



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th February

## Headteacher's update

Another busy and difficult half-term comes to a close today. What never ceases to amaze me is that whatever challenges are put in front of us the staff and pupils are able to rise to them and pull together. I am hopeful that better times are coming with restrictions set to end in the near future. To mark Children's Mental Health Week, the DfE has published its third annual [State of the Nation report](#) which shows children and young people's wellbeing is gradually improving, despite the challenges that remain. The report shows a link between regular attendance at school and college and positive wellbeing across all age groups of children and young people, highlighting the positive impact of being in face-to-face learning. For the first time it also provides data on their views about wider society and their futures, including their worries about staying safe online. Having time to relax is certainly beneficial to everyone's mental health so I would like to wish you all a happy half-term break.

## Keyboards

The pupils in Sycamore class showed off their keyboard skills in a performance for their parents yesterday. After half term it will be the turn of the Year 5 pupils in Rowan to learn to play this instrument each Thursday morning.

## Maple visit

Maple class had a lovely time on their trip to the temple on Monday. They learnt lots about Hindu worship and the Hindu deities. Pictures are on Class Dojo.

## Half Term

We finish today for half-term and return on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

## FSM vouchers

Vouchers were sent out yesterday to all pupils who are eligible for income related free school meals. If you haven't received it, please let Mr Proctor know on Dojo.

## Bring yer Wellies

A reminder that Elm class are on a visit on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to launch their new topic about plants. Children need to come to school in suitable outdoor clothing.

## Forest School

A reminder that Beech class Forest School sessions have now finished and Hazel class will be outside on Monday mornings until Easter. Maple class will continue to have sessions on a Wednesday.

## Return of the Ash

Our new SEND class opens after half term. Mrs Smethurst and Miss Thomas have been very busy setting the room up and getting things ready. The toilets have been refurbished and the room decorated. We will be welcoming one new child from another school and some children will be moving from other Highfield classes. Ash class have their first visit as a new class on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February when they will be visiting Play Pad.

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## Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for going above and beyond: **Ammad Anwar, Ada Hitchen, Darius Pascalau, Leighton McLaughlin, Tommy Lowe, Lily Newton-Pow, Brogan Everill, Imogen Highton, Deeyanah Patel**



## TT Rockstars

Well done to **Jakob Murphy** who had the highest overall score of 74.253 & speed 0.66 and for **Lily-Mae Butler** who improved her time from 11.76 to 0.87 seconds per question



## House Points

House points this week:

- Astley** 3pt
- Crosse** 1pt
- Duxbury** 2pt
- Gillibrand** 5pt

Overall for the term

- Astley** 17pt
- Crosse** 18pt
- Duxbury** 19pt
- Gillibrand** 13pt



## Skill of the Week

During the afternoons all the pupils have been working on a different sports skill each week. This week the skill has been chest pass. **Ella Lowe, Ellie Connolly and Elijah Jacob** have received certificates for excellent demonstration of the skill.

## Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Jessica Jolly, Sofia Moroney, Ali Akman, Kiera Whittaker, David Rozek, Ozan Mustafa & Victoria Adamczyk**



## Learning Superhero

Miss Mulla has chosen **Brandon Everill** for fantastic effort in Maths on Number bonds to 10 and 20. He has tried really hard and has shown real determination in his learning. He has impressed me with his positive attitude towards all of his work.



| Attendance Matters - Whole School Target 96%+ Well Done |      |       |       |       |      |        |       |      |        |         |
|---|------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|--------|---------|
|   | Elm  | Hazel | Beech | Maple | Pine | Cherry | Rowan | Syc  | Willow | Overall |
| Week  | 93.9 | 96.5  | 96.6  | 97.7  | 96   | 95.3   | 96.5  | 98.3 | 94     | 96.1    |
| Term  | 92.6 | 92    | 93.7  | 97.5  | 97.1 | 92.8   | 93.2  | 97.1 | 96.1   | 95      |
| Year  | 92.8 | 93.2  | 93    | 96.8  | 95.6 | 95     | 92.9  | 97   | 95.1   | 94.7    |

For the second week in a row, Sycamore had the best attendance this week and got two moves on the Classopoly board. Maple again get a bonus move for having the best attendance for the term. Cherry class had the fewest number of lates.

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