



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 29th January 2024

Sycamore	<p>Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise Katie and Chloe for the friendship they have shown towards their peers this week. They would also like to praise Holly for her help within the classroom every single day. Mrs Pullen would also like to thank all the anti-bullying ambassadors for giving up their lunchtimes to help in the Zen Zone.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Katie, for her excellent use of figurative language in her setting description of Camp Green Lake.</p> <p>Maths Master: Oliver D, for using his number knowledge to work out calculations using the Mayan number system.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Oliver B, for his input and recall of facts during reactivation in all lessons.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Daniel</p>
Birch	<p>Ms De Sousa, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to praise Finley and Lee for focusing so well and showing resilience and perseverance during swimming. They would also like to praise Jazneil for settling well back into Year 5 and also Vinnie for persevering with his spellings. Finally they would like to praise Siddie for being such an exceptional role model to others and always showing kindness and respect.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Theo, has worked hard to improve his handwriting and use ambitious vocabulary while doing character descriptions this week.</p> <p>Maths Master: Amelia, has achieved a lot in Maths this week and has also helped her table to better understand fractions and whole numbers.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Siddie for his showing he is always ready for learning and his maturity towards other people's feelings. Siddie has been a pleasure to teach.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Daniels</p>
Ash	<p>Mrs Puce would like to praise both Bentlee and Miles for proving that discussion and laughter is better than arguing and falling out.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Summer, for making great vocabulary choices in her writing.</p> <p>Maths Master: Shanjana, for challenging herself to successfully complete the harder activities.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Kelsie, for always being ready to learn.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Ella</p>
Beech	<p>This week the adults in year 3 would like to say a huge well done to the entire class for their effort with weaving wool, you all worked so hard and helped each other - it was lovely to see! Praise also goes to Amber, Colin and Bobby for being so adaptable in maths. Lastly, they would like to say thanks to our library monitors: Theo, Amber and Peter for their hard work keeping our library area as tidy as can be (quite impressive with the clay pots drying!).</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Dayon, for his brilliant effort in his handwriting!</p> <p>Maths Master: Freya, for her continuous hard work, resilience and persistence in maths.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Victoria, for being a friend to all.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Paige</p>
Maple	<p>This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Spenceley and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Ronald, Arlie and Frankie for their hard work in phonics this week and for welcoming Miss Stafford into our classroom this week. We would like to thank Sophie, Logan and Harry P for working hard to tidy up our classroom at the end of our habitat making lesson!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Mollie, for being able to identify different types of words within an acrostic poem.</p> <p>Maths Master: Ronald, for trying hard to read the time on the clock this week.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Max, for trying hard in all lessons this week and putting his hand up.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Frankie</p>
Willow	<p>Mrs Hardiman would like to thank Grace, Esther and Oscar R for their great participation and teamwork in our computing lesson using paint, learning to change the colour and size of shapes!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Avana, for taking ownership and challenging herself to extend her sentences using 'and' and in her own time practising the use of time connectives to help plan her narrative.</p> <p>Maths Master: Reuben, for working hard in both carpet and table time to 'find the difference' using subtraction.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Sienna, for her great listening skills in our music lesson and playing notes C and D brilliantly in time on the glockenspiel!</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Chester</p>
Oak	<p>The year R team would like to praise Jaxon, River and Timeea for being wonderful helpers when cleaning up the outside area. We would also like to thank Ella for always offering to help her classmates and for supporting them when they need help.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Lyle, for showing resilience and determination in his writing.</p> <p>Maths Master: Ella, for excellent work on the numbers 6, 7 & 8.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Paul-Samuel, for making a great effort to take part in Rainbow Challenges!</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Kit</p>
Cherry	<p>A big thankyou to Miss Lane (our EYFS Leader) this week for your support on implementing more visuals in our areas of provision within our Cherry class. Another thankyou to Miss Filipovic for donating some whiteboard pens so we can write on our name cards and rub them off after.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Liberty, for forming letters of her name to label her own work.</p> <p>Maths Master: Alice, for identifying number 2 throughout the environment and sharing it with her peers. Great role modelling for maths this week Alice.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Dominic, for showing empathy to peers when they need a helping hand or a friend. He has been so kind and trying hard to listen to instructions this week.</p>

Coming up:

Monday 5th Feb
Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 5th Feb
Swimming for Y5

Tuesday 6th Feb
Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th Feb
Year 6 Mexican Night

Friday 9th Feb
Y2 Trip to Chatham Dockyard
Final day of Term 3

12th-Fri 16th Feb
Half-term (Closed)

Monday 19th Feb
Term 4 begins! (Open)

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Wow! It's been another jam-packed week here at Kemsley, from visits from our colleagues in REACH2 to express events! We have had a fantastic week and it has been wonderful to celebrate such amazing teaching and learning across the school. Well done to all the children for giving their very best to their learning, well done to our hard working, diligent team who make every learning day a special one for the children and thank you to our wonderful parents for supporting our children's learning journey and joining us, where possible, at our express events.

