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## MESSAGE FROM MR HINGLEY

**I am afraid that this part of this newsletter has been very sad to write. Some parents are letting us all down by parking inconsiderately. I have had 5 complaints from our neighbours over 2 days. 2 neighbours have been blocked in because people thought it was ok to park over driveways, we have had three cars parking on the pavement at the top of Philip Road and have had 6 parents park on zig zag lines. All of this is not only illegal but extremely dangerous. To this end I have contacted Buckinghamshire County Council and logged the parking as an urgent matter. I have taken photos and provided this evidence to them.**

**Mr Jorge has only been off for two days (recovering from an operation) and I am sure you will agree that the very few parents who put our children in danger have really let us all down. I have received complaints too from parents, and rightly so, about the dangerous nature of the parking. Isn't it a shame that the school provides Mr. Jorge for nearly an hour each day to monitor the road, which is time he could otherwise be improving the school grounds and on the days he is not here it is nothing short of chaos on Philip Road.**

**If there are any willing parents that wouldn't mind standing in for Mr. Jorge at the bottom of the road, please do contact me. As you may be aware, we don't really have any jurisdiction over the road and if you do have concerns, I would encourage you to contact the parking report line here <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/report/new?longitude=-0.731592&latitude=51.631103#duplicates>**

**We all work very hard to keep our children safe and a few of our parents seem to not understand this.**

# Star of the Week



## RECEPTION

**Arafah for working hard in class, learning how to blend.**

## YEAR ONE

**Dominic. He has shown great behaviour this week and he set a really good example during our guided reading lessons this week.**

## YEAR TWO

**Sofia is very kind and considerate of other people. She engaged in lessons and loves bringing in extra learning she did at home that links to our weekly topics. She is beginning to show more resilience in class and it lovely to see how much effort she puts into work. Well Done Sofia.**

## YEAR THREE

**Tayyab. He has been participating in class and is helpful. Well done Tayyab.**

## YEAR FOUR

**Alicja has shown really positive behaviour towards her learning this week - she has been a great role model to her peers. She is always sitting beautifully in class and quickly readies herself for the learning ahead. Thank you Alicja for always making it a pleasure to be your teacher!**

## YEAR FIVE

**Anaum for an amazing effort accepting this year's Children In Need challenge, over the last 2 days. She has recorded 850 'Bear' pee's, 140 Star jumps and 5 Laps of the courtyard.**

## YEAR SIX

**Nicholas for having a great attitude towards improving his writing and always striving to do better.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

### RECEPTION

Reception have had an exciting week consolidating their learning with the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children used real porridge in our role play area to pretend making porridge. As a special treat, the children then made porridge with Mrs May and tasted the cooked porridge with either honey or sugar. The children wore odd socks on Monday to celebrate Anti - Bullying week. We spoke about the uniqueness of each child and how important this is. If your children can not do laces, please only send shoes and PE shoes that have velcro fastenings. Please support your children to learn how to do their zip as our outdoor learning area is open for most of the day and the weather is getting much colder.

Please remember to sign your child's planner each evening after reading with them. Please go over your child's sounds and Harder to Read and Spell Words - this will support them in their reading and writing skills. Have a great weekend. Mrs May & Mrs Wright

### YEAR ONE

This week has been a delightful adventure of learning and joy. In our science exploration, we engaged in fascinating experiments distinguishing between waterproof and non-waterproof materials. The pupils classified various everyday materials into groups, describing their characteristics such as hardness, softness, and waterproof properties.

Adding a touch of creativity, we brought the Christmas story to life through a charming stick puppet play. The air was filled with the joyous melodies of Christmas carols as we sang along, creating a festive atmosphere.

To make our week even more special, we were honored by a visit from Union Baptist Church, adding a sense of community and warmth to our time together.

#### Homework:

Homework note - Mathletics

The mathletics login details for Mathletics are in your kids planner.

please complete:

Compare Numbers to 20.

Matching Numbers to 10.

Counting Up to 20

## **YEAR TWO**

**This week has been exciting! Our first school trip in Year 2 to Windsor Castle.**

**The children loved walking around, looking at the artefacts and learning about the history of Kings and Queens.**

**Thank you to the parents that joined us, we couldn't have done it without you!**

**In English, they have done a fantastic job of writing their 'Greedy Dragon' warning tale. For Children In Need, we**

**have been doing a 'bear'pees playground challenge. The children loved showing off their fitness skills and it has been lovely promoting healthy lifestyles.**

**Please find homework in your reading planners.**

**Hope you all have a well-rested weekend.**

**Mrs Elliott**

## YEAR THREE

The Year 3s have been amazing again this week. In English we have started writing our own version of the story of the Stone Age boy. In Maths, we are still on the column method subtracting across the 10s and 100s columns. Please encourage the pupils to work on these for Mathletics. In reading we are reading about the Stig of the Dump. In RE, we read the Christmas story and found out why this is important to Christians.. The weeks are going by so quickly. Have a good weekend. Miss Stickland and Mrs Yasin.

**Reading:** Reading should be done every day. Please make sure this is done. Signatures need to be in the planner for the right week.

# MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

## YEAR FIVE

This week your children have been working very hard and have made good progress learning about life during the Tudor Times and King Henry the eighth.

Through reading our class reader, Treason by Berlie Doherty they have also been investigating how to write a historical narrative and building up a large amount of resources - from Drama to searching for clues - to help them with their writing next week.

In Maths we have been learning to use the column method to multiply up to 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. It is so important for your children to have a good knowledge of their times tables and I would like to urge you to help your children to learn these.

