



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 18th September 2023

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise Lauren, Dolly, Henry & Oliver D for the excellent effort they put in their diary entries this week. They would also like to praise Ella-Rose for helping adults around the school and Oliver B for helping organise the class reading folders every morning. Writer of the Week: Benjamin, for his well-written emotive diary entry from the point of view of Bruno from our class text 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. Maths Master: Chase, for demonstrating excellent times table knowledge this week. Stars of the Week: Orla, for always demonstrating exceptional behaviour for learning. Dojo Champion: Holly
Birch	Miss Bright, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to praise William, Caitlyn, Theo and Amelia for being focused on their learning. Finley, Poppy-Reese and Louie for their resilience in maths this week. Well done goes to Shaun and Lee for helping people in our computing lessons. Writer of the Week: Siddie for his detailed story map of a biography. Maths Master: Abigail for persevering with rounding numbers to the nearest 10,000. Star of the Week: Shaun for his brilliant passes in our hockey lesson. Dojo Champion: Lee
Ash	Mrs. Brijman and Mrs. Fletcher would like to praise Isabelle, Oliver, Lucy and Eli for their excellent use of the glockenspiels this week. We would also like to praise Damian, Lilley, Rory and Harley for creating some gorgeous Roman shields. Writer of the Week: George G., for using a word mat carefully to write some amazing captions. Maths Master: Freya, for her hard work comparing two numbers carefully. Star of the Week: Shanjana, for excellent behaviour for learning in all of our lessons. Dojo Champion: Ayobami
Beech	This week the adults in Year 3 would like to praise Isaac, David, Aiyla, Maceo, Ella and Emilia for their hard work this week. Writer of the Week: Freya, for her excellent scribing on the flip chart about The Stone Age! Maths Master: Teja, for her hard work in Maths. Star of the Week: Peter, for taking his classroom jobs very seriously. Dojo Champion: Kerryann
Maple	This week the adults in Maple Class would like to praise Mollie and Harper for always being ready to learn. We would like to thank Darcey and Bailey-Jay for tidying the classroom. Writer of the Week: Frankie, for writing lots of sentences describing a countryside holiday. Maths Master: Emma, for showing perseverance when estimating numbers on a number line. Star of the Week: Harry G, for working really hard to improve his learning. Dojo Champion: Taylor
Willow	Mr Webb and Mrs Earney would like to individually praise Veronika and Darasimi for their efficiency and determination throughout a new section in our maths learning journey. We'd also like to praise Sienna for her amazing attitude to learning throughout the making of our scientific shadow puppets. We had some excellent shadow performances! Writer of the Week: Belkisa, for her fantastic acting and hot seating as our main character, Zuri. Maths Master: Troy, for his amazingly hardworking attitude when tackling problems relating to one more and one less. Star of the Week: Bethany, for her amazing, forward-thinking attitude to everything she's doing in Willow Class! Dojo Champion: Parker
Oak	This week Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Gaffney and Miss Laming would like to give praise to Ella, Siyana, Poppy and Oliver S who were super stars in the morning, settling very quickly. We would also like to give praise to Elaine and Olivier W who tried school dinners this week - well done for trying something new. Mrs Ambrose would like to also personally thank our incredible Mrs Gaffney who is always amazing but has been even more so this week. Writer of the Week: Lucy, for correctly writing her name, using the correct formation for all of the letters. Maths Master: Ackley, for showing his understanding of pairs and being able to pair the socks in class. Star of the Week: Ella, for being a superstar in school; making new friendships and trying new activities. Dojo Champion: River, for being super helpful around the classroom.
Cherry	Thank you to all the Cherry class families for bringing in a family picture this week! If you haven't brought yours in yet, please do. Thank you to Indie and her family for looking after Todd the Teddy! What a fantastic weekend he had! Writer of the Week: Rosabelle, created a beautifully detailed portrait of all the members in her family and discussed and shared this with others. Fantastic work Rosabelle! Maths Master: Yoan, has demonstrated a fantastic understanding of colours and colour sorting. Well done! Star of the Week: Riley! During our creative group activity, Riley was fantastic at listening to instructions and moulding his clay to make his face. Well done Riley!

Coming up:
Tues 26th Sept European Languages Day
Sun 2nd Oct – Tues 31st Oct Black History Month
W/C Mon 9th Oct Express Events Week
W/C Mon 16th Oct Harvest Festival (TBC)
Fri 20th Oct Wear Red Day (Anti-Racism Day)
Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct Half-Term (School closed)
Mon 30th Oct Staff Inset Day (School Closed to all pupils)
Tues 31st Oct Term 2 Begins for Pupils

Message from the Head Teacher:
Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,
We've had an incredibly busy and exciting week, with fantastic learning taking place and extra-curricular clubs beginning across the school. Over the week our Lead Practitioner, Mrs Bond, has visited Year 1 and Year 3, and was especially impressed with the learning taking place in these classes (pictures from her visits can be seen on our class Dojo page). In her new role, Mrs Bond, will be helping to nurture and develop teaching and learning across the school, to ensure that we offer our pupils the very best possible learning experiences.

Next week, we shall be celebrating European Languages day as a school. I would like to extend thanks to Mrs Bond for kindly organising this day. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up in the colours of any flag. Below is a list of the countries that the children will be learning about throughout the day:

France
Greece
Spain
Germany
Netherlands
Sweden
Italy

Celebration
Ronnie (Y4), who plays football for Borden and Woodcombe has been scouted for Crystal Palace, which is an amazing achievement! We are so very proud of your Ronnie and wish you the very best of luck with your football trials!

