



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 16th October 2023

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for a fantastic start to Year 6. All the children have worked exceptionally hard in all areas of the curriculum and the adults in Sycamore Class couldn't be any prouder. Writer of the Week: Lexi and Paige, for their collaborative work when writing a setting description this week. Maths Master: Chloe, for her understanding of BIDMAS this week. Star of the Week: Chase, for the focus and engagement she has demonstrated when reading our class text this week. Dojo Champion: Annabelle.
Birch	Miss Bright, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to say a big well done to all of Year 5 for a fantastic start to this year. We are so proud of all of you for the effort, care and enthusiasm you have put into your learning this term. Writer of the Week: Daniels, for his perseverance with rhyming words. Maths Master: Mason, for his use of mathematical vocabulary to explain multiplying. Star of the Week: Kara for her focus and determination to do well this term. Dojo Champion: Vinnie
Ash	A big well done goes to Oscar, Maisey, Miles and Freya for representing our class in the Harvest assembly. They wrote their lines completely on their own which was incredible! Also a big thank you to the whole class for a wonderful term. You have done amazing work and we are very proud of you. Writer of the Week: George G, for working hard to explore the key features of explanation texts this week. Maths Master: Joyzer, for always being willing to share his thoughts and ideas during the input. Star of the Week: Kelsie, for her incredible behaviour for learning in all lessons this week. Dojo Champion: Oliver.
Beech	This week, the adults in Year 3 would like to praise the whole of year 3 for their excellent start to the year! Specific praise goes to Aiyla, Archie S, Isaac, Kerryann, Noah and Michelle for their hard work on their instruction writing. Writer of the Week: Dayon, for trying really hard to uplevel his writing! Maths Master: Paige, for her brilliant mathematical explanations. Star of the Week: Madalena, for her wonderful attitude towards school and for always trying her best! Dojo Champion: Michelle
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Miss Filipovic and Mrs Middleton would like to praise Harper, Kara and Logan for their excellent times table work this week scoring full marks. Miss Hardy would like to thank Tabitha and Annabelle for helping keep the classroom tidy giving up their break time to put away pencils in the pots. Writer of the Week: Oladele and Ivy, for independently writing a setting description trying hard to ensure they used adjectives and conjunctions. Maths Master: James, for showing perseverance when completing a times tables test. Star of the Week: Sophie-Leigh for trying her very best with her learning this week and asking for extra challenges when completing work! Dojo Champion: Mia
Willow	Mrs Earney would like to praise all of Willow class for making Mrs Hardiman feel welcome this week. Individual praise goes to Zayn, Samuel, Bethany and Mollie for always being ready to learn and following given instructions. We would also like to praise Rosie, Amber, Parker and Joel for reading their acrostic poems out in the Harvest Assembly. Writer of the Week: Reuben, for using strong adjectives to give a high-quality sentence in his literacy work. Maths Master: Joel, for being a marvellous mathematician in learning his number bonds to 10. Star of the Week: Freddie Sh, for his improved participation in his phonics learning this week. Dojo Champion: Zayn
Oak	Mrs Donaghy & Mrs Gaffney would like to praise Ella, Timeea and Pearl for tidying up the classroom. We would like to say thank you to Bella, Siyana and Cyra for helping when another child felt poorly. Writer of the Week: Poppy, for writing the tricky word 'the' independently. Maths Master: Luna, for making a pegboard number 1. Star of the Week: Lyle, for being a pleasure to have in the classroom. Dojo Champion: Ella
Cherry	Thank you so much to Dominic's family and Rosabelle's family for donating pumpkins! Also thank you to Arthur and his family for taking care of Todd, the Teddy, last weekend. Writer of the Week: Lottie, for writing her name using chalks outside, taking care to include all letters! Maths Master: Rosabelle, for fantastic sorting and grouping of natural objects. Star of the Week: Annabelle, for developing her friendships with others in Cherry class.

Coming up:
Sun 2nd Oct – Tues 31st Oct
 Black History Month

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,

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of our first term! We have had such a fantastic start to this new academic year!