Special praise and thank you goes to Demi (Y5) and Freya (Y3) for showing true compassion and kindness to our younger pupils. We encourage our pupils to show acts of kindness and thoughtfulness to others – Demi and Freya are wonderful examples of this! Praise also goes to our Lead Practitioner, Mrs Bond, who last week attended training and then sat a rather challenging exam to become KS2 county moderator for Kent! Very few who sit the exam usually pass, but Mrs Bond did pass first time, with flying colours, so has done exceedingly well! Well done Mrs Bond! Mrs Bond remains our Lead Practitioner but will have release time to visit other schools to quality assure the writing judgements of other Year 6 teachers across Kent.

As communicated yesterday, Miss Pengelly will be sadly leaving us to take up an exciting promotion at a new school, where she will become a higher-level teaching assistant (HLTA). We wish her the very best in this role and thank her for everything she has done for our school.

Earlier this week, we introduced a simplified version of our school rules, to help our children better remember what these are:

- 1) Be Kind
- 2) Be Respectful
- 3) Be Responsible

We shall be reflecting on these rules with the children over next week and consolidate them next term.

Bookings to sign your child up for a 2nd extra-curricular club have now closed. However, if you would still like your child to join a 2nd club, please contact Mrs Coleman and she will gladly assist you with this. We currently still have a growing waiting list for football club. Again, I would like to extend a thank you to all members of staff who have kindly given up their time to run an after-school club and Mrs Coleman for helping parents with signing up to clubs too and managing the waiting lists.

Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform and full school PE kit – there are many children still arriving at school wearing trainers, large named brands and colours not associated with our school uniform policy. If you require financial support purchasing uniform or school PE kit, please let us know.

The class who have won Reggie this week with 95.06% attendance is Year 5! Well done! Whole school attendance is at 94.38%

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer, Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week Cherries have enjoyed exploring the number 2 within the environment using all different materials and presenting 2 in a number of physical and creative ways. We have introduced and started to develop some knowledge and understanding of alliteration this week. Cherries have enjoyed doing this using their friends names and objects within the room. We have been using different doctors' equipment this week and talking about any experiences we may have had at the doctors within our circle times.

Next week, we will be learning all about Vets and what they do for our lovely animals. We shall enrich the children's learning by adding some new role play equipment and reading new books on vets and their role. We will be having our stay and play session Tuesday 6th February at 9am and 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year R

Oak class have been learning about hospitals and doctors this week and we were very excited to share this with parents at our Express Event on Monday. The children had a wonderful time making skeletons and hospitals with their adults- thank you all for coming and for supporting our class. This week we have also learned about the human body, especially the skeleton and the main organs.

Next week we will be rounding off our topic of 'Everyday Superheroes' with a week learning about vets. This should be a wonderful end to what has been a great topic, which we have all thoroughly enjoyed. Our Maths learning will be length, height and time. We will also be continuing our walk on a Tuesday, looking for signs of the changing seasons.

Year 1:

This week in Willow class we have read our new book 'The Selfish Crocodile' which we shall use as our core text to help us write a narrative. We have considered the beginning, middle and end looking at the adjectives used and the ones we may like to use in our own writing. Towards the end of the week, we have been thinking about alternative 'problems' the crocodile could face in the middle of the book- which has been very entertaining!

In Maths we have continued our addition and subtraction topic focussing mainly on subtracting using number lines, crossing off arrays and finding the difference. The class have worked hard grasping these new concepts and have been mindful of their number bonds from last week to help them solve some of the problems.

In History we have continued our 'Nurturing Nurses' topic. This week we have focussed on gathering all the information we have learnt about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole's lives. We then used this to create persuasive posters to encourage others to remember them for their work and bravery.

Year 2:

This week in English we have been learning about acrostic poems. We have explored them and begun thinking about words that start with each letter of meerkat! In Maths we have moved onto time. We have been looking at half past and o'clock by identifying where the hands face. Next week we will be learning to recognise quarter past and quarter to.

In History we have explored Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus and the equipment they used. We really enjoyed sorting pictures of these into different groups and explored which piece of equipment we would like to use if we became an explorer one day. In Science we created dioramas which are 3D models using cardboard boxes. The children were very excited to come home with their models and show you!

