



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 11th March 2024

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their exceptional attitudes towards their learning this week. All the children have worked exceptionally hard and we could not be any prouder of them. Writer of the Week: Annabelle, for her ideas and use of vocabulary in her boxing up of an explanation text. Maths Master: Lexi, for her understanding of area, perimeter and volume this week. Star of the Week: Danni, for improving her independence across all areas of the curriculum. Dojo Champion: Dolly
Birch	Miss Coulbault and Mrs Stan would like to praise Tyler for settling in to Birch Class so well, it must be a very big adjustment. I would also like to praise those who went to Bikeability – Shaun, Caitlyn, Poppy W and James- they preserved through the rain. Special thanks to Mason who has tried really hard to make progress at swimming everyone is very proud of him. Writer of the Week: Amber, for ensuring all her writing matches the outcome expected. Maths Master: Jazneil, for making good progress in Maths Star of the Week: Daniels, for making good progress in his learning. Dojo Champion: James
Ash	Ella, Rachel, Jimmy and Damian for their great attitude in class. Writer of the Week: Lucy, for the enthusiasm and effort put into her writing. Maths Master: Lauren, for working hard and contributing to every lesson. Star of the Week: Sonny, for the concentration put into all his work. Dojo Champion: Rachel
Beech	This week the adults in Year 3 would like to praise the whole class for their responsible attitude whilst completing our assessments - well done year 3! Writer of the Week: Morgan, for his excellent score in her reading assessment. Maths Master: Freya, for her incredible arithmetic score. Star of the Week: David, for his focus and determination to do the right thing. Dojo Champion: Harley
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Spenceley and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Erin, Harper and Harry P for showing respect when others were sharing catching games they had created in PE. We would also like to thank Frankie, Logan and Sophie-Leigh for being kind to others and helping them when they were struggling this week. Writer of the Week: Harry G, for planning a narrative using lots of key vocabulary. Maths Master: Olabode, for being able to use times tables when calculating the mass of different objects. Star of the Week: Ivy, for being a smiley kind member of the class and brightening everyone's day with her enthusiasm. Dojo Champion: Darcey
Willow	Mrs Koi would like to praise Esther, Belkisa, Parker, Eden, Amber, Rosie, Chester, and Joel for their meaningful contribution during all lessons and displaying the value of respect by putting their hands. Mrs. Koi, would also like to thank Miss Hardy, Miss Spenceley, Miss Filipovic and the entire school team for your support in the absence of my able assistant Mrs. Earney. Writer of the Week: Amber, for being creative in her independent writing. Maths Master: Joel, for showing greater depth understanding in the topic capacity and volume. Star of the Week: Mollie, for being such a super star helper in resetting the room and making sure everything is where they should be. Dojo Champion: Avana-Mae
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise River, Grace, Siyana, Shivani, Harrison and Kit for their great work on their story maps this week Writer of the Week: Lacey, for a big improvement in her writing. Maths Master: Oliver S, for his explanation of repeating patterns. Star of the Week: Amelia, for always being ready to learn. Dojo Champion: River
Cherry	A big thank you to our parents who came along to join the children in our play for the express event this week! It was lovely to have you working alongside us. Writer of the Week: Rosabelle, for creating a fantastic 'bedroom map' and even drawing a path for herself and her dog Bella! Well done 😊 Maths Master: Alice, for modelling counting to her friends and sharing her love of number with others. Star of the Week: Arthur, for trying hard with his counting this week. Well done!

- Coming up:**
Mon 18th Mar
 Year 5 Swimming
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 Parents Evening 1
 (3:30pm - 6:45pm)
- Tues 19th Mar**
 Parents Evening 2
 (3:30pm - 5:30pm)
- Weds 20th Mar**
 NSPCC Workshops
 for Y2, Y5 & Y6
- Thurs 21st Mar**
 Multi-Family Group
 (9am - 10:30am)
- Thurs 21st Mar**
 Road Safety
 Workshops
 YR, Y1 & Y2

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

This week has been incredibly busy, with Science week, Assessment week and Express events! Firstly, I would like to say a special well done to all the children who have worked so hard to complete their assessments! Well done! Also I would like to say thank you to Mrs Hornsby, our Science leader, for organising such a special week for our children. I would also like to thank all of our teaching staff for preparing science experiments for each Express event and I would like to thank our parents and carers for joining us at these sessions. Thanks also goes to Year 6 and Mrs Urquhart for running the Science Gadget shop and also raising money for comic relief through the sale of red noses. Finally, a special thank you goes to Miss Hardy, Mrs Fletcher and the School Council for planning and preparing a fantastic comic relief danceathon! The children danced non-stop for 15-20minutes. They had lots of fun!

