



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 20th November 2023

Sycamore	<p>Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their resilience and positivity when completing their practice SATs papers this week. They would also like to praise Emily, Annabelle, Paige, Orla and Katie for helping Miss Homer tidy the hall after lunch this week. A huge well done goes to Holly and Orla for their fantastic work this term.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Oliver D, for the incredible rhyming poem he wrote about planet Earth independently at home.</p> <p>Maths Master: Dolly, for the huge improvement in her arithmetic score this term.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Annabelle, for always coming into school with a huge smile on her face and a willingness to learn, even when things can be tough at times.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Rylee</p>
Birch	<p>Miss Bright, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to praise all of Year 5 for their perseverance and positive attitudes towards their assessments this week. We are very proud of how you tackled these challenges and tried your best to show everything that you have learnt so far in KS2. Well done also goes to Poppy, Marvelous, Amelia, Kara, Siddie and Amber for their positivity and helpful behaviour, thank you.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Kara, for her perseverance in the SPAG paper this week.</p> <p>Maths Master: Eliss, for consistently showing her working out to check her answers in maths.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Shaun, for trying his best in all of his learning this week.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Poppy-Reese</p>
Ash	<p>A big well done goes out to everyone in Ash class for their hard work during our assessments this week. You gave it your all and your incredible behaviour for learning meant that everyone could do their best. Thank you all for your hard work!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Harley, for his incredible independent investigation about mountains.</p> <p>Maths Master: Freya, for her incredible effort and careful thinking during our maths tests this week.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Lilley, for always being ready to help the adults and other children across the school.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Maisey</p>
Beech	<p>This week, Miss Donald and Miss Bennett would like to say well done to the whole of the class for their extraordinary attitude and effort in our assessments this week. They would also like to praise Peter, Kerryann, Emilia, Paige, Effy and Jaden for always helping the adults in our class.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Aiyla, for her excellent 'Visit Kent' leaflet!</p> <p>Maths Master: Freya, for her brilliant reasoning assessment - well done Freya!</p> <p>Star of the Week: Archie M, for his resilience and hard work across all subjects.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: David</p>
Maple	<p>This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Emma, Arlie and Ronald for working really hard in phonics this week. Miss Hardy would like to thank Bella and Sophie-Leigh for helping to keep the pencil pots tidy. We would like to give further praise to Mollie, Harper and Tabitha for working hard in maths to solve tricky subtraction word problems.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Arlie, for working independently to complete sentences this week in various lessons.</p> <p>Maths Master: Tabitha, for her perseverance when completing two step problems.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Harper, for always showing kindness to others and for brightening everyone's day with her smile.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Harry P</p>
Willow	<p>The adults in Willow Class would like to give praise to Parker, Amber, Esther, Darasimi and Rosie for giving it there all whilst we practice our songs for the nativity. We would also like to give praise to Freddie Sh, Ernie and Oscar W for showing some great independent work this week across their learning.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Reuben, for using well thought out vocabulary within his character description.</p> <p>Maths Master: Samuel, for accurately using the number line method to subtract.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Belkisa, for being a good role model to the whole class and using some great actions in our nativity songs.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Parker</p>
Oak	<p>Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise Oliver S, Tia and Sofia for always helping around the classroom and being a pleasure to have in class. We would also like to thank Paris for being praised by after school staff for her kind and friendly nature.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Siyana, for writing independently.</p> <p>Maths Master: Shivani, for working hard to understand one more and one less.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Ella, for coming to school with a smile on her face.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Amelia</p>
Cherry	<p>A big thank you the Year 4 helpers, Lauren and Sianna, who came along to Cherry class to teach them how to use a program called Scratch on the computer. They loved it!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Lana, for building her fine motor skills to create her Diya. Strong finger muscles prepare us for all that writing to come!</p> <p>Maths Master: Indie, for using her mathematical language when out shopping with her mummy! Well done Indie 😊</p> <p>Star of the Week: Franky, for his fantastic participation in maths this week and his understanding of new language introduced. Well done Franky!</p>

Coming up:
Mon 27th November
 Y2 Parents Evening
 (3:30pm-6:45pm)

