



Ambition

This morning we had PCSO Bailey in to talk to the children in assembly about his role. This tied in nicely with this month's value of ambition and many children have started to think about jobs or roles they would like to pursue in the future and what they need to do to achieve their ambition. Over the coming year we will be inviting in a range of visitors to talk to the children about their jobs.



Phonics workshop

Thank you very much to those parents who attended the Phonics and Reading Workshop on Wednesday evening. We hope you found it useful and now feel better equipped to support your child at home with their phonics and reading. If you were unable to make the meeting, here are our top three tips!

1) Make sure both you and your child are pronouncing sounds correctly. This video demonstrates the correct pronunciation of sounds:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s

2) Remember that two or more letters can make one sound (e.g. t-ow-n, l-igh-t, f-ar-m). When your child is reading you should encourage them to identify these sounds rather than sounding out each letter that make up these sounds (e.g. They should not say 't-o-w-n', 'l-i-g-h-t', 'f-a-r-m' etc.).

3) Sometimes children will come across 'tricky' words in their reading. These are words such as *the, go, to, he, she, said* etc. which cannot be sounded out. If your child tries to sound these words out, it is important to say 'This is the word (*say the word*). It is a tricky word which cannot be sounded out'.

Team Points

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| Pix – Red | 336 |
| Purwell – Yellow | 286 |
| Hiz – Blue | 281 |
| Ivel – Green | 220 |

PFGM Events

Our **Halloween Disco** is Friday 20th October, please make sure payment is made either through Parentmail by 15th, or in cash by 16th October, also could you please return the slip if you are able to volunteer to help.

The **PFGM Quiz Night** is 18th November, please can team sheets and money be handed in by Friday 3rd Nov.

Our new **Movie Nights** will be held on Thursday 23rd November 4pm-6pm and Thursday 7th December 5pm-7pm, more information will follow shortly.

Friday 15th December will be our **Christmas Fair** 3.30-5.30pm

Christmas Cards

Designs made by your children have been sent out to you this week, please return all orders by **Tuesday 17th October** at the latest so we can place our order to arrive in plenty of time for Christmas. Please check that your child's name has been spelt correctly on the back of the card. **If changes need to be made please enter them in the amendments section on the order form.** Examples of the bags available are by the front entrance door. **Please can cheques be made payable to PFGM.**

Bedford Faith Tour

On Wednesday Year 3 went to the Queen's Park area of Bedford. The children visited the Gurdwara, Mosque and All Saints Church. They behaved impeccably and had lots to discuss when they wrote about the visit on Thursday.



Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Head Teacher'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.

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| Ash | Leo Stewart | for showing enthusiasm for wanting to learn. |
| Oak | Jack Jarry | for improved concentration on the carpet and completing activities with enthusiasm. |
| Beech | Emielia Burlingham-Sills | for fantastic improvement in learning her spellings. |
| Elm | Mia Endersby | for her perseverance in maths. |
| Maple | Blake Freeman | for always being ready to learn. |
| Willow | Evie Bayfield | for always being ready to learn and taking pride in her work. |
| Chestnut | Jim Rooney | for his enthusiasm in PSHE. |
| Sycamore | Oliver Sacks | for consistent effort in maths and always putting himself in the 'Challenge Zone'. |
| Hazel | Oakley Reed | for showing great improvement in maths. |
| Birch | Jasper Barnard | for his readiness to learn and for great reasoning in maths. |

Celebrations Assembly

Tag Rugby

Germaine Lai

Year 4 Player of the Week

Football

Archie Chandler

Premier Soccer School Trophy

Tae Kwon-Do

Sophia Pang

Green Stripe

Multisports Medal

Sarah-Rose Collins Boyede

Gymnastics Medal

Abigail Smith

Book Club

Book Club will be in the Library on Wednesday lunchtimes as follows:

18th Oct Maple

Brand new books are available to purchase at half price. Most are priced between £2 and £4. All proceeds go towards new books for the school, but please be aware that you are under no obligation to purchase.

If you are happy for your child to choose a book please send this money in a named envelope on the day.