



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 11th December 2023

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for an amazing term. Not only have all the children made exceptional progress they have done so with fun and laughter along the day. A huge thank you goes to Annabelle, Orla and Lexi for helping with the Christmas fayre preparations this week. Writer of the Week: Chloe, for her beautifully presented explanation text on how a tsunami is formed. Maths Master: Danni, for independently completing her maths challenge this week. Star of the Week: Annabelle, for the fantastic progress she has made this term in all areas of the curriculum. Dojo Champion: Paige
Birch	Miss Bright would like to say a great big thank you to all of Birch Class for being an amazing class to teach this year! Well done for working to the best of your ability and tackling every challenge with perseverance and resilience. All of the adults in Year 5 would like to say well done also to the whole class for being such good role models on our school trip to Swallows Pantomime. A special shout-out goes to Poppy-Reese, whose politeness was recognised by a teacher at another school. Writer of the Week: Bigail, for her fantastic ideas for our class newspaper report about the man on the moon. Maths Master: Jazneil, for using his fractions knowledge to solve a maths mystery. Star of the Week: All of Birch Class, for being an incredible, funny and vibrant class. Dojo Champions: Freddie and Caitlyn
Ash	This week, Mrs. Brijman and Mrs. Fletcher would like to praise all the children in Ash class for their hard work and the kindness they always show to each other. You make us proud every single day, and you can be proud of yourselves as well for the incredible things that you do. Well done to you all! I also wanted to give out a special praise to our school choir, who have performed beautifully throughout this term. Well done to you all! Writer of the Week: Summer and Eli, for their incredible collaborative work writing a poem about the 'Man on the Moon' video. Maths Master: Maisey, for her careful reasoning during our Christmas Maths escape room activity. Star of the Week: Michael, for showing kindness to his peers during the Christmas fayre. Dojo Champion: Lauren
Beech	This week the adults in Year 3 would like to say well done to the whole of Year 3 for an incredible Term 2! We have been so proud of your incredible progress. Special praise goes to Harley, Jonjoe, Archie M and Jaden for making good choices this week. Writer of the Week: Jonjoe, for his excellent acting during our drama sessions this week. Maths Master: Michelle, for her brilliant knowledge of the 3 times table. Star of the Week: Victoria, for being kind, caring and generous towards others. Dojo Champion: David
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Harley for his manners this week and for showing care for everyone. We would like to extend our praise to the rest of Maple class for their resilience and hard work this term. We are very proud of you all. Writer of the Week: Harper, for her lovely diary entry writing as Sophie from the advert: The Man on the Moon. Maths Master: Harry P, for helping his friends with their maths work this week. Star of the Week: Bailey-Jay for coming into school each day with a smile and working really hard. Dojo Champion: Erin
Willow	This week Mrs Hardiman and Mrs Earney would like to praise Joel and Reuben for showing kindness to their class mates throughout the week. We would also like to praise Avana Mae and Mollie for coming into school well this week. Writer of the Week: Teddie D, for his improved resilience. Maths Master: Troy, for pushing himself to be more independent and practice his number recognition. Star of the Week: Bethany, for her work ethic and pushing herself to tackle the challenges in all lessons. Dojo Champion: Belkisa
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise the whole of Oak Class for an amazing term at Kemsley. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your kindness and willingness to learn. Writer of the Week: PaulSamuel, for incredible effort in his Christmas card writing. Maths Master: River, for amazing independent counting when taking on an extended activity. Star of the Week: Tia, for the amazing effort she puts in to all her learning. Dojo Champion: Sofia
Cherry	Thank you to all the parents that attended the Christmas crafts afternoon it was great to see you all engaging and enjoying some festivities with your amazing children. 😊 Praises goes to Mrs Bond for including us into the Christingle service today and to Mrs Bond and Mrs Fletcher for helping to gather all the ingredients we needed to create our Christingles. Thank you Mrs Bond & Mrs Fletcher! Writer of the Week: James, for use of great fine motor skills whilst using his pincer grip putting his eyes and buttons onto his gingerbread men. Maths Master: Mason, for representing the value of numbers on his fingers. Star of the Week: Rophe, for her increasing confidence to show her ability to talk within a group and requesting her needs through the use of extended language.

