



Newsletter No. 10

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

Friday 30th June 2023



Wellbeing Week

We have had a wonderful week of wellbeing activities for both our pupils and staff. Our younger children have spent some time with Ali Nuttall and have had a session of Mindful Magic, whilst our older children had a relaxing session of yoga with Happy Little Yogi. There have been many other activities in school this week to promote wellbeing, including writing kind notes for our friends and adults in the school and class breathing exercises.



School uniform order deadline

Orders must be placed by **THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST 2023** for delivery in time for the start of the September term.

Delivery to school option:

The delivery to school option has now been removed from the web shop from Monday 26th June 2023 but will be available again from Monday 4th September for delivery into school the week commencing Monday 11th September 2023.

Please check the Total Clothing website for shop opening times if collecting from the store.

British Schools Museum

Year 2 spent a fascinating day at the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. They went dressed as Victorians in their long clothes and hats and were prepared for a strict lesson in the schoolroom. It was a bit strange to be taught by a Victorian teacher because she was strict and kept reminding the children to call her Mam after they had answered a question! The children found writing with ink strange and the books were different to their own in class. They also had a go at writing on a slate with chalk. The children had to be very quiet and still. They also had some fun with the puppets and toys in the hall and even got to use a hoop outdoors. Finally, the children took part in a drill which was a set of physical exercises to teach them to be healthy workers! What an insightful day into another time in history.



Well Done Junior Dukes

This week we had the pleasure of handing out more Duke awards. Well done to the following pupils:

Birch - Ollie, Salma, Ella, Oscar

Hazel - Tristan, Elodie, Max, Leo, Molly, Ivy, Lottie, Mia and Evie.

Merit award goes to Evie for fantastic interaction and enthusiasm, great participation at home and a beautifully presented Duke log. Well done Evie.

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	Ada	for settling into Ash class so beautifully, making many lovely friendships and for trying really hard with her learning.
Oak	Malachai	for his positive attitude to learning and determination when faced with a challenge.
Elm	Corey	for his excellent ideas that are offered in class discussions for all lessons, especially English.
Beech	Leo	for being an excellent buddy and for his valuable contributions to class discussions.
Maple	Paige	for producing an accurate background wash in the style of Rousseau during art. We are looking forward to seeing her finished piece once all of the layers have been built up.
Willow	Dylan	for his fantastic use of adjectives in his writing inspired by our class story.
Sycamore	Tristan	for his excellent, independent contributions to our whole class discussions in English.
Chestnut	Roemina	for always trying hard in everything she does. She has particularly good success in art with careful and precise work.
Hazel	Elodie	for her excellent provision for her creative crafts club for younger children.
Birch	Willow	for her participation in the recent athletics competition, particularly her perseverance in 400m.

Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Chestnut Class for keeping the floor tidy and stacking chairs neatly

Other awards to mention

Harper from Chestnut Class
Motocross racing 13th out of 36

Sienna from Sycamore Class
Pix Brook Gymnastics 1st place

Darcey from Chestnut Class
Taekwondo Competition and received a medal

Jesse from Chestnut Class
All Stars cricket certificate and medal

Joel from Beech Class
All stars cricket certificate and medal

Elizabeth from Sycamore Class
Pix Brook Gymnastics 4th place

Jackson from Maple Class
Twae kwondo - participation medal

Garvan from Sycamore Class
Taekwondo - participation medal

Ellie from Sycamore Class
Ellie and her football team Hitchin Belles were Plate winners for the season 2022-2023.
Ellie also achieved her yellow belt in kick-boxing.

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