



# Newsletter No. 13

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

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December



## BIRCH CLASS

In Birch class, we have been writing poetry based on the poem 'Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou. We created a class poem about bullying:

I rise  
You may tease and take, push me,  
With stares, glares, you traumatise,  
Just like the sun breaking through the  
morning fog,  
Still, I rise.

Just like twinkling stars in the black,  
With the certainty of the skies,  
Just like friendships growing,  
Still, I rise.

Do you want to see me beaten?  
Needles in my eyes?  
Head down like a fallen soldier?  
Engulf my dejected cries?

In the sky, flying, still gliding,  
I rise.  
Leaping up- crashing, thrashing, like  
waves,  
I rise.  
I am a mountain, bearing the storm,  
I am a police officer, fighting crime.

Walking away from months of  
despair and frustration, I rise.  
Opening a window to a fresh and  
amazing new life, I rise.  
From my mother who raised me, I  
bear the truth.  
I am the dream, the hope, the power  
of my youth.  
I rise,  
I rise,  
I rise.

## PIANO PERFORMANCE

This week we were treated to some wonderful Christmas songs performed on the piano by our incredibly talented students. This very special performance gave the children the opportunity to showcase the festive pieces they have been practising with their music teacher, Mr Paul.

Isabelle - We Wish you a Merry Christmas

Emily - Feliz Navidad

Jake - Jingle Bells

Henry - Wonderful Christmastime

Ethan - Harry Potter theme

Jason - Carol of the Bells

Ayyub - Silent Night

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been learning about different creation stories. They created artwork to show their ideas about creation.

A visitor came to Year 1 this week .... An Emperor Penguin! Did you know that Emperor Penguins are about 115cm tall? Taller than some of us!



## WORKSHARE

We would like to invite parents and carers into school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm-4.15pm for our workshare. This is an opportunity for you to come in to your child's class, look at their books and share their learning with them. We will dismiss your child as usual at the end of the day and then the teacher will invite anyone who can attend the workshare back into the classroom. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

## 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.

<b>Ash</b>	Mila for her concentration and perseverance at the junk modelling table where she created a fantastic robot.
<b>Oak</b>	Amelia for her fantastic singing and dancing. Millie has learnt our Christmas songs really well and performs them with a smile on her face.
<b>Beech</b>	Harrison for his responsible attitude in the classroom and in the playground.
<b>Elm</b>	Ted for being a proactive learner. Ted always tries his best, applying new learnt skills to his work. He shows pride in his learning and likes to challenge himself in all areas of the curriculum.
<b>Willow</b>	Karina for always taking pride in her work. Karina carefully created different textures in her art work using natural materials.
<b>Maple</b>	Cillian for taking pride when completing his art work this week. Cillian worked hard to create a range of different textures and colours.
<b>Chestnut</b>	Tara for the wonderful pride she takes in the presentation of her work in all subjects.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Bobby for the amazing effort he makes to learn his spellings each week.
<b>Birch</b>	Brooke-May for the pride she takes in her work, always putting effort into her presentation.
<b>Hazel</b>	Jessica for her participation and determination modelled in class consistently.



## OTHER AWARDS TO MENTION

- \* Nelly (Willow) – Awarded a dance trophy
- \* Ioli (Chestnut) – Achieved a swimming 50m badge
- \* Luke (Sycamore) – Awarded player of the month at Judo
- \* Jason (Birch) & Ophelia-Rose (Acorn) – Both awarded swimming certificates



## POLITE REMINDERS

We would like to remind you of our **48-hour sickness policy** to help keep our school community healthy and safe. If your child experiences **vomiting or diarrhoea**, we kindly ask that they remain at home for **48 hours after their last symptom**. This policy helps to reduce the risk of spreading illness to other students and staff. Also, please can we remind parent and carers, **Absence Request Forms** must be completed for time off during term time (excluding sickness/medical appointments). Forms are available from main reception.

## UPCOMING DATES



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Workshare Year R-Year 4, 3.30pm-4.15pm  
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch  
Last day of term  
Staff training day  
Children return to school  
Sycamore first swimming session



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