Next week parents in Year R, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are invited to attend parent consultation evenings at the time below. If you do not have an appointment, but would like one, please contact the office and we shall help you with this.

- Monday 18th March at 3:30pm - 6:45pm
- Tuesday 19th March at 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Parents in Year N are invited to attend parent consultations on Tuesday 19th March – please speak with the Nursery team to make your appointment. Parents in Year 1 will be invited to attend parent consultation on Mrs Hardiman's return, in Term 5.

On Monday, Year 5 will be going swimming – please note that this will be Year 5's final swimming lesson.

A special congratulations goes to all the children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who took part in the 'Learn to Ride' course. The children beautifully demonstrated all four of our values: Resilience, Exploration, Aspiration and Positivity! The instructors were highly impressed with the children's impeccable manners, perseverance and determination to complete their course, throughout the terrible weather! Well done to you all! We are so proud of you!

A huge congratulations to Year 4 for winning Class of the Week with 97.69% attendance. Whole school attendance is currently 94.1%
 Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
 Miss Homer
 Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week we have been learning all about planes with the story 'Maisy takes the Plane'. We started the week by exploring a bag of related objects just as a real passport, plane tickets, luggage tags and foreign money. We talked about these and the children shared their own experiences of being on a plane. We then created our own passports and have been building planes in the constructions area. We have also been exploring counting and number recognition and making rainy day pictures.

Next week we will be reading the story 'Whatever Next!' where a little bear and his owl friend travel into space. We will be creating our own spaceships, writing in moon dust and making our own telescopes. We will also continue to learning about segmenting and blending and will explore language related to capacity in maths.

Year R

What a great Express event we had this week. The children really enjoyed showing everyone their junk modelling skills. Red nose day was also a hit which Oak class were very excited by, especially the Danceathon in the afternoon. What a wonderful experience for all!

Next week's learning will be based around the book, 'Astrogirl', by Ken Wilson-Max. During the week we will be talking about rockets and space travel. In our maths learning we will be continuing our work around patterns and 3D shapes.

You should now have seen the letter about our trip to the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway which will take place in the last week of this term. Please make sure you give permission on Arbor for your child to go on the trip. We are sure this will be a wonderful learning experience for the children to enjoy.

Year 1:

It has been another busy week in Willow class being Science week and Red Nose Day on Friday.

We have been looking at capacity and volume this week in maths and the children have been using vocabulary such as greater capacity, less than, greater than and equal, to compare sizes of containers and how much they can hold.

We have been busy planting cress seeds in class and keeping a diary of what we see as we watch the cress seeds grow. We decorated our cups as heads so the fully grown cress will become hair for our cress heads. We have experimented what makes ice melt the quickest and observing how our shadows move around at different times of the day.

Our express event was a great success! The children were very well behaved and engaged with the activities on offer. Thank you to the parents that came, and we look forward to seeing as many more parents on the next event.

Year 2:

This week in Maple class we have been writing our own version of Gorilla changing the characters to a different animal! We were very excited to plan our stories and managed to use lots of conjunctions and apostrophes within our writing. Next week we will be learning about writing a letter. In Maths we have moved on to the unit of measurement: Weight and Capacity. We have started weighing using grams and kilograms and have been using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to calculate larger weights. Next week we will move on to look at capacity. In Geography we have been using compass directions to move around different continents on the world map. Next week we will explore more about some of the countries within our wonderful world unit. In science we explored how temperature affects plants and next week we will explore how humans use plants.