Coming up:

Monday 1st January
New Years Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 2nd January
Term 2 Begins – School open for everybody!

Monday 8th January
Y1 and Y3 Parents Evening (3:30pm-6:45pm)

Tuesday 9th January
Y1 and Y3 Parents Evening (3:30pm-5:30pm)

Wednesday 10th January
Y3 & Y5 11b411 London Theatre trip to Matilda

Message from the Head Teacher:
Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,
Wow! Today we celebrated another amazing term at Kemsley, beginning with our celebration assembly in the morning and our Christingle service this afternoon, led by Father Rob. I would like to thank Father Rob for kindly giving up his time to lead our Christingle service and also I would like to thank Mrs Bond and Mrs Fletcher who organised the Christingle, and arranged for all of the oranges and other materials required to make over 200 Christingles! This service was not only incredibly entertaining but also incredibly beautiful – once again our children sang like angels whilst holding their 'lit' (battery operated candles) Christingles high. I would like to say how very proud we are of all of our Kemsley children – they have worked so incredibly hard throughout the entire term and continue to impress our visitors with their kindness, care and respectfulness. Well done children! I would also like to thank our amazing staff and governors! You are all amazing!

This week, our Choir performed beautifully once again, this time at the Clock Tower. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support our children. On Wednesday we celebrated Christmas Jumper day and enjoyed a Christmas dinner – thank you Mandy and Gemma for putting on such a lovely spread and thank you to all parents who kindly donated to 'Save the Children'. This was followed by our Christmas fayre, which was a huge hit! I would like to extend special thanks to Mrs Urquhart, our Office Coordinator, for organising this wonderful event – I have never seen our school hall so full! Thank you also to all staff who helped set up, run a stall (or multiple stalls in some cases) and who helped tidy away afterwards. Thank you also to our families too for joining us at this event and for donating to our Christmas fayre and to our school. These funds will be used to fund our workshops, pantomimes and our 11b411 promises. On Thursday, KS2 enjoyed their pantomime at the Swallows Leisure Centre.

Today, we sadly say goodbye to Miss Bright, Mrs Brijman, Mr Jefferies and Miss Coward. We wish them the very best in their new adventures and thank them for all their contributions to our school. Good luck! In January, we welcome Mrs Puce and Ms Ferreira de Sousa, who will be teaching Year 4 and Year 5 respectfully, over Term 3 and Term 4, whilst we continue to recruit permanent teachers. Mrs Hardiman will continue to teach in Year 1, but will be absent for a short while over the spring term, due to planned leave. During this time, another long-term supply teacher will cover Year 1. Miss Bennett will be leaving us mid-January to begin an exciting new role, as she works towards studying for a degree. Miss Bennett will be truly missed, but we are very happy that she has found the opportunity to pursue her dream and we wish her the very best with this. Fortunately, Miss Bennett is with us for a little longer! I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Dixon will also join us in January 2024, and will be taking over from Miss Bennett in Year 3. Recruitment for a new site manager and new cleaner will continue into the new year,

The class who have won Reggie this week with 96.15% attendance is Year 6! Well done!
Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas, looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd January 2024, Kind regards, Miss Homer, Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

Cherries have had a fantastic last week to a very festive and successful term. This week we have enjoyed some incredible festivities including a craft session where our carers joined us aswell. We have created some amazing cards and tree decorations. We have also explored some RE lessons this week, where we have been talking about the importance of Christmas and identifying key points such as the birth of baby Jesus. We have also watched an EYFS Christmas nativity show on BBC bitesize reviewing fun facts we have learned this week.

