



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 1st January 2024

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for settling back into the routines of Year 6, exceptionally well this week. Special praise goes to Isabell, Daniel and Lexi for their collaborative work during literacy. Writer of the Week: Ella-Rose, for her excellent inputs in our literacy lessons this week. Maths Master: Emily, for her understanding of ratio and proportion this week. Star of the Week: Holly, for demonstrating positivity and resilience during all areas of the curriculum this week. Dojo Champion: Dolly
Birch	Ms De Sousa, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to thank the whole class for settling in quickly after half term break. We would also like to thank you all for welcoming Ms De Sousa beautifully. Writer of the Week: Archie, for his participation in literacy and perfect examples of extended noun phrases Maths Master: Poppy-Reese, for her outstanding knowledge of multiplying thousands! Star of the Week: Shaun, for working so hard within all areas of his learning this week. Dojo Champion: Siddie
Ash	Mrs Puce and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise all of Year 4 for a fantastic first week back! The children have settled really well and tried their very best with their learning. Thank you for making Mrs Puce to feel so welcome Ash class! Writer of the Week: Ella, for working hard and editing and improving her writing. Maths Master: Oliver, for contributions in class and sharing strategies for solving time problems. Star of the Week: For the whole of Ash class, for a fantastic start back and making Mrs Puce feel so welcome at school.
Beech	This week the adults in Year 3 would like to say a huge well done to the whole class for their mature start to term 3. They would specifically like to praise Jonjoe, Morgan, Effy, Joshua, Michelle and David for their hard work so far this term. Writer of the Week: Bobby, for his brilliant boxing up of our model text. Maths Master: Colin, for his independent number writing. Star of the Week: Harley, for his brilliant double-page spread about Gunta Stölzl in art. Dojo Champion: Emilia
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Filipovic and Miss Spencley would like to praise Harley, Arlie, Darcey, Kara and Erin for their participation in lessons this week putting their hands up to answer lots of questions. We would like to thank Harry P, Logan and Harper for always being ready to help others and consistently showing kindness. Writer of the Week: Sophie, for showing and improvement in her spelling this week trying hard to sound out words using her phonics. Maths Master: Harley, for being able to add coins of the same value using counting in 10s. Star of the Week: Darcey, for her readiness to learn and working independently to answer questions in her book. Dojo Champion: Cristian
Willow	We would like to praise the whole of Willow class for coming back to school in amazing style, with smiles on their faces and all ready to learn. Everybody has shown great listening and concentration. Writer of the Week: Freddie Sh, for his excellent participation when using imperative verbs in literacy this week. Maths Master: Joel, for his excellent knowledge of all the numbers within 20. Star of the Week: Amber, for being an all-round excellent role model to her peers and being ready to learn straight away. Dojo Champion: Teddy P
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise all of Oak class for their amazing behaviour since returning to school after Christmas. The children have all displayed an excellent attitude to their learning. Writer of the Week: Paris, for working hard to improve her writing. Maths Master: Oliver W, for counting from 0-5 and matching quantities. Star of the Week: Kit, for always displaying an excellent attitude to his learning. Dojo Champion: Lacey
Cherry	Thank you to all of our parents for the wonderful gifts and cards we received before the holidays. It means so much to us and we hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. Writer of the Week: Rosabelle, for writing her name beautifully using her new name card. Maths Master: Maggie, for creating our number of the week using playdough! Star of the Week: Jack, for having a fantastic start to Nursery!

Coming up:

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

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

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

Monday 15th Jan
Swimming begins for Y5 (Faversham)

Tuesday 16th Jan
LGB Meeting
(4.30pm-6:30pm)

Friday 18th Jan
Y1 Express Event
(2pm-3pm)

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Welcome back to Kemsley! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed your New Year celebrations too. On behalf of our staff, I would like thank you all for your beautiful cards and generous gifts. They were very much appreciated.

