



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 5th February 2024

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise Danni, Oliver D, Matthew, Orla and Ella-Rose for their amazing artwork inspired by Andy Warhol. They would also like to praise Blake for always preparing the visual timetable every single day. Writer of the Week: Orla, for her use of subordinating clauses in her writing. Maths Master: Isabell, for the improvement in her presentation within maths this week. Star of the Week: Wilburn, for always putting a smile on the faces of adult in Sycamore Class. Dojo Champion: Annabelle
Birch	Ms De Sousa, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to praise Siddie, Jazneil and Amber for their kindness towards everyone and their responsibility towards the school equipment and their books. Praise also goes to Caitlyn for modelling so well the new school rules: kindness, respect and responsibility. Well done to Jazneil for his politeness and maturity when following adult instructions and asking permission. Finally, well done to Eliss and Shaun for their effort in art and their time invested to create beautiful clay pots - they are always ready to learn and respect the right of others to learn. Writer of the Week: Caitlyn, for her rich vocabulary and beautiful and creative writing, Caitlyn is always ready for learning and is an active member of year 5. Maths Master: Daniels, has achieved a lot in Maths this week, he produced amazing work in fractions and is already enjoying decimals and percentages. Keep up your amazing work. Star of the Week: Kara, for her responsibility towards learning, her courage to keep asking questions when she doesn't understand and her hard work in all subjects. Dojo Champion: Siddie
Ash	Mrs Puce and Mrs Fletcher would like to thank Oscar and Miles for representing the class so well on Safer Internet Day. We would also like to praise the whole of Ash Class for being super rappers! Writer of the Week: Sianna, for working hard to include a range of literary skills in her biography of E. Nesbit. Maths Master: Isabelle, for her effort in Mathematics. Star of the Week: Rory, for always being kind, respectful and responsible. Dojo Champion: Ronnie
Beech	This week Miss Donald and Mrs Dixon would like to say a huge thank you to Paige, Aiyla and Freya for being super art monitors (and substitute art monitor). They would also like to praise Michelle, Archie S, Madalena, Levi and Joshua for their brilliant times table scores. Writer of the Week: Joshua, for his great contributions to our class setting description. Maths Master: Matthias, for working hard to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit. Star of the Week: Kacper, for his great attitude towards his learning and contributing ideas in all lessons. Dojo Champion: Jaden
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Filipovic would like to praise Logan, Sophie-Leigh and Kara for showing values of kindness and care to others this week especially when they were struggling. We would also like to praise Harry P. Mollie and Taylor for showing good teamwork when creating leaflets about staying safe online. We would like to thank Harry B, Cristian and Emma for helping to put our bird feeders on the tree on the KS1 playground ready for the bird watch! Writer of the Week: Bailey-Jay, for working really hard with Miss Hardy in the early morning group to use capital letters and full stops at the end of every sentence. Maths Master: Mollie, for working really hard to tell the time to 5 minutes past the hour. Star of the Week: Emma and Harley, for trying hard to answer questions in all lessons and showing resilience during test papers sat this week. Dojo Champion: Ayomide
Willow	We would like to praise all of Willow class for their performance of 'I'm in the Groove' to the whole school. Well done to all. Writer of the Week: Sienna, for writing a well thought out dilemma for her narrative. Maths Master: Ellis, for working hard to count forward and back within 50. Star of the Week: Ernie and Freddie Sh for their great participation and focused work in RE. Dojo Champion: Esther
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to thank Lucy and Ella for being brave enough to speak in the Internet safety assembly on Tuesday. We would also like to praise Vlada and Oliver S for their help cleaning the classroom. Writer of the Week: Tia, for excellent focus and perseverance in using writing in all aspects of her learning. Maths Master: Cyra, for her great work on length this week. Star of the Week: Kevin, for increasing how much he takes part in class discussions. Well done. Dojo Champion: Lucy
Cherry	Cherry class team would like to thank all of our parents and carers for attending our stay and play sessions this week! We would also like to thank the children for a fantastic term! Writer of the Week: Lottie, for always making sure she has written her name and labelled her own work. Maths Master: Indie, for writing her numbers 1-10 at home and sharing this with her peers. Star of the Week: Rosabelle, for becoming more confident when socialising and negotiating with peers.

