | Eshai and Tashi | 4 | Betty and Amy-Leigh |
| 1 | Migel and Wiktorja | 5 | Julia and Brielle |
| 2 | Riley and Makayla | 6 | Ebalo and Nikita |
| 3 | Makai and Riyam | | |

New look Newsletter: You will notice that we have changed the font of the school newsletter and will follow suit with all school letters. As a school, we are encouraging our children to write in a cursive script and in order to encourage this, we are ensuring that as adults we model the cursive script in classes as well as use it for displays and letters home so that the children see it in different areas and it becomes more familiar.

Litter Week: We spent some time this week discussing the implications of litter, not just at school but across the country and across the planet. The children were shocked to hear how much wildlife every year gets killed or injured by rubbish that humans don't put in bins or dispose of correctly. The children have all been encouraged to 'do their bit' and only put their litter in a bin. It would be great if you could encourage them to do this at home too.

Reading Challenge: This term, one of our whole school priorities is to encourage our children to read more at home, as well as at school and in particular for their own enjoyment. For this reason, we are relaunching our Reading Challenge, where children can earn rewards and prizes for reading at home. Children will collect stickers in their classes for each occasion that they read at home. Once children have reached their target, prizes will be rewarded in our Wednesday's reward assembly.

Maths - 99 Club: As mentioned in a previous newsletter, this term, we are putting a greater emphasis on encouraging our children to learn their times tables. We are introducing the "99 Club" as a way of giving children an incentive to do this. Within the children's maths classes, each child will be given a club sheet to complete starting at the "10 Club" (KS1), which consists of 10 questions all the way up to "99 Club", which has 99 questions. Children will need to complete each Club sheet three times before they can move on to the next Club and these will be completed twice per week within the children's maths classes. This will ensure that children become secure with their times tables facts or related division facts and the quick recall of these.

Job Club: In order to introduce our children to develop lifelong skills, we have introduced a Job Club. Many children love to take on the responsibility of a job and there are always plenty of these within school that children enjoy, for example: being a reading buddy to support younger children, organising the computer for assemblies or library monitor. As in all walks of life, there is often competition for the most popular jobs so we are asking children to write a letter to apply for the job that they wish to be responsible for. Following this, they will be asked a few questions about why they think they would be the best person for the job. We hope that this begins to introduce children to the real world of the jobs market and encourages them to write and speak for a real-life purpose.

New Year's Resolutions: Every year I challenge the children to think of something they could improve at school and at home and adopt these as resolutions. Many have told me that they intend to work more quickly, write more neatly, have a better attitude or be a better friend. I'd like to wish everybody the best of luck with their resolutions. I would hope that you might see the benefit at home too with tidier, more helpful children who argue less with their brothers or sisters - that's what they told me would happen!

Class Assemblies: Please make a note of your child's class assembly detailed below:

| Date | Class | Date | Class | Date | Class |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Friday 19 th January | 3JK | Friday 16 th February | 3SH | Thursday 29 th March | 5ST |
| Friday 26 th January | 2ET | Friday 9 th March | 6CB | Friday 20 th April | 4VS |
| Friday 2 nd February | 5SG | Friday 16 th March | 2JG | Friday 27 th April | IEW |
| Friday 9 th February | 4HT | Friday 23 rd March | 6NL | Friday 4 th May | ILM |

Powered scooters: I've had several complaints about powered scooters being ridden on the footpaths and playground at school. They are dangerous around pedestrians and I would expect people to get off and push them when they are on school grounds in the same way that people jump off their bikes or normal scooters and push them. If you need to use one of them to travel to school to collect a child can you please park it in the car-park where all the other cars and motorbikes get parked. Can you also please ride on the road and not the pavement. Thanks for your help to keep our children safe.

Cool to be Kind week: Next week is our annual Cool to be Kind week when children will be encouraged to go the extra mile in carrying out acts of kindness at school and at home.

Pause for Thought: "If you want to be happy, set a goal that commands your thoughts, liberates your energy, and inspires your hopes." Andrew Carnegie. Do you have a goal for 2018?

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- Monday 15th January - Cool to be Kind Week
- Thursday 18th January - American themed lunch
- Saturday 26th - Wednesday 31st January - Year 6 at Dol y Moch
- Thursday 15th February - Chinese themed lunch for Chinese New Year
- Friday 16th February - Half term
- Monday 26th February - Children return to school
- Wednesday 28th February - Parents' Evening
- Thursday 1st March - Parents' Evening
- Thursday 15th March - Irish themed lunch for St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday 29th March - Easter Break
- Monday 16th April - Children return to school
- Monday 23rd April - English themed lunch for St. George's Day
- Monday 14th - Friday 18th May - Year 6 SATs
- Saturday 19th - Monday 21st May - Hordain Football Tournament

Yours sincerely,
Alasdair Black
Headteacher

Letters that were sent home this week:

10th January - Life Skills (Years 1 - 6), Fly High Reading (Years 3 - 6)



Attendance for the week before Christmas:

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 95.2%

The class with the best attendance last week was 6CB with 100%

Attendance money won:

£5 - 6CB, £1 - IEW, ILM & 5ST