In Music we sung our song 'In a band'. It was lovely to see the children being creative with their actions and movements. In PE we tried hard to travel around the room with our body low and high, which was difficult but we did find a few different ways and enjoyed showing these to our friends.

Year 3:

Year 4:

In English next week, Ash Class will be exploring and writing adverts. Would you please discuss the features of any seen out of school. Maths will focus on statistics by interpreting charts and graphs. In Science we shall investigate the pitch of different sounds and the features of the object that produced it.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us for our express event. The children thoroughly enjoyed this afternoon.

Year 5:

In science we are learning about human body and the changes that occur in each stage of life. We learned that there are 6 stages in human's life. We will be creating leaflets to educate other children about it.

In History we are carrying on with Greek civilization, last week we had a debate comparing Athens and Sparta and this week we talked about the origins of Olympic games and how much it has changed - in particular we discussed how we now have the paralympic games and women can also take part.

In RE we finished our learning about Buddhism. In Art we are carrying on with clay pot methods and we have learnt about the coil pot method, you should come and see their beautiful work.

Year 6:

This week in literacy we will be continuing with our work on newspaper reports. We will be using all our learning from last week to support us when generating a class write, paired write and independent write.

In maths we will be learning how to multiply and divide decimals. Then towards the end of the week, we will be putting all our learning to the test in an end of unit assessment.

Our history lesson will involve researching the decline of the Maya civilisation. We will be researching the different theories behind their decline, then choosing how to record our findings. We will then be presenting our learning to the rest of the class.

Our Mexican Night is on Thursday 8th February. Children need to return to school at 4pm and will need to be collected, by an adult, at 6pm from the main reception area. Children can come to our Mexican Night dressed in Mexican costume or in the colours of the Mexican flag.

Term 3 - Key Dates

Week 6 – w/c Monday 5th February – Children’s Mental Health Week

Monday 5th February – Swimming for Year 5 (Faversham Leisure Centre)

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th February – Year 6 Mexican Night

Friday 9th February – Pupil Parliament

Friday 9th February – Year 2 Trip to Chatham Dockyard (TBC)

Friday 9th February – Final day of Term 3

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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday 15th January 2024 – Thursday 21st March 2024

Year R – Year 2

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
Dance Club	Monday	YR – Y2	Miss Hardy	Hall

Year R – Year 6

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
Musical Theatre	Wednesday	YR – Y6	Mrs Dallamore-Hynd	Hall
Craft Club	Wednesday	YR – Y6	Mrs Urquhart	TBC

KS1: Year 1 – Year 2

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
EYFS & KS1 Football	Thursday (day to be confirmed)	YR – Y2	Miss Homer & Miss Spenceley / Sports Futures (External Company)	Field

Year 2 – Year 6

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
Choir	Thursday	Y2-Y6	Mrs Fletcher & Mrs Pullen	Year 6/Hall

KS2: Year 3 – Year 6

Club	Day	Year Group	Staff Member	Location
Scratch Club (Coding)	Monday	Y3-Y6	Miss Donald	Year 3 Classroom
KS2 Football (CURRENTLY FULL)	Thursday (day TBC)	Y3-Y6	Miss Homer & Miss Spenceley / Sports Futures (External Company)	Field



Academic Year 2023 - 2024

Term Dates

Term 1

Friday 1st September – Friday 20th October
(Staff Inset Day 1 – Friday 1st September – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Term 2

Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December
(Staff Inset Day 2 – Monday 30th October – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January

Term 3

Monday 1st January – Friday 9th February
(New Year's Day Bank Holiday – Monday 1st January – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Term 4

Monday 19th February – Friday 29th March
(Staff Inset Day 3 – Thursday 28th March – School Closed)
(Good Friday Bank Holiday – Friday 29th March – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April

Term 5

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May
(May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July
(Staff Inset Day 4 – Monday 22nd July – School Closed)
(Staff Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 23rd July – School Closed)



Academic Year 2024 - 2025

Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 2nd September – Friday 25th October
(Staff Inset Day 1 – Monday 2nd September – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Term 2

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Half-Term

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Term 3

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February
(Staff Inset Day 2 - Monday 6th January – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Term 4

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Half-Term

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April
(Easter Monday Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April – School Closed)

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May
(May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May – School Closed)

Half-Term

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Term 6

Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July
(Staff Inset Day 3 – Monday 2nd June – School Closed)
(Staff Inset Day 4 – Monday 21st July – School Closed)
(Staff Inset Day 5 – Tuesday 22nd July – School Closed)