Coming up:
Friday 9th Feb
 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,

As we reach the end of this term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and carers for all of their kindness and support, to thank our amazing children for the incredible effort they have put into their learning this term and to our wonderful staff team who always give their very best to the children. It was wonderful to share the children's fantastic learning this week during visits from REACH2's Cluster 8 Deputy Headteachers and Headteachers this week! I especially would like to thank Mrs Coleman for going above and beyond in her cover of our reception desk! I would also like to thank Mrs Urquhart for also helping out across the school, with swimming, nursery and arranging whole school events. I would also like to thank Mrs Bond, who arranged a very special evening for Year 6 to celebrate the end of their History topic – Mexican Night! Thank you also to Mrs Pullen and Mrs Melrose for kindly staying late after school to support Mrs Bond with this. Finally, praise goes to Year 2 for their outstanding behaviour on their school trip to Chatham Dockyard today – we are so proud of you all! I would also like to extend thanks to Miss Hardy for organising this amazing school trip for her class and to all the staff members who supported Miss Hardy with this trip today.

This week, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. I would like to extend thanks to Miss Donald and Mrs Donaghy for leading informative assemblies on these very important subjects and for sharing resources with the teaching staff. It was wonderful to see what each class had learned during our safer internet day assembly. Well done to the children who represented their class for this! Staying safe online is a subject which is constantly referred to throughout our computing curriculum and whenever the children use ICT, however we would like to raise this profile even more and help to better support our parents and pupils. E Safety posters will therefore be shared on class Dojo weekly from now on to develop a great awareness around E Safety. These posters not only refer to apps that children might access but also parental controls. One parent kindly brought to our attention this week, that even if you might believe you have parental controls set on your child's internet access, this may only extend to one internet browser rather than all. **Therefore, it is important to ensure you have parental controls set on all internet browsers – or set the restrictions on one and then delete the other internet browsing apps. It is also crucial that parents and carers check their child's mobile device regularly to monitor what content they have had access to and what they might be sharing with others. I would like to extend thanks to this parent for kindly giving up their time to share this with us and for offering advice to be shared with the whole school community.**

As mentioned last week, we have 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 continue to reflect on these rules with the children and consolidate them next term.

The class who have won Reggie this week with 97.49% attendance is Year 4! Well done! Whole school attendance is at 94.45% Congratulations also goes to Year R for being the winning class with the highest percentage for bringing back their reading record books. Enjoy your film afternoon next term!

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break,

Miss Homer
Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week in nursery we have been exploring what it means to be a Vet reading the story 'Mog and the Vet'. We created our own vets in the role play area this week, exploring different roles and looking at how we can help animals. We had a fantastic time bird watching on Wednesday! We prepared bird feeders earlier in the week and hung them from our tree in the garden. The children then built their own bird watching station using construction blocks to hide from the birds so that we didn't disturb them! We also added binoculars and books we found in the library to do with birds.

After half term we will be moving on to the topic 'On the Move'. The children will learn about physical journeys that they have made/will make, focusing again very much on their own first-hand experiences of travelling. This topic is specifically designed to look at journeys, and different ways children may have travelled, drawing on their own cultural capital. It then looks at travel to other countries and finishes with journeys to space. Our first story will be 'Naughty Bus!'

Year R

In our final week of this term, we have been learning about vets and pets. The children have really enjoyed this topic, particularly learning about how to look after a pet. This term's topic, of 'Everyday Superheroes', is now coming to an end. We have learned so much about medical staff, our bodies, animals and emergency services. Next term we will start a new topic called "On the Move". This topic will look at travelling and transportation. This should lead to some excellent opportunities for learning and exploring.

After half term, we will continue with our walks on a Tuesday, so please remember to send in wellies every Tuesday - or leave a pair in school.

Year 1:

It's been a busy final week of term in Willow class, we have been planned and written up our narratives using our book 'The Selfish Crocodile'. We wrote the sections carefully to make sure we had a clear beginning, middle and end. The class have worked hard to produce their final write. Well done Willows!