Year R

What a busy and exciting term we have had in year R! The children have learned so much, from phonics to writing and from celebrations to traditions. Next term, we will be starting a new topic about jobs people do; ranging from policeman to firefighters and vets. This should be an exciting term with lots of learning about the world around us and how we are surrounded by everyday heroes.

The Year R team would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Year 1:

This week in Willow class we have had lots of fun learning with a Christmas theme.

In Literacy we were looking at the 2015 John Lewis Christmas advert, The man on the moon. We really enjoyed watching this advert, as some of us had never seen it before. In our learning we were looking at the key parts of the advert and then ordering them in sequence. In Maths we were consolidating the whole term's learning with Christmas themed challenges. In RE we looked at the Nativity story and had a cutting and sticking activity of recounting the story and putting the pictures in the correct order. We had amazing fun in our science experiment and watching what would happen to a candy cane when we put it in a tray with vinegar, food colouring and baking soda. The whole candy cane eventually disappeared!

We absolutely loved seeing Father Christmas and his elf when they came into our class on Wednesday!

Year 2:

This week in Maple Class we have had a very busy week! We have had lots of fun writing diary entries from the 2015 John Lewis advert: The man on the moon. In maths we have been doing Christmas worksheets practising our adding and subtracting. Today we even wrote some of our own word problems and sent them up to Year 6!

In science we made our own playhouses using our knowledge of materials. We also completed a candy cane science experiment where we saw what would happen if we put candy canes in different temperatures of water. In DT we made stars and in geography we learnt about Poland and how Christmas is celebrated there.

We hope you have a lovely a Christmas and a happy new year!

Year 3:

Wow! What a busy term this has been! Well done to all of the wonderful children - you have worked so hard and made us all so proud! Next term, our new topic is... 'Tribal Tales'! We will be picking up where we left off last term, recapping The Stone Age before exploring The Bronze Age and The Iron Age. Our new reading book is 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King, and we will be using this as our Guided Reading text as well. In art, we will be learning how to weave and will use hand-made looms to help us. In Science, our new topic is based on humans and animals, focussing on our bones!

We all hope you have a fun and love-filled Christmas and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 2nd January for Term 3.

Year 4:

And so Term 2 has come to an end. It has been an incredible term with lots of positivity and fantastic learning taking place. On a personal note, I am very grateful to everyone who I have got to work with these past three years, and I couldn't have wished for a better final term. I cherish the memories we have made together, and I have no doubt that all of you will continue to shine brightly in the coming terms as well.

Next term our topic will be Anglo-Saxons, and we will be reading the book 'The Railway Children' as a class. In our computing lessons we will be looking at how to present data using different programmes. In Science, we will be exploring sound. Some learning will be coming home for the Christmas holiday as well, I hope you enjoy the festive challenges we have put together for you!

Year 5:

Well, I can't believe that Term 2 has now ended. I would like to say a big well done and thank you to the whole class for being superstars this year. It has been a pleasure to teach all of you and your new teacher is very lucky.

Next term, you will be learning about Ancient Greece and animals including humans in science. You will be learning about abstract sculptures in art and analysing data in your computing lessons.

There's a lot to look forward to in the new year! Have a wonderful Christmas break and I wish you a happy new year!

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Sycamore Class for their fantastic attitude and resilience this term. All the children have worked so incredibly hard, and we could not be any prouder of them.

Next term, our topic is 'Hola Mexico'. We will be learning all about the Maya Civilisation; its people, culture, economy and achievements. All the children have been given a home learning sheet which they can complete over the course of the term to support them and deepen their learning.

Next term our class text, both working and for pleasure, will be 'Holes' by Louis Sacher. All our literacy learning will focus on the text. At the end of term, we will be holding a film night where the children will be able to watch the film version of our text whilst enjoying some real Mexican food. More details on this will follow.

Early morning catch-up sessions will be changing slightly next term and letters have already been sent home. If your child has received a letter, please can you return it as soon as possible as early morning catch up sessions will start from week 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.' Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 for a new term and a new year!