



# KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Paige, Annabelle, Oliver B, Wilburn, Blake, Japheth and Oliver for their excellent independent non-chronological reports on tsunamis. They would also like to praise Orla for her hard work and presentation in RE this week. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Matthew, for his improved presentation and handwriting. <b>Maths Master:</b> Wilburn, for his understanding of metric measures and their conversations this week. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Japheth, for his exceptional learning behaviour in all areas of the curriculum this week. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Danni
Birch	Miss Bright, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to praise Jazneil, James, Lois, Archie, Abigail and Theo for their fantastic volcano dance in PE. Well done also to Louie and Jurica for sharing their reading more confidently to the class and to Poppy for trying her best in all lessons. The adults have also noticed increased positivity and resilience in Vinnie, Archie and Freddie this week - well done and keep it up! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Louie, for recognising and using relative clauses. <b>Maths Master:</b> Shaun, for working independently to create equivalent fractions. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Lois, for actively participating in all lessons and trying her very best. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Siddie
Ash	Mrs. Brijman and Mrs. Fletcher would like to praise Rachel, Maisey, Kelsie, Rory, Freya, Lucy, Lilley and Lauren for their incredible behaviour for learning this week! We would also like to praise Sianna, Damian and Oliver for their fantastic contributions to our class discussions this week. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Oscar, for working hard on his text map for a non-chronological report. <b>Maths Master:</b> Eli, for using a multiplication square carefully to explore the 3, 6 and 9 times table. Well done. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Emmanuella, for settling in beautifully in Year 4 this week. We are so happy that you are part of our class! <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Miles
Beech	This week Miss Donald, Miss Bennett and Mrs. Smith would like to praise David, Jaden, Noah and Harley for their great maths learning this week. They would also like to say well done to Effy, Peter, Kerryann and Bobby for being so helpful. Miss Donald, Mrs. Pullen, Miss Bennett and Miss Pengelly would also like to thank the new Anti-bullying Ambassadors for their enthusiastic efforts thus far! <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Peter, for his great explanation as to why his cube is the most magical! <b>Maths Master:</b> Emilia, for her increased confidence in explaining her mathematical processes. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Joshua, for settling in beautifully to our class. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Kacper
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH and Miss Filipovic would like to praise the whole of Year 2 for their excellent behaviour this week during our first practise SATS. We have also been practising hard this week for our nativity performance, the adults are all very proud of how well you are learning your lines. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Harry P, for using a wide range of persuasive words when trying to convince people to buy a painting this week. <b>Maths Master:</b> Mollie, for comparing numbers to 100 this week using mathematical signs accurately. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Harry B, for his amazing perseverance this week when completing challenging learning. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Sophie-Leigh
Willow	We would like to praise all of Willow Class for being an amazing friend to Esther. Welcome to Kemsley Primary Academy Esther! We would also like to praise Belkisa and Amber for leading the way in one of our new songs we were learning for the Nativity play. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Darasimi, for her fantastic language when writing her persuasive letter. <b>Maths Master:</b> Ernie, for his perseverance and positive attitude towards his Maths work. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Esther, for having an amazing first week and settling into Willow Class well. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Bethany
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise Jaxon, Kit, Lyle and Harrison for helping to tidy the playground in the rain. We would also like to say thank you to Luna, Kevin and Ava for being helpful and friendly around the class. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Kit, for making amazing progress in writing sentences independently. <b>Maths Master:</b> Paris, for being the first to complete the Maths rainbow challenge. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Oliver S, for being a great role model to his friends. <b>Dojo Champion:</b> Cyra
Cherry	This week we have had some amazing learning and positive approaches to play with all children and are so proud of Cherries for making our classroom a beautiful place to play and learn. <b>Writer of the Week:</b> Holly T, for writing and forming letters of her name to label her own work. <b>Maths Master:</b> Lottie, for lining up her peers from tallest to shortest within our maths lessons this week. <b>Star of the Week:</b> Alice, for taking part in all areas of learning with a positive approach.

