



Newsletter No. 11

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

Friday 25th November 2022



Music Assembly

What a wonderful morning of music we had, with some of our pupils showing us their musical talent. We listened to pupils playing the guitar and piano and we also had a lovely singing performance too. Well done to all of our pupils that took part and thank you to the parents who came to watch.



3D Shapes

Year 1 have had a great time this week investigating 3D shapes. They have been finding out which shapes stack and which shapes roll and building some amazing towers!



Junior Duke

This week Year 3 took to the kitchen for their cookery challenge to make brownies. Year 4 started their drama challenge and Year 2 enjoyed their music challenge. The children learned how to play 'Happy Birthday' on the glockenspiel. They then individually performed their music to the other children. Everyone was very proud of themselves and their achievement.



Happy Special Birthday Mrs Douglas!

Acorn B celebrated Mrs Douglas's special birthday this week. Acorn A enjoyed some biscuits earlier in the week too. We all enjoyed singing 'Happy Birthday' to Mrs Douglas.



It's Getting Festive in Forest School!

This week Ash Class have been busy making a beautiful wreath in Forest School. This is now hanging in the classroom in preparation for Christmas.



Christmas Light Switch On

On Saturday, in addition to our PFGM being at the Christmas Light Switch On, our choir will be performing at 5.00pm too. Please pop down and support them.



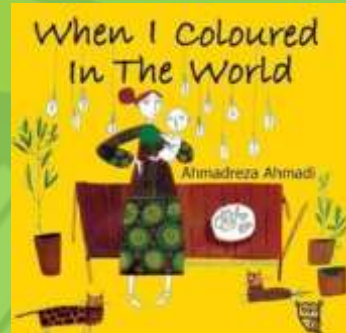
Reading Corner

Reception/ Year 1: Ralf by Jean Julien



Ralf is a funny dog, with short little legs and a long, long body. He is always getting under his family's feet, until one day they can't take it anymore and lock him outside. When a fire sweeps through the house that night, Ralf's long body is just what is needed to alert everyone - but can it stretch far enough?

Year 1 and 2: When I coloured in the world by Ahmadreza Ahmadi



With a box of coloured crayons and an eraser to rub things out, one child sets out to transform the world. This unusual and deceptively simple picture book that imagines a world without discrimination, poverty or inequality. Beautifully imagined illustrations and thoughtful text give glimpses into the life of other cultures and explore the fabulous colours of the Earth.

Years 3 and 4: Granny came here on the Empire Windrush by Patrice Lawrence



Ava must dress up as someone she admires for a school project, but can't decide who to be, so Granny offers to help. As they search for inspiration in Granny's trunk of clothes, Ava is intrigued when she finds a small, cardboard suitcase, containing four objects: an empty jar, a pebble, a small blue hat and a pair of delicate lace gloves. Granny shares the precious memories evoked by these simple objects with Ava, recounting how she left Trinidad aboard the boat Empire Windrush to begin a new life in England.

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	Darcey	for the focus and attention she applies to her work and the responsibility she takes towards her learning.
Oak	Luna	for being a good role model for the rest of the class and showing resilience in difficult situations.
Elm	Pixie- Lilly	for her positive attitude to school and her learning. For always trying to do her best in lessons and in class generally.
Beech	Isla-Grace	for her incredible progress with handwriting. Isla has worked really hard to make her letters smaller and of a similar size to each other.
Maple Willow	Jessica Harry	for improved concentration and effort to participate in lessons. for taking pride in his independent work by forming his letters beautifully.
Chestnut Sycamore	Mia Chloe	for outstanding effort in maths. for her confident, independent use of pictorial representations in mathematics.
Hazel	Tristan	for his amazing effort with reading at home and being consistently helpful in the classroom.
Birch	Jessica	for her fantastic maths work that she completed at home, using all her knowledge from her school learning to help her.

Tidy Ted

Hazel Class for stacking the chairs and keeping the desks tidy.

Other Awards to Mention

Lunchtime Stars:

Freddie Elm Always polite and uses his manners
Lucas Willow Always finishes his dinners

Teddy Chestnut class

On Sunday's memorial parade for Remembrance Day, Teddy was asked to lead the Beavers in the parade and be flag bearer. He did this with pride (despite being very nervous). Both Beavers and his family were very proud of him for doing this and representing the Beavers so well.

Florence Birch Class Swimming Level 6

A big well done to Dylan and James in Y3 and Sophie and Ella in Year 4 for reaching and taking part in the finals of the District Shooting Competition. They concentrated really hard and aimed well. We are extremely proud of their performance.

Beth Hazel class 1st place Gymnastics
Regional competition

Dylan Sycamore class 20 metres swimming

Elizabeth Sycamore class Muddy Monsters - 1st
place Cycle race

Thalia Willow class
Thalia received the Kumon International Standard and gained a place on the Kumon Maths Advanced Student Honour Roll. Thalia has hit 9 months above her international grade level. Which is a huge achievement.



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