Staffing
Today is Mr Kayembe's final day with us here at Kemsley as he is starting university to study a degree in Speech and Language. We will miss Mr Kayembe hugely and thank him for all his hard work and dedication, but we are also very pleased he is following his dreams and reaching his aspirations! Good luck Mr K!

Hair
Just a brief reminder that if your child has hair to/longer than their shoulders, they should have this tied up. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance stands at 96.03%. Well done to Year 6 and Year 2 for winning attendance of the week with 97.24%! Congratulations Maple Class & Sycamore Class! Also congratulations to Japheth in Year 6, who has won presentation Oscar this week, for much improved handwriting. Well done!
Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Miss Homer, Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week the children have been learning all about families, looking at similarities and differences between them. We drew a family portrait and talked about who is in our family. We also worked with clay this week, manipulating and moulding in order to make our own clay face! We used our finger muscles to mould, shape and roll the clay to make the facial features and they are amazing! Well done Cherries! We also created our own obstacle course in the outdoor area incorporating balance, crawling, jumping and hopping!

Next week we will be exploring autumn time with the story 'Leaf Man', looking at the changes happening in the weather. We will also be celebrating uniqueness with the story 'This is me', exploring the language 'same' and 'different'.

Year R

This week, our routine has become slightly more structured with the addition of our phonics and maths adult lead sessions. These sessions are kept relatively short with lots of the children's input. We as a team could not be more impressed with the children's listening and engagement skills.

As part of our topic learning this week, 'All about me', the children shared photos of their families with their new friends. The children took great pride in showing their friends the photos, giving them the confidence to talk to the whole class, naming each of their family members. A huge thank you to all of you that sent in the pictures for your children to take part.

Our Maths learning this week has been all about matching number to quantity and learning about pairs using real life objects. This is a fun and easy activity that you can easily replicate at home with post-it notes and any objects that can be found around the house. Pairing socks is also a good activity to help around the house and show understanding of matching objects. It would seem our little Oaks are loving new learning opportunities and challenges.

Year 1:

What a fantastic week it has been in Willow Class, we've been tackling our learning journeys head on, with a smile on our faces! Next week in our learning, we'll be looking more at Queen Elizabeth II's past in History, as well as continuing to practice our catchy song 'Hey You!' in our Music learning. Furthermore, as we've started a new book 'Hair Love', in English, we'll be working together to craft a character description of our main character, Zuri!

As a gentle reminder, our PE day is Monday.

Year 2:

This week in English we have been researching how adverts are made so that we can design our own next week. In Maths we have been learning about how to estimate which numbers appear on a number line using the numbers that are already there.

In Science we investigated different bats. We looked at the materials they are made from and described their properties. We will be testing them next week to see which bat hits the ball the furthest! In topic we explored how trade has changed in Sittingbourne.

We have been so impressed with how many children have brought in their homework and reading books this week! Thank you for all your support with this.

Year 3:

Next week in Year 3 we are going to write up our diary entries and we will be exploring addition and subtraction in maths. In art we will begin to practice collage in the style of Picasso. In Science we will be exploring rocks and soil - exploring what makes up different types of soil. In History we are exploring how Stone Age people lived. PE day continues to be a Friday.

Year 4:

Next week in maths we will be starting our addition and subtraction topic. In literacy, we are going to plan and write our newspaper reports. In art we will be completing some potato prints as part of our printing topic. In our topic lessons we will be learning more about Boudicca and re-enacting a Roman battle.

Year 5:

Next week in Year 5, we will continue reading *Treason* and will be writing a biography. We will be adding and subtracting numbers in maths and will be investigating the conductivity of materials in science. In our history lesson, we will be learning about the relationship between England and Rome and the influence of Henry VIII on this. Please be reminded that our PE day is Tuesday.

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children for another fantastic week. All the children have been working exceptionally hard and have impressed the adults in Year 6 with their behaviour for learning and excellent listening skills.

Next week the children will be completing some practice SATS papers in arithmetic, reasoning, reading and SPaG. This will help the adults in class assess the progress and attainment the children have already made this term.

In topic we will be learning about evacuation during WWII. We will be learning where children were evacuated to, what they took with them, what host families were like and how long children were evacuated for.

In science we will continue our learning on electricity, working towards creating festive lights for a Christmas tree.

Tuesday 26th September is European Languages Day. All children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of a European flag. The children will be taking part in a range of different European activities in each different year group throughout the day.

Term Dates – Term 1

Week 4 – W/C Monday 25th September

- European Languages Day - Monday 26th September
- Black History Month - Saturday 1st October - Monday 31st October

Week 5 – W/C Monday 2nd October

- Black History Month - Saturday 1st October - Monday 31st October

Week 6 – W/C Monday 9th October

- Black History Month - Saturday 1st October - Monday 31st October
- Express Events Week (TBC)

Week 7 – W/C Monday 16th October

- Black History Month - Saturday 1st October - Monday 31st October
- Harvest Assembly (TBC)

Express Events – Term 1

Monday 9th October - Year 4 at 9:00am

Tuesday 10th October - Nursery at 2:00pm

Wednesday 11th October - Year 2 at 9:00am

Wednesday 11th October - Year R at 2:00pm

Thursday 12th October - Year 5 at 9:00am

Thursday 12th October - Year 1 at 2:00pm

Friday 13th October - Year 6 at 9:00am

Friday 13th October - Year 3 at 2:00pm

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

Term Dates – Term 2

Monday 30th October – Staff Inset Day 2 (School Closed to Pupils)

Tuesday 31st October – Term 2 Begins for Pupils