



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 8th January 2024

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise Lexi, Paige, Oliver B, Wale, Lauren and Chase for their excellent mirroring work in PE this week. They would also like to praise Henry and Ella-Rose their hard work in our early morning reading session this week. Writer of the Week: Wilburn, for generating a bank of excellent informal language for his letter this week. Maths Master: Daniel, for his application of scale factors this week. Star of the Week: Wale, for working exceptionally hard in all areas of the curriculum this week. Dojo Champion: Annabelle
Birch	Miss De Sousa, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to thank Amber, Siddie, Daniels and Caitlyn for always ensuring they are setting a great example to others. We would also like to praise Freddie for his outstanding focus and input in all lessons. Lastly, we would like to praise Archie for his improved attitude towards learning. You've been outstanding! Writer of the Week: James, for his in-depth knowledge of the Ancient Greeks whilst participating in our class write. Maths Master: Miley, for her resilience and courage whilst tackling new tasks in maths. Star of the Week: Louie, for always being prepared to learn and continuously focusing on all tasks. Dojo Champion: Amelia
Ash	Both Mrs Puce and Mrs Fletcher want to praise the children of Ash Class for helping and supporting each other when in times of need. A big thank you to Lauren and Sonny for all their early morning assistance in class. Writer of the Week: Sianna, for excellent use of description and her contribution to class work on adverbial phrases. Maths Master: Ayobami, for working so hard at recognising and telling the time in a digital format. Star of the Week: Isabelle, for always being so cheerful and sharing her smile with the class. Dojo Champion: Damien
Beech	This week the adults would like to say a tremendous well done and thank you to all of the children in Year 3. We were so proud of you on our school trip to London and you represented Kemsley beautifully. We were so impressed with your good listening, sensible attitude and caring nature whilst out and about - you were amazing! Writer of the Week: Madalena & Aiyla, for their well-thought-out and creative paired diary entry. Maths Master: Archie M, for pushing himself to complete challenging work. Star of the Week: Peter, for his continued positivity and kindness. Dojo Champion: Amber
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Harley, Bella, Taylor and Harry G for their hard work in phonics this week. You have been superstars! We would also like to thank Logan, Erin, Arlie, Frankie and Harper for helping carry out the fruit and bagels at break time. Writer of the Week: Bella, for her diary entry writing this week using her phonics and neat handwriting. Maths Master: Frankie, for recognising different coins this week and being able to make a pound. Star of the Week: Harley, for his perseverance this week in all his learning working independently. Dojo Champion: Mollie
Willow	We would like to praise Troy, Ernie and Freddie St for their superb teamwork in maths and solving problems with Mrs Hardiman. Writer of the Week: Veronika, for her superb work on imperative verbs and time connectives including writing instructions in her own time at home to share with the class. Maths Master: Chester, for working hard in Maths and gaining a good understanding of 'one more' and 'one less'. Star of the Week: Eden, for having a fantastic first week joining Willow class Dojo Champion: Oscar R
Oak	We would like to praise Polly-Anna, Grace and Lacey for being kind and thoughtful to their classmates. Writer of the Week: Isabella, for persevering and showing resilience when writing an evidence list. Maths Master: Grace, for focussing beautifully in maths lessons. Star of the Week: Siyana, for being kind and friendly and always on task...well done. Dojo Champion: Polly-Anna
Cherry	A big thank you to Dominic's mum for bringing in a beautiful sensory board for our children to use! The children love it, thank you so much! Writer of the Week: Lottie, for creating a wanted poster this week after investigating the crime scene in our role play police station! Maths Master: Rophe, for fantastic counting and consolidating her understanding of the number 1. Well done! Star of the Week: James, for kindness and empathy helping Ms Stafford with tidying up when she had a sore back!

Coming up:
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)

Monday 22nd Jan
Swimming for Y5
(Faversham)

Monday 29th Jan
Swimming for Y5
(Faversham)

Monday 22nd Jan
EXPRESS EVENTS
WEEK (See Termly
Dates on p3.)

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

We have had a super week here at Kemsley! On Monday, EYFS (Nursery and Reception class) had a policeman visit them to enrich their topic learning, 'Everyday Super Heroes'. The children thoroughly enjoyed this visit, and were interested to learn about the role of a police person. They also had the opportunity to try on garments and hats worn by the police. Well done Oaks and Cherries! On Monday and Tuesday, we also had our Year 1 and Year 3 Parents Evening. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and join us for this.

On Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 5, were taken to London by Mrs Bond, to see Matilda the Musical! Special praise goes to Year 3 and Year 5 children who were so fantastically well behaved on their school trip! I would also like to extend special thanks to our wonderful 11b411 Ambassador, Mrs Bond, who worked really hard to arrange this incredibly special experience for the children. Thank you Mrs Bond! I would also like to thank all of the members of staff who accompanied Mrs Bond on the trip, including Mrs Pullen, Miss Donald, Mrs Fletcher, Miss Bennett, Mrs Stan, Mrs Coleman, Ms De Sousa and Miss Hardy. Thank you also to our brilliant team at school for helping to cover across the school!

Sadly, Miss Bennett leaves us today to begin a new adventure, working with foster care families. We wish her the very best and will miss her tremendously! Mrs Dixon will now officially take over from Miss Bennett, as Year 3 class TA. Over the next few weeks, Mr Spinks, will be joining us temporarily to support across the school as a caretaker. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming Mr Spinks, who hopes to start with us from some time next week. The recruitment process for a new site manager continues.

