



# Newsletter No. 3

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 21st January 2022



## Ukulele

Year 3 have been enjoying class ukulele lessons through Inspiring Music. The children have had so much fun in these lessons learning different songs and skills.

They even got to sing along to some songs whilst playing along on the ukulele.



## The Great Fire of London

Year 2 have been busy working on their current topic of The Great Fire of London.

The topic has been included in art, religious education and English. There has been some great attention to detail.



## COVID-19

You may be aware that this week we have been forced to close some year groups due to rising numbers of positive cases, and due to related staffing difficulties which have meant that we would not have been able to provide a safe learning environment for the children of those groups. This has been regrettable and has been the last resort. Face to face education is so important and having to revert to remote learning means that we have to do our jobs with one hand tied behind our back, not to mention the significant disruption that this causes families and the impact that this has on all children's learning.

This is a reminder that there is still a risk of the virus in the local area and we have seen that there is a huge range in how the virus affects people. Some members of staff have been very ill indeed.

- Please can you make sure that you are taking care, spotting symptoms in your children and being overcautious when deciding whether to test or not?
- Please can I also ask for your continued support when we ask you to collect your child or take them for a PCR test?

We hope that we don't have any more year group closures but will be very grateful for your understanding if this is absolutely necessary.

## Speed Stacks

In reception this week the children have been using speed stacks in their PE lessons. The children have continued to use speed stack in child-initiated play and have made some fantastic creations.



## Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Oliver	for his engagement and enthusiasm with his reading.
Oak	Oliver	for coming into school so happily and being ready to learn.
Beech	Dylan	for showing the value of compassion to children who are upset and learning the value of patience.
Elm	Oliver	for his amazing reading, comprehension of texts and general love of learning.
Maple	George	for making a fantastic effort to make sensible choices and setting a great example to his peers.
Willow	Penny	for her 'eye for detail' during our art topic about The Fire of London. Penny carefully selected her colours to represent the background of her silhouette picture.
Chestnut	Siyana	for being consistently hardworking and enthusiastic across all areas of the curriculum and for the pride taken in her written work.
Sycamore	Keanna	for working hard on her listening and using her words to talk about how she is feeling.
Birch	Kye	for his effort and application when working independently in English.
Hazel	Eleanor	for her excellent attitude to her learning over the last week. She has been engaged in lessons, always ready and listening.



## Measuring

The children in Acorn class have been busy comparing length, using cubes.

We found different adults around the school and asked "Can we measure your shoe please?"

We carefully used out cubes to measure the shoes before comparing who had the biggest shoes, using the terminology longer and shorter.



### Tidy Ted

Well done to Willow class who have had really tidy cupboards and desks.

### Other awards to mention

#### Theatretrain

Year 1	Edward	Beech
Reception	Thea	Ash
Disco Ducks		
Year 1	Charlie	Elm

#### ASFC

Year 2	George	Maple
Year 3	Anthony	Sycamore
	William	Sycamore

#### Premier Gymnastics Multisports

Harper	Maple
Florence	Chestnut
Frankie	Sycamore
Robert	Birch
Jagoda	Birch