



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25th February

Headteacher's update

Welcome back. I hope that you had a decent half term holiday despite the storms. The weather was certainly extreme. On Monday the government set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response 'Living with COVID-19'. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains. The Local Authority are hopefully releasing their updated COVID risk assessment guidance (which we base our risk assessment on) on Monday 28th February. Therefore, we are sticking with the current procedures until that revised risk assessment is released. Therefore, anyone testing positive for COVID-19 or showing symptoms should continue to isolate for 5 days and only return after 2 negative tests. Whilst no-one is 'legally' obliged to isolate, it is still 'advised' that people do so in the Government guidance so we are following that advice.

Green fingers

Hazel class have enjoyed their new role play area as a Garden Centre and planting their sunflowers. Thanks to Birkacre Garden Centre for their donations of soil, pots, seeds and gloves.

Bring yer Wellies

Elm class had a great visit to Bring Yer Wellies on Tuesday to launch their new topic about plants. Mrs Townson and all the staff were very impressed with the behaviour of the children. They brought some planting home to share with their parents.

SEAL/Values

This half term our SEAL theme is 'It's Good to be Me'. Children will be thinking about what makes them special and unique. Our Value for the half-term is self-belief.

Breakfast club

Please can you make sure that you bring your children to the door in a morning. I have noticed that young pupils are being allowed to walk round unaccompanied. Before 8 am we cannot guarantee that an adult will be around so please do not leave your child on the playground

Ash class

Our SEN unit is now up and running. I am so impressed by the calm atmosphere in the room every time I go in. Today they visited PlayPen in Leyland and had a great time.

Phonelines

We are having a new phone system installed on Monday and Tuesday next week so you may be unable to get through if you ring. If a message is urgent you can contact us on Dojo or on the school mobiles 07810384793 / 07340051356

World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day. This year, we are going to be focusing on authors. Each teacher has chosen an author and will focus on one of their books. We have chosen authors who have more than 1 book, in the hope that in the future the children will want to read more of their books. We won't be dressing up this year. The authors are **David McKee, Beatrix Potter, Julia Donaldson, Jacqueline Wilson, Cressida Cowell, CS Lewis, Joseph Delaney and Michael Morpurgo.**

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Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for going above and beyond: **Harry Lawrie, Sam Birtwell, Poppy Bremers, Blake Higham, Jack Whitehead, Shayan Qadir, Amelia White, Daisy Priestman, Darcey Priestman & all of Elm Class**



TT Rockstars

Well done to **Lily Newton-Pow** who scored 1284 in a day and to **Alice Bailey** who logged in after school and set a new best score of 3.2 seconds per question



House Points

House points this week:

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

Overall for the term

- Astley** 18pt
- Crosse** 21pt
- Duxbury** 23pt
- Gillibrand** 16pt



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 kicking. **Jacob Bowker, Hussain Shabir & Alyssia Carter** have received certificates for excellent demonstration of the skill.

Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Zayaan Ahmed, Freddie Austin, Hana Ismail**



Learning Superhero

Miss Mulla has chosen **Haida Rashid** for excellent effort and progress in phonics. She has worked super hard and always tries her best; and has gained confidence. She is able to recognise and spell many new words.



Attendance Matters - Whole School Target 96%+ Well Done											
	Ash	Elm	Hazel	Beech	Maple	Pine	Cherry	Rowan	Syc	Willow	Overall
Week	92	94.6	92.7	96	96.3	89	94.3	93.6	89.7	97	93.7
Term	92	93	93.1	94.1	97.3	95.8	93.1	93.3	95.9	96.2	94.7
Year	92	92.9	94.1	93.2	96.8	95.7	95	93	96.7	95.2	94.7

This week Willow class 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. Willow, Hazel and Elm class had the fewest number of lates.

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