From next Monday, Year 5 start their swimming lessons, which shall run every Monday up until Monday 25th March 2024. 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!

Next week, extra-curricular clubs shall begin. From Friday 12th January at 7pm, bookings for extra-curricular clubs shall open. Clubs can be booked up until Monday 15th January at 7pm. Once a club is full to its limit, it will not allow for any further bookings. The clubs for this term can be seen below on p4. Please note, pupils can only be booked on ONE club, to ensure all pupils can join a club. Thank you for your support with this.

The class who have won Reggie this week with 95.73% attendance is Year 6! Well done! Whole school attendance is at 94.4%

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer

Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week in Nursery we have been exploring the story 'Koala makes the right choice'. The children have been talking about right and wrong choices as well as linking this up to our classroom rules. We also had our local Police Officer visit on Monday to talk to the children about his job - to keep people in our communities safe. He showed us his kit and told us what everything was used for. Then he even let us try some police uniform! This week we have also made winter playdough and got to experience a snow blizzard! We have been exploring the properties of ice by trying to rescue our sea creatures frozen in the ice!

Next week we will be looking at the book 'Real Life Superheroes' continuing our theme of people who help us. We have an intensive care nurse visiting us next week (Rophe's mum!) who will be talking to us about she helps patients in hospital. We can't wait! 😊

Year R

This week we have had a wonderful visit from the local police officer, where the children particularly enjoyed trying on police hats and uniform. They were able to take fingerprints which was a wonderful opportunity.

Next week, we are learning about firefighters and the dangers of fire in the environment. Our Maths lessons will be moving onto learning about mass and capacity. So, we will be learning about weighing and using words like heavier and lighter.

We will also be continuing our weekly walks on a Tuesday, so please send in wellies if possible.

Year 1:

Willow class have been super stars this week working particularly hard in our literacy lessons. We have continued our learning on instruction writing with a focus on applying our knowledge of time connectives and imperative verb to write our own. We have loved our Zog and the Flying Doctors story and how to make an 'Orange Fever Cure'.

In Maths we have continued understanding our numbers up to 20 using number tracks and focusing on 'one more' and 'one less'. We have also continued our learning on Nurturing Nurses in History with a focus on Mary Seacole and the timeline of her life events. In Science this week we experimented with the absorbency of a variety of materials which was good fun!

Year 2:

This week has been very exciting as we have launched our super star phonics learners and our weekend teddy bear! The teddy will come home for the weekend with one child each week and they need to write a diary page describing what they did over the weekend. If you want to print a photo or they can draw one in the notebook, we will share it each Monday.

This week in English we have written a diary entry as Sunny the main character in our book: 'Meerkat Mail'. We will be writing a non-chronological report next week about Meerkats.

In Maths we have been counting money and working out how we can make a whole pound using a range of coins. We will move on to looking at calculating using addition and subtraction next week.

In History we have learnt about Christopher Columbus' journey across the sea. We looked at each journey and the ocean in which he crossed. In PE we have continued our gymnastics learning how to balance and jump.

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 in Year 3, we are going to be continuing our learning of 'Stig of the Dump', this time focusing on writing a letter. We are going to skip forward a few chapters, focusing on Chapter 8 and will write our letters to our pretend parents (pretending we are Barney). We are going to use drama and drawing to retell the story. In maths we are going to start our topic of time. We are going to recap telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, before moving on to telling the time in 5-minute increments. Any practice at home to support this would be amazing as moving from 15 minutes to 5 minutes is a huge jump that some children can sometimes find difficult. In Science, we are continuing our learning about bones and the body and we are going to make a model of a working arm, including the muscles! In art, we are going to practice weaving paper patterns and in PE, we are going to carry on exploring the apparatus as part of our gymnastics topic.

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

Year 4:

In English we are continuing with our narrative writing and using direct speech. In Maths we are exploring multiplication and division, by 10 and 100. Science we continue exploring sound and in History we are exploring life within in an Anglo-Saxon village with a focus on jobs. In Music we shall be creating a rap song and in PE we are going to be balancing and travelling, across the floor and extending on the apparatus.

Year 5:

Next week in literacy and topic, we will be continuing to explore Ancient Greece. We will be looking further into how they lived, as well exploring their culture. In maths, we will be furthering our knowledge with multiplying a four-digit number with a two-digit number. We will also be solving word problems as well as moving on to division!

Year 6:

Next week in literacy we will be moving on to our next genre of writing and will be working towards writing a setting description of Camp Green Lake. At the beginning of the week, we will be looking at a model text and identifying descriptive language, we will then use this to help us generate our own descriptive language of Camp Green Lake which we will use in our independent write. We will then look at the key features of a setting description and practice how successfully use semi-colons to add extra information.

In maths we will be introduced to algebra. We will be learning how to form and calculate formulas, simplify expressions and write algebraic expressions and formulas.

In topic we will be continuing with our research on the Maya civilisation. We will be researching what the Maya looked like, thinking about the headdresses and jewellery they wore, their piercings and their make-up. We will then compare them to the ancient Greeks and the Egyptians.

Our science learning will include classifying animals and plants using a branching classification key in order to sort animals and plants into groups.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to sign your child up for our Mexican Night on Thursday 8th February. You can do this on Arbor. This will also give permission for your child to watch the film version of 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, our class text.

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

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	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	Thursday (day TBC)	Y3-Y6	Sports Futures (External Company)	Field