This week, we also had our super express event (a big thank you for all that attended) where we explored science as part of British Science week! We also celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday and enjoyed dancing in the hall for 10 minutes with our friends!

Next week is parents evening on Monday and Tuesday and I look forward to seeing lots of you there. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 3:

Well done, Year 3, for another brilliant week. Mrs. Dixon and I are super proud of the hard work you put into your assessments this week - well done! Moving on to next week, in maths we are going to explore statistics. We will be using tables, graphs and charts to answer questions. In geography, we are going to name the different parts of volcanoes and will discuss the reasons why people choose to live near them. In science, we are going to set up our plant experiment and in PSHRE, we are going to carry on exploring how we can stay safe.

Please note that Parent's Evening is on Monday and Tuesday next week. PE continues to be on a Friday.

Year 4:

Next week, Ash Class will be focussing on speech in their writing. In Maths, our focus is adding and subtracting fractions and in science we shall be investigating digestion. Geography will see us exploring the traditions and cultures of Spain. We will continue our work on Healthy Me in PSHRE and on creating an advertisement for Water Aid in computing.

Year 5:

This week we have learnt all about time through our British Science week experiment including jelly setting, sundials and creating amazing posters. We have also had assessment week and have worked hard on showing what we have learnt and the progress we are making in our learning. In PSHE we have been learning about the effects of smoking and alcohol misuse and these have derived some great discussions. Well done Birch Class on another good week of learning.

Next week we will be learning how to use all our learning to create an interesting, informative newspaper report. In Maths, we will be converting decimals in to fractions and percentages. We are continuing to learn the 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air' rap in music and we have a workshop from the NSPCC. On Monday, it is our last swimming and it would be lovely to have all the children there, with their kits, able to enjoy the last session together. Also we have parents evening on Monday and Tuesday.

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children for their excellent attitude towards all their learning this week. All the adults in Year 6 are extremely proud of them all. A further well done goes to all those children who have taken part in bike-ability over the last couple of weeks.

Next week in literacy we will be continuing with our explanation texts on how the Great Clock of Glockenheim works. We will be using all our learning from last week to support our writing. At the beginning of the week, we will be generating an explanation text as a whole class then moving on to write an explanation text in partners before our independent write at the end of the week. In maths we will be reading and interpreting pie charts, calculating percentages within pie charts and then drawing pie charts. Towards the end of the week we will be learning how to calculate the mean. Our geography learning will focus on overfishing and how this impacts small fishing villages around the United Kingdom, with a particular focus on Clovelly - a tiny village in North Devon. In science we will be continuing with our work on evolution and inheritance. We will be researching fossils, how they are formed, the different types of fossils, where they are found and interesting facts about fossils. We will also be learning about the work of Mary Anning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to sign your child up for our trip to the London Aquarium on Monday 25th March if you would like your child to attend. Details of the trip are on Class Dojo and you can sign your child up on Arbor.

Week 5 – w/c Monday 18th March – Express Event Week & PPM Week

Monday 18th March – Year 5 Swimming

Monday 18th March – Parents Evening 1 (3:30pm-6:45pm)

Tuesday 19th March – Parents Evening 2 (3:30pm – 5:30pm)

Wednesday 20th March – NSPCC Y5 & Y6 Workshop (10am in hall)

Wednesday 20th March – NSPCC Y2 Workshop (11am in class)

Thursday 21st March – Multi-Family Group (9am-10:30am)

Thursday 21st March – Road Safety Workshops – YR, Y1 & Y2

Week 6 – w/c Monday 25th March – Easter Week

Monday 25th March / Tuesday 26th March – Year 6 Trip to London Aquarium

Tuesday 26th March – Year R Trip to Sittingbourne Steam Railway

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Church Service YR – Y6 at Holy Trinity Church (11am)

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Bonnet Parade

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 27th March – Children break up for Term 4

Thursday 28th March – Staff Inset Day (8:45am – 3pm)

Thursday 28th March – End of Term 4

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April – Term 5 Begins!

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
Animal Club	Wednesday/ Thursday	YR – Y6	Creepy Claws (Outside Company)	YR / Hall

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)