In Maths we finished our addition and subtraction work and have started our next place value unit that will be carried over to next term. The children have begun by counting back and forth between 0 and 50, recognising tens and finding the number 'before' and 'after'.

Willows also enjoyed The Big Bird Watch on Wednesday using pinecones covered in bird seed and hanging them on the trees in the playground. We went outside to spot how many birds it had attracted and made a note of the different breeds that were in the area too.

In music, Willows put their performance skills to the test. The children have been exploring the song 'I'm in the Groove' through different genres each week this term. They then picked their favourite version and sung it beautifully to the rest of the school in assembly. Brilliant!

Mrs Hardiman and Mrs Earney hope you have a wonderful, restful break after all the hard work that has been achieved this term.

Year 2:

I would like to begin by saying how proud I am of everyone in Maple Class this term! Your children have all worked so hard sitting all the test papers over the last two weeks, with an amazing boat building express event and ending with our super school trip to Chatham Dockyard - a day enjoyed by all both children and staff.

In English we have been covering poetry this week and have written our own acoustic poems. We even performed them to the class and shared our meerkat facts all in the style of our working text: 'Meerkat Mail'. Next term in English we will be reading a book called: 'Gorilla' by Anthony Brown. We will be writing a character description of the Gorilla describing his features.

In Maths we have been telling the time to five past the hour. We have been able to use the terms 'minutes past' and 'minutes to' the hour. Next term we will be looking at multiplication and division focusing on the 2 times table.

Our topics for our afternoon lessons are as follows next term: In Science we will be learning about Plants considering their growth and what they need to grow. In DT we will be looking at wool and textiles. In Geography we will be learning about the continents and their temperatures. Finally in Computing we will be learning about Excel and the basic functions of this programme.

We hope you have a restful half term week.

Year 3:

I cannot believe we are at the end of Term 3, and halfway through this academic year! I would like to say a massive well done for the hard work and dedication that the children have put in this year.

Next term our topic is 'What's beneath our feet?' This topic focuses on volcanoes. We will be spending our geography lessons exploring the layers of Earth, its tectonic plates and how volcanoes are formed! In Literacy and Guided Reading, we will be reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. This is a lovely story about a young girl who dreams of being a Firework Maker. In maths, we are going to be starting with multiplication & division before moving on to fractions. In Science, our new topic is 'Parts of a Plant', exploring how plants grow best. In DT, we will be designing and creating our own photo frame and in RE, we will be answering the question: 'Where do Islamic beliefs come from?'

Please can children keep practising their times tables on TTRockstars and read something every day over the holiday. We really hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 19th February!

Year 4:

Next term our working text will be 'Charlotte's Web' with the writing foci of setting description, diary entries and speech. In Mathematics, we shall cover fractions and the properties of shapes. Please can you encourage your child to continue practicing their timestables on TTRockstars! In Science we shall be investigating 'Animals including Humans'. Our Geography focus will be 'Spectacular Spain'.

Mrs Puce and Mrs Fletcher would like to thank the children for their hard work this term and wish everyone a restful holiday.

Year 5:

In science we are on our last week of human body changes and we are comparing with other forms of life, such as other mammals and plants. In History we are carrying on with Greek civilization, last week we learned about the origins of Olympic games and how much it has changed as we do have now the paralympic games and women can also take part and this week we learned about the origins of democracy and how it differs from today.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term.

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Sycamore Class for another fantastic term of resilience & positivity. All the children have worked exceptionally hard and produced some outstanding work and test scores; we could not ask anymore of them!

Next term our topic is Blue Planet. We will be learning about the layers of the ocean, animal adaptations and pollution. Our literacy work will focus on our working text 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. We will begin the term with a diary entry before moving on to an explanation and a newspaper report. In science our topic will be 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will start the term off by looking at our inherited and environmental characteristics. We will then move on to look at variation and adaptation.

Morning intervention groups for Term 4 will remain unchanged. These early morning catch up sessions will start in week 1 and continue throughout the term. P.E. will remain on a Monday. Please ensure your child wears the correct P.E. kit to school, this should include black jogging bottoms, their tribal colour t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan.

Mrs Melrose, Mrs Pullen & I would like to wish all the children an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 19th February.

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	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	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)