



Newsletter No. 8

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

Friday 4th March 2022



World Book Day 2022 - 25th anniversary

We were delighted to welcome Andy Huxtable to GMA and wear their pyjamas to celebrate World Book Day 2022. The children enjoyed hearing Andy reading extracts from his Charlie Ant series and loved creating new humorous characters. Congratulations to Amber for designing the winning character entry - a praying mantis! Don't forget to use your WBD vouchers to get free books or £1 off a book of your choice.



The Dot

Peter H Reynolds' beautiful book "The Dot" tells the story of Vashti, a child who thinks she can't draw. Her teacher knows that there is creative spirit in everyone and gently encourages Vashti to sign the angry dot she initially made in frustration. This sends Vashti on a creative journey of self-belief and helps her discover that where there's a dot there's a way. Acorn class have been copying book covers this week and making beautiful paintings. Jake did this amazing painting of the cover of the book called "The Dot".



Science in Year 4

In Science, we have started a new unit about sound. We carried out an investigation on the loudest and quietest parts of the school, using data logger to record the levels on noise in decibels. Our investigation found the quietest area of the school was the office area and the noisiest being Sycamore's PE lesson!



We all got to wear our pjs and share lots of books with each other.



Old uniform request

If you have any old uniform items that are in good condition, then please hand them in at school reception. We need spares to keep in the office. Many thanks.

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	Harper	for her enthusiasm and confidence in maths and for being able to explain her answers.
Oak	Luke	for his fantastic, informative show and tell all about Mary Anning. Luke spoke with confidence and expression, explaining clearly who she was and what she discovered.
Elm	Bahir	for settling in well and making lots of new friends in his new class.
Beech	Thalia	for her lovely descriptive sentences in English and her growing confidence in maths.
Maple	Elizabeth	for her excellent attitude to learning and for being a great role model in the classroom.
Willow	Jesse	for his consistently amazing attitude to learning and great participation in class discussions.
Chestnut	Jessica	for the brilliant effort she has put into her division of 2-digit numbers in maths this week. She has really grasped the concept and it has been great to see her sharing her answers with the class.
Sycamore	Max	for his perseverance and focus when solving division problems in maths.
Birch	Kane	for his excellent engagement with, and enthusiasm for, our study of area in mathematics.
Hazel	Hollie	for her engagement with learning the features of a mountain and for continuing her learning at home.



Reading corner

This week we are featuring some of the best children's books published in 2021.

Reception/year one – Pirate Stew – Neil Gaiman



Year two/three – Space Detectives – Mark Powers



Year three/four – VI spy: licence to chill – Maz Evans

Tidy Ted

Well done to Oak and Ash class. Both classrooms were kept very tidy last week with all toys and props put away.

Other awards to mention

Premier

Multisports Yr 3	Harper Frankie	Maple Sycamore
Multisports Yr Gymnastics	Marco Evan Ida	Birch Elm Beech
Football	Jackson	Elm

Theatretrain

Reception 1 and 2	Oscar Sophie	Oak Maple
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