It has been a fantastic week here at Kemsley. The children have settled beautifully into school and there has been some excellent learning throughout all classes. Well done everyone! Mrs Bovis would like to give special praise to Sonny and Kara in Y4 for the exceptional progress they have made in their learning with her. She would also like to praise Annabelle in Y6 for the promising start she has made too and for the resilience she has shown.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Dixon who joins us in Year 3, Mrs Puce who joins us in Year 4 and Ms De Sousa who joins us in Year 5. Thank you to our wonderful team and our fantastic children for making our new members of staff feel so very welcome at our school. We are currently advertising for a cleaner and a new site manager. Whilst the recruitment process for a new site manager continues, we will be welcoming a supply site manager to cover during this interim period – this is just being finalised.

Next week, Parents Evening consultations will be taking place for our Year 1 and Year 3 parents, with Mrs Hardiman and Miss Donald, respectively. On Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 5 pupils will be attending the 11b411 London theatre trip to see Matilda. I would like to extend special thanks to our 11b411 Ambassador, Mrs Bond, for organising this incredible experience for our children and I would like to thank all of the staff accompanying the children too.

On the following week, Year 5 pupils will begin swimming lessons. Year 5 parents will receive a letter early next week regarding this and sign up for this will open on Arbor from Monday 8th January at 4pm and will close on Friday 12th January at 4pm. There will be no cost to parents as our Sports Premium funding will be used to fund the children's swimming lessons and their transport. As swimming is part of the PE curriculum, this will replace Y5's PE lesson.

This term, all Express Events will be taking place in Week 5, apart from Year 1's Express Event, which shall take place on Friday 18th January. Parents do not need to sign up for this, but please note your child's Express Event date in your diaries!

The class who have won Reggie this week with 95.58% attendance is Year 3! Well done! Overall attendance is currently standing at 94.29%.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer
Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

What a great week it has been to welcome everyone back to Nursery and for our new children to start their journey with us! This week we have been settling back into routines and thinking about our rules and expectations in Cherry Class. We have been looking at the number one and exploring counting with cubes. We have also introduced the number one in Numberblocks. We have also given the children their own individual name card where they can practise writing their name to build up their confidence.

Next week we will be looking at the story 'Koala makes the right choice' where we will explore choices and consequences. We will also be exploring the weather in our play through looking at the properties of ice in the water tray, polar animals in the small world and creating our own winter playdough. We will also be forming the letters of our name in some gloop!

Year R

Welcome back to what has been a very wet and cold week! We have been busy this week learning about jobs people do, especially emergency services. We are very lucky that next week we should receive a visit from our local Police Officer; the children will no doubt enjoy this immensely. Our book for the week is 'Burglar Bill' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be talking about fingerprints and crime scenes, which should be very exciting. In our Maths lessons we will be learning more about one more and one less.

We will continue to take our outside walks on a Tuesday, so please ensure children have wellie boots for Tuesday.

Year 1:

We have had an amazing first week back after Christmas. We have all shared our stories about what we did to celebrate.

We have been reading a new book in literacy, 'Zog and the flying Doctors'. We have been role playing the story and learning all about imperative verbs and writing instructions.

In Maths we have been looking at all of the numbers within 20. We have been recognising the written number and matching it to its numeral. We have also been learning about how to change the thickness of a paintbrush and change the colour on the paint programme for computing and learning all about Jesus and his disciples in RE.

Year 2:

I would like to begin by saying how amazing Maple class have been coming back to school after the holidays! We have had a fantastic week showing careful listening and trying our best with all our learning. We are very proud of all of the children.

This week in English we have a new working text for this term: 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Garvett. We will be writing a diary entry at the end of next week describing each day of Sunny's journey.

In Maths we have been learning about money. We have been looking at both pounds and pence and have been counting coins using their value. We will continue learning about money next week adding and subtracting different amounts. In History we have learnt about Christopher Columbus. We wrote fact files this week and we will learn more facts and map his journey across the ocean next week. In Science we are looking at living things and their habitats. We began looking at how things change and will learn about the different habitats next week.

Please can we ask that you continue to send your children in with their reading folders each day. It is really important they come in so that we can listen to the children read. Thank you.