- Coming up:**  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
Assessment Week
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
Individual & Sibling Photographs
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
YR Sept 2024 Tours  
9:30am & 1:30pm
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
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Y3 & Y4 Road Safety Workshops
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
LGB Meeting 4:30pm
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Choir Performance at Kemsley Hall 1:45pm

**Message from the Head Teacher:**  
Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,  
This week has been another busy week... on Monday we celebrated being unique and discussed the importance of kindness, on Odd Socks Day! Thank you to everyone who showed their support of this by wearing odd socks – pupils, parents, staff and governors included! On Tuesday, pupils from Year 5 and Year 6, represented our school beautifully at Sports Leader Training at Queensborough Primary School. Well done to Wilburn (Y6), Katie C. (Y6), Matthew (Y6), Dolly (Y6), Henry (Y6), Ella-Rose (Y6), Oliver B (Y6), Annabelle (Y6), Freddie W. (Y5) & Kara (Y5) who are now fully trained sports leaders and will help to set up and facilitate playground games at playtimes and lunchtimes. Year 2 have continued to work hard throughout this week, completing their assessments. Well done Year 2. Next week, Y2-Y6 will complete their assessments. Yesterday, we had a very special visit from Mr and Mrs Ambrose and baby Niamh! We were all delighted to see them and meet baby Niamh for the first time, especially Year R and Year 1! This afternoon, we will be celebrating Children in Need by wearing spots / Pudsey dress and completing a run in the school grounds. You can donate to this worthy cause by using the QR code or by sharing any loose change you may have in to our buckets. A huge thank you to Miss Hardy, Mrs Fletcher and the school council for arranging this special day for us to celebrate! Finally, well done to Lexi in Y6 for winning Presentation Ted, for much improved presentation in all learning! Well done!

Next week, on Monday morning, individual and sibling photographs will be taken by Braiswick photographers. On Tuesday, Year 3 and Year 4 will be taking part in Road Safety workshops led by Ian, a Safer Road User Officer, from KCC. On Thursday, our choir shall be performing at Kemsley hall at 1:45pm.

Congratulations to Miss Laming who has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, named Aurora. Well done Miss Laming! We cannot wait to see you and baby Aurora for cuddles!

**Parent Governor Needed!**  
Sadly, Mrs Duffy has stepped down from her position as parent governor due to personal reasons. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Duffy for all her extremely valuable contributions to our governing body meetings and for her help with the wider school. She will be greatly missed by the team. With Mrs Duffy's resignation, we now require another parent governor to join our governing body. If learning about the rationale behind decision making and finding out more about the school's priorities is of an interest to you, and you feel you could commit the time required for this role, please contact Miss Homer or Mr Edwards.

Well done to Year 3 for winning attendance of the week with 98%! Congratulations Beech Class! Overall school attendance is 95.14%.  
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 birthdays! We read the book 'When is my birthday?' and talked about all of the special things we do when it's a birthday. We celebrated Yoan and Alice's birthdays this week too! We have been making birthday cards for our friends, writing our names inside, creating paper plate birthday cakes and birthday playdough. We also designed and decorated our own cakes with coloured icing and sprinkles adding a candle on the top! We have also been practising our cutting skills by cutting out balloons and birthday cakes with candles.

We would like to say a big thank you to Annabelle's mum for sharing such lovely dinner activity ideas on Dojo and also pudding, which Annabelle made gingerbread men with Yoan. We have shared this with the class and parents and now we are all inspired to make a filled pepper train and gingerbread men so thank you to Annabelle's mummy for sharing this with us.

## Year R

This week Oak class have made tremendous progress with their phonics learning and are beginning to write words and sentences with greater independence. We have enjoyed learning about kindness on 'Odd Socks Day' and 'Children in Need' on Friday. Next week we will be learning about Divali, the Hindu festival of light. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about religions and events and celebrations in different faiths.

## Year 1:

This week in Willow class we have been starting to write our character descriptions on the main character from our book Beegu. We will continue to further develop this next week.

In maths we have been continuing to learn how to subtract using a number line. We have also been consolidating our addition knowledge.

We celebrated anti-bullying and kindness by wearing our odd socks on Monday. This was followed by celebrating Children in Need and doing a fun run to raise some money.

