



Newsletter No. 5

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

Friday 9th February 2024



Duke Awards

It was fantastic to give out so many Duke Awards to our pupils earlier this week. Well done to the following children who all received their Duke Awards:

Year 4 - Silver Junior Duke

Lexi May, Elizabeth, Blake, Islagh-Belle, Harper, Riley, Amber, Rosie Mae and Freddie.

The Year 4 Merit Award went to Islagh-Belle for great creativity, brilliant focus on tasks and using initiative to expand and complete units. Well done Islagh-Belle!

Year 3 – Bronze Junior Duke

Dylan, Jackson, William, Charlie, Lucas, Max, Eddie Dexter, Louie, Henry and Nephin.

The Year 3 Merit Award went to Henry for his curiosity and focus. He always had interesting knowledge and observations to share with the group. Well done Henry!

Year 1 – Silver Mini Duke

Maverick, Layla, Dougie, Isabel, Lara, Zoie, Jake, Hallie, Isabelle, Adriana, Yasmin, Luna, Spencer, River and Jack.

The Year 1 Merit Award went to Isabelle for working hard to write detailed reflections of her challenges. She put in so much effort throughout Mini Duke and showed great determination and resilience. Well done Isabelle!

Junior Duke is a great way of our pupils learning about life skills. A lot of the learning is done practically. We are excited to see more pupils starting their awards.

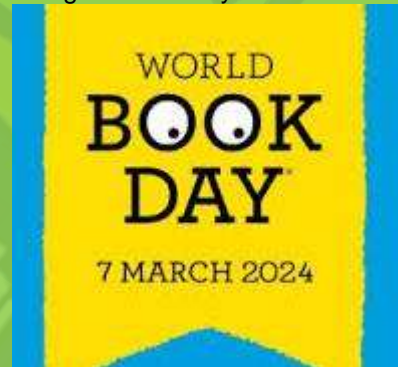


School Reception

A reminder that our school reception is open between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Outside of these hours, please send any queries via email to the office on gma-office@bestacademies.org.uk Thank you.

World Book Day 2024

Next month it's World Book Day. This year our World Book Day theme at GMA is "Passion for Reading". We would like you to send us a photo of your child reading a book in their favourite place. This can be as imaginative and quirky as they like! On World Book Day, we would like children and staff to wear their pyjamas to school as a celebration of cosy bedtime stories. Have a look at the WBD website <https://www.worldbookday.com/> to find out about WBD events and £1 books. Acorn A will be celebrating on Monday 4th March with the rest of the school celebrating on Thursday 7th March.



Year 2 Assembly

Well done to our Year 2 pupils for a fantastic assembly on The Great Fire of London. The pupils presented their learning in a variety of ways including artwork, songs, acting and diary accounts.



Packed Lunch Waste

We have become aware that some of our pupils are throwing some contents of their lunch box away. Where possible, we will have conversations with pupils if we see them doing this but please could you remind your child not to throw items of food away if they have not eaten it.

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 Oak	Esme Maxwell	for the enthusiasm she has shown with her reading this week. for some excellent sentence writing in English lessons and trying his best.
Elm Beech	Luna Bailey	for thinking creatively when writing in English lessons. She has been reflecting on her work and setting herself new targets. for being really focussed and doing his best handwriting when writing his report.
Willow Maple	Oscar Neil	for his effort in art this week. He carefully sketched real life objects from nature. for becoming more confident and participating more in class this week. Well done Neil.
Chestnut Sycamore	Louie Max	for writing some fabulous independent sentences in English lessons which have included excellent and exciting vocabulary choices. for his consistent effort to explain his mathematical thinking in our lessons.
Hazel Birch	Harper Isla	for showing responsibility during our trip to The O2 on Tuesday. for her positive attitude towards her learning that sets a fantastic example to all those around her.



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Oak Class for keeping play areas tidy and putting rubbish in the bins.

Reign from Elm Class - North Herts Gymnastics - bronze award for using core skills and large apparatus

Non Uniform Day



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