



Newsletter No. 6

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

Friday 10th October



YEAR 1

As part of our **Black History Month** celebrations, Year 1 pupils created wonderful self-portraits inspired by the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. The children explored his distinctive style, focusing on his bold use of colour, expressive lines, and abstract detail. They worked really hard to recreate eye-catching pieces of art that they were very proud to share. Well done, Year 1!



PHOTOS

Photo proofs will be sent home with the children today. Please follow the guidance on the proofs for information on how to order your child's photo. Orders made within 10 days qualify for free delivery to school.

GMA GOOD NEWS STORY



A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our recent *Tea with the Head* morning. It was lovely to catch up and chat informally about school life. Our next session will take place on **Thursday, 7th November**, and we look forward to welcoming more parents and carers to join us for a cup of tea and a friendly conversation.

PUPILS COMMENTS

Following on from our fantastic **International Week** last week, we wanted to share some of the lovely comments from our pupils about what they enjoyed most:

- I think it is a really good idea because I like searching for facts about Brazil **(Vincent)**
- I like finding out about countries and their different foods **(Lara)**
- I like asking questions about countries such as "Why were the pyramids so huge?" **(Luna)**
- You get to do lots of different stuff such as searching up for information **(Aurelia)**
- I like International week because we got to make the flags and hang up the bunting. **(Ada)**
- I like International week because the lunches are really yummy. My favourite was today – it was Mexican! **(Clara)**
- We do lots of fun activities in International week and we find out lots of information about all sorts of different places. **(Alice)**
- My favourite thing is to use the atlases **(Hallie)**.
- I really like International week because I worked really well with my partner. We found out about the USA. **(Oscar)**

PUPIL PREMIUM

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals.

Registering for **free meals** could also raise an extra £1,385 for your child's primary school to fund valuable support like extra support, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the eligible benefits. This in return would allow the school to help those children on FSM towards **costs such as uniform**.

In addition to this if you have applied for FSM you will also receive a **food voucher** during the school holidays. It is therefore important that you apply even if you are in Key Stage 1 where you receive the standard Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) as it is not just a free school dinner, which also includes a free school packed lunch, there are many other benefits too.

Sometimes circumstances may have changed at home please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to see if you are eligible and how to apply.

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	Roman for his attention and enthusiasm during Maths and Phonics sessions.
Oak	Ava for her enthusiasm in phonics sessions. Ava always tries hard with the writing part of the session too and can often be found writing in Discovery Time too.
Beech	Ryo for his positive attitude to school life. Ryo is always ready to learn and takes such pride in all tasks he completes.
Elm	Leon for his enthusiasm and determination when writing sentences about "The Cloudspotter" story.
Willow	Yigithan for living the value of responsibility in the classroom, always being ready with his equipment and then taking time to tidy away after lessons.
Maple	Anmoldeep for some lovely sentence openers in his story.
Chestnut	Isabelle for her focused approach to her story writing in English bringing her characters alive to the reader using lots of description and detail.
Sycamore	Sebastian for including some lovely descriptive language when describing the house in his story based on "The Wolves in the Walls"
Rowan	Ruby for her positive and hard-working attitude towards her learning.



CELEBRATIONS

- *Dougie (Rowan) – Awarded Player of the Match in football.*
- *Teddy (Elm) – Awarded a Swimming certificate for achieving 25m backstroke!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Weds 15th October	Phonics session
W/C 27th October	Half Term
Mon 3rd November	Children return to school

FROM THE KITCHEN

Next week, we are on
Week 1 of the menu.

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