Tues 28th November
 Y2 Parents Evening
 (3:30pm-5:30pm)

Tues 28th November
 YR, Y3-Y6 Parents Evening
 (3:30pm-6:45pm)

Tues 28th November
 YN Parents Evening
 (1pm-4:30pm)

Weds 29th November
 YR, Y3-Y6 Parents Evening
 (3:30pm-5:30pm)

Thurs 30th November
 Choir Performance at Kemsley Hall
 (10am-11am)

Message from the Head Teacher:
 Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,
 We have had another tremendously busy week here at Kemsley! I would like to extend a special well done to all the children who sat assessments this week! You have all worked incredibly hard and made some good progress to! Well done also to all the children for behaving so sensibly when having their photographs taken on Monday! I would also like to say a huge well done to Year 3 and Year 4, who did some fantastic learning during a Road and Safety workshop on Tuesday afternoon. Well done to our amazing choir who sang beautifully at Kemsley Village Hall yesterday afternoon! You represented our school beautifully. I would also like to extend a special praise and thank you to Freddie W in Year 5 who kindly helped to pick up my belongings when they dropped out onto the hall floor – this was true act of kindness. Thank you.

Next week, we have more exciting events to look forward to – our choir have another performance at Kemsley hall on Thursday morning at 10am and we have parents evening throughout the week. **Please note that due to Parents Evening there will be NO extra-curricular clubs running. KS1 and KS2 football club has now also ended for this term due to the cold, dark evenings and lack of hall availability for the rest of this term.**

Parent Governor Needed!
 Sadly, Mrs Duffy has stepped down from her position as parent governor due to personal reasons. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Duffy for all her extremely valuable contributions to our governing body meetings and for her help with the wider school. She will be greatly missed by the team. With Mrs Duffy's resignation, we now require another parent governor to join our governing body. If learning about the rationale behind decision making and finding out more about the school's priorities is of an interest to you, and you feel you could commit the time required for this role, please contact Miss Homer or Mr Edwards.

We shall now be holding an additional Nativity performance for parents of pupils in YN, YR, Y1 and Y2 on Tuesday 5th December at 1:45pm. Bookings for all nativity performances will be available on Arbor from Monday 27th November at 3pm.

On Monday we shall announce class of the week for attendance and our whole school attendance figure, so look out for this on Dojo!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Miss Homer, Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week in Cherry class we have been learning all about Diwali through the story 'The best Diwali ever!' The children have been introduced to some of the special things linked to the festival of light. We created our own Diyas using clay and decorating them with beautiful jewels. We created our own Rangoli patterns using pasta and rice. We have also been making cards and fireworks paintings too.

Next week we are exploring the idea of Love through the story 'Guess how much I love you'. We will be creating heart maps which show who and what we love, making scented playdough and we will be introducing simple patterns in maths.

Year R

What a wonderful week in Oak class this week. We had a great time on our woodland walk on Tuesday when we enjoyed looking for and collecting leaves and acorns. This is something we will be doing every Tuesday from now on, so if wellies can be left in school that would be helpful. As Christmas approaches, we will be continuing to practise our Christmas songs and your help with these at home has been very much appreciated! The children are sounding beautiful. Next week we will be reading the story, The Scarecrow's Wedding. We have lots of scarecrow and wedding themed activities to look forward to. In Maths, we will continue to explore numbers between 0 and 5 and one more, one less.

Year 1:

This week in Willow Class we have been continuing with our character descriptions of Beegu by using more descriptive language. We have also been consolidating our addition and subtraction knowledge this week by focusing on using the number line method.

In DT, we made prototype umbrellas to test different materials and work out which ones were best suited. We have also been using an electronic beebot to follow a given direction on a map.

Year 2:

This week we have had lots of fun practising for our nativity. We have been trying to express ourselves using actions and tone of voice to bring our characters to life! We have also enjoyed a fun forest school session with Mrs Hornsby and Mrs Steadman.

In English we have started a new genre: letter writing. We will be writing a letter as if we are flat Stanley travelling in the envelope. In maths we have moved on to looking at addition and subtraction crossing 10.