## Year 2:

This week we learnt about anti-bullying and kindness on odd socks day. We discussed how we are all different and the support available if we are worried about bullying. We also enjoyed celebrating Children in Need on Friday by completing some exercises to raise money for this important cause.

In literacy we have been creating persuasive posters to persuade people to buy a painting from our working text; Flat Stanley. In maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of number, comparing using more than and less than signs.

In geography we have been learning about tourist areas of the UK looking at the weather and landmarks. In science we are continuing our research into materials looking at what is the most appropriate based on its properties to make windows.

Please can we ask that you continue to send your children in with their reading folders each day. Also can you continue to practise with your children at home for our nativity, as we are doing really well, but need to keep going!

## Year 3:

Next week we will be completing some assessments in Literacy, Maths, SPaG, Reading and Times Tables. These are nothing to worry about and will just help us to see where your children's understanding is and how we can progress their learning in the coming terms. We will be using our assessments over the week to go through misconceptions. In the afternoons, we will be continuing our learning of computing by using pictures of the school as our backgrounds for Scratch. In music we are going to keep practising our glockenspiels and in Geography we will be continuing our 'Come to Kent' leaflets. PE continues to be a Friday.

## Year 4:

Next week we will be completing some assessments in literacy, maths, SPaG, reading and times tables. This will help the adults to understand what we might need to practise a bit more in class and celebrate what we have mastered these past two terms. In Science, we will be looking at what we need to make more complicated circuits. In our topic lessons, we will look at how hills and mountains are represented on maps.

## Year 5:

Next week in Year 5, we will be completing assessments in literacy, maths, SPaG, reading and times tables. This is to inform us of any gaps in learning, so nothing to worry about. In our geography lessons, we will be learning about erosion and deposition. In our science lesson, we will be investigating how sugar dissolves in different temperatures. In D&T we will be creating our marble runs, please can you bring in any recycling that would be useful for this (excluding toilet rolls).

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

## Year 6:

Next week is assessment week. All the children in Year 6 will be taking part in practice SATs papers in reading, arithmetic, reasoning and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

In science we will be focusing on what makes a healthy diet and other ways we can keep our body healthy. The children will be using their food diaries to present data in a graph. Once we have completed this we will be looking at the effects of different drugs on the body. In topic we will be continuing with our work on biomes. This week we will be researching the grassland biome and putting all the information we find into a double spread page.

Towards the end of the term, as part of our science learning, we will be dissecting pig's hearts. I will need permission for your child to take place, you can do this by commenting on the Class Dojo post or by sending me a private message on Class Dojo. At the end of term, I would also like to show the children the film 'Impossible' which is about the Boxing Day tsunami. The film is rated as a PG, therefore I will need your permission for your child to watch it. Again, you can give permission by commenting on the Class Dojo post.

#### **Week 4 – w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Assessment Week (Y2-Y6)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Individual & Sibling Photographs (BRAISWICK)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - New Reception 2024 Parent Tours - 9:30am & 1:30pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November - New Reception 2024 Parent Tours - 9:30am & 1:30pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 3 & Year 4 Road Safety Workshops

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Local Governing Body Meeting (4:30pm-6:30pm)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Choir Performance at Kemsley Hall (1:45pm-2:45pm)

#### **Week 5 – w/c Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:45pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year R, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 – 3:30pm-6:45pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – YN Parents Evening 1pm – 4:30pm (parents to book an appointment with Ms Millar & Miss McRoberts).

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year R, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 – 3:30pm-5:30pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Choir Performance at Kemsley Hall - Ridham Club (10am-11am)

#### **Week 6 – w/c Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jamboree at Highsted – Choir Trip

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – NHS Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & KS1 Pantomime – Treasure Island

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents – 9:15am & 1:45pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Service at church 10:30am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – School Discos:

- YN – 2:15pm – 3pm
- YR, Y1 and Y2 – 3:30pm-4:15pm
- Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 4:30pm – 5:15pm

#### **Week 7 – w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Week**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Choir Performance at Clock Tower Hall (10:30am-11:30am)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre! (3:15pm-4:30pm)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Pantomime at Swallows

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service 2:15pm at School

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