This website is a fun go to and can help with division and number bonds.

Topmarks:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Trip to Hampton Court:

Most of you have now signed your forms for our trip to Hampton Court, which is on Tuesday 12th December 2023. Many thanks for this.

We are looking forward to going and seeing where King Henry VIII actually lived.

Homework:

The children should have their maths homework books and know which pages to do across the next 2 weeks.

Spellings are on Purple Mash  
and Mathletics has been set

Congratulations to you all, for sending most of your children into school this week as we won the attendance award, which everyone was very happy with. We will find out on Monday what we will be doing to celebrate this.

A special 'Well Done' to Advia for doing over 1000 'Bear' pee's as well.  
Have a lovely weekend and thank you for contributing to Children In Need today.

Mrs Mir and Miss Dear

## YEAR SIX

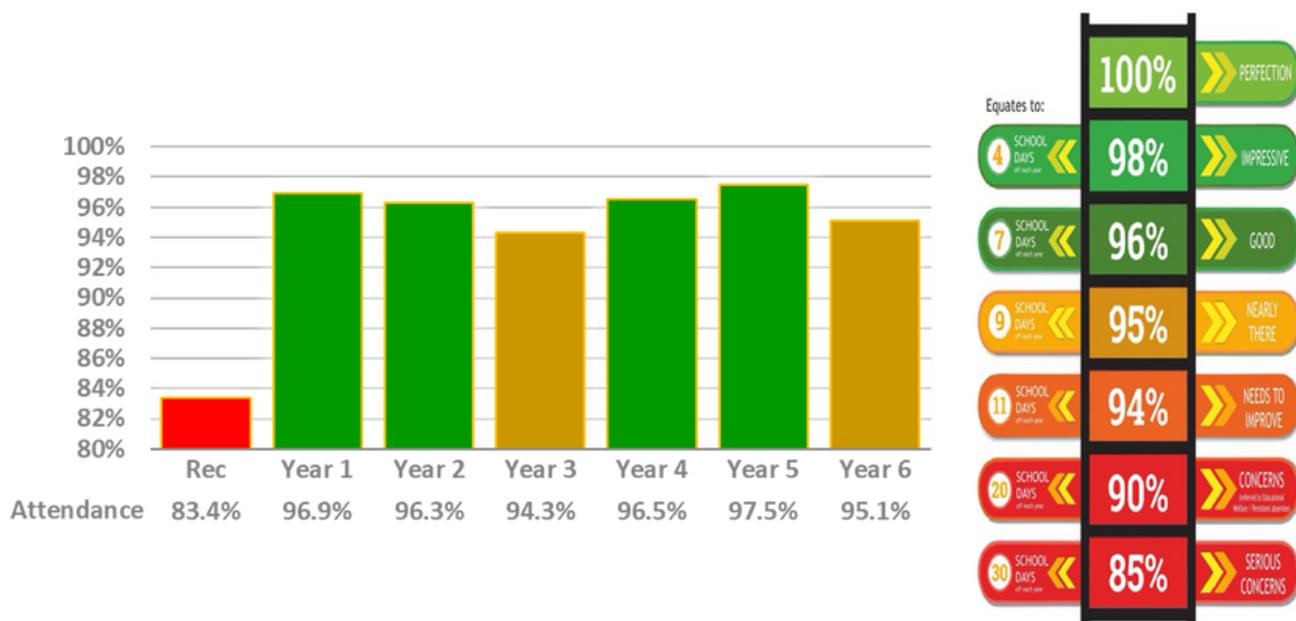
Year 6 have done brilliantly this week; working hard in all areas of the curriculum. In English, we have planned and are now writing our own versions of the story 'Rose Blanche', retelling it from her perspective. In history, we have been learning about the Holocaust and the life of Anne Frank. This rather poignantly followed into PSHCE where year 6 learnt about the Equalities Act and protected characteristics. I was proud of the empathy, understanding and maturity year 6 displayed through our history and PSHCE lessons this week. To display our learning, they have been creating beautiful double page spreads about Anne Frank which will be displayed once they are completed.

Year 6 are thoroughly enjoying our reading lessons where we are now over halfway through 'The lion the witch and the wardrobe'. It's been a joy to see them so engrossed in and excited for our reading lessons each day. In maths this week, we have been looking at finding equivalent fractions, comparing fractions and also adding and subtracting fractions. In science, year 6 had the opportunity to show what they remembered from their learning in year 4, making electrical circuits and explaining why they worked or didn't work.

Another great week year 6 - well done for all of your hard work!

Please note : We are running an assessment week next week, in which year 6 will be completing Mock SATS papers each day. It is important that each child is in school everyday so that they complete each paper at the scheduled time.

# THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE:



**Well done Year 5 for winning this weeks attendance with 95.4%!**

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Who?
	November 2023	
Thursday 23rd November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	Reception
Friday 24th November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	YR1
Tuesday 28th November	Great Fire of London & Kings & Queens workshop -Y1	YR1
Tuesday 28th November	Kate Poels author visit	KS1 & KS2
Thursday 30th November	Visit to Union Baptist Church	YR2
	December 2023	
Monday 4th December	Pantomime 2-3pm	Whole School
Tuesday 12th December	Trip to Hampton Court	Y5
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of Autumn term	Whole School
	January 2024	
Thursday 4th January	INSET Day	Whole School
Friday 5th January	School Starts	Whole School
	June 2024	
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June	Longridge Residential Trip	Y6
	July 2024	
Friday 19th July	Longridge Day Trip	Y5