Year 3:

Next week, on Wednesday, we are heading up to London to see 'Matilda The Musical' - I know lots of the children are excited for this! In English, we will be planning, writing, editing and improving our diary entries, pretending that we are Barney from 'Stig of the Dump'. In maths, we are continuing to practice our times tables, particularly focusing on the 8 times table. In art we will continue our double page spreads about Gunta Stölzl and will explore how to weave using paper. In History, we will be making clay pots, similar to those that were made during the Stone Age.

Please note that our class Express Event is on Monday 29th January at 9am - we look forward to seeing you there.

Year 4:

A huge well done to the class for an amazing first week! Thank you so much to all of the children and Mrs Fletcher for making me feel so welcome.

Next week, in English we are continuing with our narrative, describing settings based on 'The Railway Children'. In Maths, we will continue learning about 'Time' - please speak with your child and ask them what they know about time. In Science, we will begin learning about Sound and in History we shall be learning about Anglo-Saxons in more detail.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading folder in every day and ensure your child practices their timestables each day. The children need to be able to recall these at speed. Spellings will be given out next Friday.

Year 5:

Well done year 5 for an outstanding start of the week! You have all settled in so well, ensuring that our new supply teacher has also felt welcome within our team!

Next week, on Wednesday, we will be heading up to London, to watch 'Matilda the Musical' with Year 3. We are incredibly excited about this!

In addition to this, next week we will continue our new topic about ancient Greece. In science, we will be looking to further our knowledge on how our bodies work. In literacy, we will be using our research to finish our non-chronological reports about ancient Greece.

We look forward to another exciting week with you!

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say welcome back to school and to Term 3! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed the New Year celebrations.

This term our topic is 'Hola Mexico'. We will be learning all about the Maya civilisation. Our class text this term is Holes by Louis Sachar. All our literacy learning will be focus on this text. Towards the end of term, we will be holding a special Mexican night where the children can experience a range of Mexican food and we will be watching the film version of Holes. Please can I ask that you sign your child up on Class Dojo if they would like to take part.

In science this term our topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats.' We will be learning all about Carl Linnaeus and his seven stages of classification. We will also be learning how to use a branching classification key and understanding what microorganisms are and why they are important.

On Wednesday 31st January we will be holding our Express Event at 9:00 in the school hall. It would be lovely if you could come along and join in.

Please note that our PE slot will remain on a Monday afternoon. Please can all children come to school in their full PE kit on a Monday.

Term 3 - Key Dates

Week 2 – w/c Monday 8th January

Monday 8th January – Year 1 & Year 3 Parents Evening (3:30pm-6:45pm)

Tuesday 9th January – Year 1 & Year 3 Parents Evening (3:30pm-5:30pm)

Wednesday 10th January – Matilda the Musical – Year 3 & Year 5 (11:30am-7:15pm)

Week 3 – w/c Monday 15th January

Monday 15th January – Swimming begins for Year 5 (Faversham Leisure Centre)

Tuesday 16th January – LGB Meeting (4:30pm-6:30pm)

Thursday 18th January – Year 1 Express Event (2pm-3pm)

Week 4 – w/c Monday 22nd January

Monday 22nd January – Swimming for Year 5 (Faversham Leisure Centre)

Week 5 – w/c Monday 29th January – Express Events Week

Monday 29th January – Swimming for Year 5 (Faversham Leisure Centre)

Monday 29th January – Year 3 Express Event (9am – 10am)

Monday 29th January – Year R Express Event 2pm – 3pm)

Tuesday 30th January – Year N Stay and Play (9am – 10am)

Tuesday 30th January – Year N Stay and Play (2pm – 3pm)

Wednesday 31st January – Year 6 Express Event (9am-10am)

Wednesday 31st January – Year 2 Express Event (2pm-3pm)

Thursday 1st February – Year 5 Express Event (9am-10am)

Thursday 1st February – Year 4 Express Event (2pm-3pm)

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

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