



Newsletter No. 2

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

Friday 13th January 2023



Starry Night

Year 1 have been inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night to paint their own pictures in the post-impressionist style. The children loved seeing an animation of Starry Night which you can watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCHFAsXYHGA>

as well as holding an oil painting painted by Mrs Roberts.



Little Red Riding Hood

In reception, the children have been learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Over at Forest School this week, they dressed as the characters and re-enacted the story.



Phonics Information Session

We are delighted with the response to our invitation to the phonics and reading information sessions on Wednesday 18th January. This session is aimed primarily at parents of early years and key stage 1 children but of course all parents/carers are welcome. The sessions are at 9am or 5pm.

Science in Year 2

Year 2 are learning about materials and their properties in science this term. As part of this unit, we carried out an experiment to see which type of ball was the bounciest. We discussed the material that each ball was made from and how this might have an effect on how bouncy the ball was. The children made predictions beforehand and then we tested each ball, measuring how high it bounced. This was very difficult as the ball moved so fast and we discussed how it would be useful to have filmed it and then watch it in slow motion! The children were so excited by this lesson and there was some fantastic discussion.



Three course meal, anyone?

This week our Year 4 Junior Dukes have been learning to lay the table for a three course meal.





Pop Art!

Some wonderful work by our Year 4 pupils.



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	Carter	for his fantastic start to the new term, coming into school happily, confidently and independently.
Oak	Nevaeh	for showing a massive growth in confidence, counting to 20 in front of the class and reading to an adult.
Beech	Max	for his responsible attitude in the classroom. Max has been looking for opportunities to help around the classroom and has shown increased focus on his learning.
Elm	Corey	for his growth in confidence and independence in maths and for his ability to explain and prove his answers.
Maple	Bahir	for making progress with his reading and showing more confidence when blending and reading words.
Willow	Jason	for being consistent in following instructions and doing the right thing.
Chestnut	Penny	for always having a positive attitude to her work. She makes excellent contributions to class discussions.
Sycamore	Vinnie	for his super contributions and excellent effort in mathematics.
Hazel	Molly	for her great use of factors in maths and understanding the concept of a square number and square root.
Birch	Lily	for her positive approach to school life, always pushing herself to do her best and for coming in with a positive attitude.



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted - Elm Class for keeping the desk tops tidy and minimal floor mess.

Lily - Elm class - Learn to swim level 3 and Gymnastics level 1

Dexter - Willow Class - Little Aqua orange level

Imogen – Willow class - Gymnastics level 1

Nephin - Maple class - Lil Dragons - blue stripe

Isabella – Willow class – Judo - trophy