In Science we have completed an assessment this week showing our learning over the last 2 terms about materials. In topic we learnt about the tourist areas of the UK and created a brochure. In PE we are doing dance so explored the quality of movement controlling our bodies to be slow and fast embodying animals including a cat.

Please can we ask that you continue to send your children in with their reading folders each day. Also, can you continue to practise with your children at home for our nativity, as we are doing really well! Many thanks in advance for this.

Year 3:

Next week in Year 3, we are going to be continuing our Literacy learning about advertisements. We are going to be writing paired adverts and then independent adverts. In maths, we are recapping our knowledge of multiplication and division. We are going to begin with multiples of 2 and 5. In music, we are going to carry on practising our Christmas songs - we are getting so good! In Science, we are going to keep learning about magnetism and we will explore similarities between magnets and our world! In DT, we will be designing our own pop-up book! PE continues to be on a Friday.

Year 4:

Next week, we will be finishing up our non-chronological reports. In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division using the 7 times table. In Science, we are going to look at introducing switches to our circuits. As part of our topic learning we will be looking at the water cycle.

Year 5:

Next week in Year 5, we will write our explanation texts about the water cycle. We will also be learning about the difference between standard and non-standard English, which was an area of focus that came up in our assessments. In our maths lessons, we will be learning about adding fractions and mixed number fractions. In our geography lessons, we will be using a 4-figure grid reference to locate settlements on rivers. In our science lesson, we will be investigating how sugar dissolves in different temperatures. In D&T we will be decorating and evaluating our marble runs.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Sycamore Class for their excellent resilience and positivity during their practice SATs this week.

This week in maths we will be multiplying fractions by integers, multiplying fractions by fractions, dividing fractions by an integer and dividing any fraction by an integer. At the end of the week, we will be putting all these skills and knowledge together to help us answer reasoning questions.

In literacy, we will be continuing with our rhyming poems on tsunamis. We will recap our learning from last week, including our work on rhyming couplets and figurative language to help us write a paired write and then an independent write. We will then be performing our poems to the rest of the class and the school.

In science we will be performing our practical investigation; dissecting a pig's heart in order for us to deepen our understanding of the function of the different parts of the human heart. If you have not already done so, please can you give permission for your child to take part in the investigation via Class Dojo by the end of day on Friday 24th November.

If possible, if you have any lids from the tubes of pringles, please can you send these in with your child. These will be required for the last week of term.

Week 5 – w/c Monday 27th November

Monday 27th November – Year 2 Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:45pm

Tuesday 28th November – Year R, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 – 3:30pm-6:45pm

Tuesday 28th November – Year 2 Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 28th November – YN Parents Evening 1pm – 4:30pm (parents to book an appointment with Ms Millar & Miss McRoberts).

Wednesday 29th November – Year R, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 – 3:30pm-5:30pm

Thursday 30th November – Choir Performance at Kemsley Hall - Ridham Club (10am-11am)

Week 6 – w/c Monday 4th December

Monday 4th December – Christmas Jamboree at Highsted – Choir Trip

Tuesday 5th December - EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents – 1:45pm

Wednesday 6th December – NHS Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6

Wednesday 6th December – Non-school uniform day – Christmas Fayre Donations

Wednesday 6th December – EYFS & KS1 Pantomime – Treasure Island

Thursday 7th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents – 9:15am & 1:45pm

Friday 8th December – KS2 Carol Service at church 10:30am

Friday 8th December – School Discos:

- YN – 2:15pm – 3pm
- YR, Y1 and Y2 – 3:30pm-4:15pm
- Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 4:30pm – 5:15pm

Week 7 – w/c Monday 11th December – Christmas Week

Tuesday 12th December – Choir Performance at Clock Tower Hall (10:30am-11:30am)

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Fayre! (3:15pm-4:30pm)

Thursday 14th December – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Pantomime at Swallows

Friday 15th December Christingle Service 2:15pm at School

PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THIS PAGE AND DOJO FOR FURTHER UPDATES ON SCHOOL EVENTS. THANK YOU.