



Newsletter No. 10

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

Friday 24th November 2023



Still I Rise

In Birch class, we have been looking at a poem by Maya Angelou called 'Still I Rise'. Based on this, we have created a class version with a focus on bullying:

You may jeer and taunt, ignore me,
With mocking repeated lies.
You may slap me down with your bitter twisted lies,
But like a phoenix,
I rise.

Just like stars shine bright at night,
With the guarantee of winter turning into spring,
Just like dreams and wishes streaking out wide,
I rise.

Did you want to see me heartbroken with horrible
laughs behind my back?
Did you want to see me cry with your bitter twisted
lies and horrible replies?
Curled up like a frightened hedgehog?
Still I rise.

Across the bumpy, rough ground, joyfully galloping,
I rise,
Across the dirty ocean, powerfully diving,
I rise,
I am a castle, standing up straight,
I am a soldier, ready to fight.

Moving on from the heartbroken days of sorrow,
I rise,
Emerging into a new chapter of my glorious fairy
tale dreams,
I rise,
Bringing respect that my friends gave me,
I am the pride of my school,
I rise,
I rise,
I rise.

Arlesey Christmas Light Switch On

We are very excited that our choir will be performing just before the light switch on this Saturday. They will be singing at 5pm. Please support them if you can. Arlesey Events have asked that the village hall doors behind where they will sing remain clear and that parents do not stand in the doorway as this is an exit route. Many thanks.

Mini Duke

Last week our Year 1 Mini Dukes completed the cookery challenge. The children enjoyed making toast with butter and jam. They are excited to complete their next challenge!



School Councillors Christmas Confectionery Shop

Our school councillors have been working hard to prepare their Christmas Confectionery Shop. This gives the pupils a great opportunity to purchase sweet gifts for home.

It is £2 per gift, with a maximum of 2 gifts per child. There is no cash option so please secure purchases through Parentmail – shop. Purchases need to be secured before the dates below. This is the dates when the shop will be visiting each class.

Tuesday 28/11	Birch and Hazel Class
Thursday 30/11	Maple and Willow Class -
Tuesday 5/12	Acorn A and Beech Class
Thursday 7/12	Acorn B and Elm Class
Tuesday 12/12	Ash and Oak Class
Thursday 14/12	Chestnut and Sycamore



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	Sienna	for her engagement and enjoyment of dough disco!
Oak	Henry	for showing a really positive attitude in class and trying his best to contribute during learning time.
Beech	Douggie	for his concentration and focus when doing a painting of trees and how they change through the seasons.
Elm	Reign	for showing dedication to improve his descriptive writing. He used a number of different adjectives to describe the piano in our new key text - 'The Bear and the Piano'.
Maple	Pixie-Lilly	is incredibly hard working and always treats others with respect and kindness. Well done for being a fantastic role model Pixie-Lilly.
Willow	Bobby	for the effort and perseverance that he put into his independent writing which was an interview for a firefighter.
Sycamore	Oakley	for his consistently responsible and respectful approach to all aspects of his school life and learning.
Chestnut	Scarlett	for caring about the environment and her community giving up her time to litter pick in the local area.
Hazel	Logan	for developing his love for reading and making good improvement.
Birch	George	for his interesting ideas and focused work while creating a poem about bullying.

Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Ash Class for keeping their desks tidy and having neatly stacked chairs.

Isabella from Chestnut competed in the LBKTD 20th Anniversary Tournament in Letchworth on Saturday and won a silver and two bronze medals.

Elizabeth from Birch

On Saturday, Elizabeth came 2nd in the first round of the Muddy Monsters off-road cycling series held in Welwyn.

Lunchtime Awards

Jackson

Willow Class

Ralph

Ash Class

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