This week, we have concluded the term, with many celebrations; on Wednesday we celebrated Harvest Festival, which was led by Mrs Bond, our Lead Practitioner – thank you so much to you all for your kind donations – they are hugely appreciated. These will be shared among Kemsley's Pantry and our local food bank. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to join us for this special event! On Thursday, each class had the opportunity to perform to the school, the piece of music they have been studying this term. This musical celebration was led by Miss Nijman, our Music leader. It has been wonderful to see the children grow so much in their knowledge, skills and confidence. On Thursday and Friday, Mrs Bond and Y6 pupils helped to raise funds for 11b411 by selling cakes from the many kind donations our parents, pupils and staff. Thank you for supporting this cause. We raised £162 towards 11b411 experiences! Amazing! On Friday, during celebration assembly, our Performing Arts club, led by Miss Pengelly, performed their fantastic drama piece to the school, based on Anti-bullying. We also celebrated all that the children have learned about Black History Month, which was led by Miss Bright, our History leader. Celebration Assembly concluded with a wonderful performance by Miss Hardy's dance club! What a fantastic end to a brilliant term!

Next term, we shall be holding Parents Evening on Monday 27th November and Tuesday 28th November. Bookings will open on Arbor from Monday 30th October at 4pm until Thursday 23rd November 1pm.

Clocks Changing – Raising Awareness for children to be seen in the Autumn/Winter months

GloWeek 2023 will run from the 30th October – 3rd November

This is your opportunity to get involved to raise awareness of **being seen, not hurt** when the days become shorter in the winter months. As the nights draw in, it's important that we all stay safe by being seen so we want to create the brightest GloWeek ever. See this link for more information:

<https://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/campaigns/gloweek/> Thank you for sharing Mrs Hunter!

Attendance stands at 95.03%. Well done to Year 6 for winning attendance of the week with 97.91%! Congratulations Sycamore Class!

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 31st October.

Miss Homer,
Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week in Cherry class, we have been focused on the story Owl Babies, learning about owls and creating our own owls using paint and collage materials. We have also been creating owls using playdough and playing with glittery pumpkin soup in the water tray! We have also been learning about Harvest in relation to fruits and vegetables and went on a little walk to collect leaves to make leaf crowns. We have also been continuing our learning around sorting and groups objects with shared features.

After half term, we will be exploring the topic 'through my eyes' and continuing to explore the changes in autumn. On Tuesday the 31st October, we will be celebrating Halloween and encouraging the children to come to school dressed up on this day! We will looking at the story, 'Room on the Broom', and exploring bonfire night towards the end of the week.

Year R

What a fantastic first term Oak class have had at Kemsley Primary Academy. It has been wonderful to meet the class and get to know them over the last week. Their fascination and interest in learning is a joy to see. I am looking forward to getting to know the children more after half term.

After half term, we will be looking at individuality and what makes us special, this will include a book called, " The Colour of us" by Karen Katz. In maths we will be investigating circles and triangles. We will examine how circles and triangles look and where they appear in the environment.

Year 1:

Well done to all the children in Willow Class for a great start to Year 1. All the children have worked extremely hard and demonstrated the school values of resilience and positivity. Next term our topic is 'Home Sweet Home'. In geography, we will be learning all about maps. We will be learning the different points on a compass and using this knowledge to help us read and follow a map in our local area.

In literacy our working texts will be 'Beegu', 'Lost and Found' and 'Hansel and Gretel'. We will be using these texts to help us write a persuasive poster, a non-chronological report and a narrative. We will also be listening to our text for pleasure, 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' during story time.

Our science topic is 'Building with Materials'. We will be exploring and naming everyday materials and sorting them into groups. We will also be distinguishing between an object and a material and describing their properties.

Year 2:

This week in Maple Class, we have been busy celebrating Black History month and Harvest Festival! We created corn using real popcorn and our handprints. We also wrote sentences describing what we are grateful for. For Black History month we drew portraits of significant people and also learnt about Samuel Crowther who has a link with our local area.

In maths, we moved onto a new topic looking at shape. We have counted the sides and vertices on the shapes and next term will move on to looking at symmetry. In English we wrote setting descriptions based on our book: 'Country Mouse, Town Mouse'.

In PSHRE, we learnt about the British values and discussed ways we use these in our everyday lives. We also completed our artwork for this term by evaluating our self-portraits.

I would like to take this moment to also say a huge thank you to you all for your help this term as parents/carers, from donating things for our express event, to supporting your children to bring in their reading folders and homework folders each day. Please keep ensuring they are brought into school next term. Have a lovely half-term holiday.

Year 3:

Wow! What a busy term that was! It has been so lovely getting to know all of your children and I am really looking forward to next term!

Next term our new topic is 'Countries, Counties, Cities to See'. We will be focussing on the United Kingdom and how its 'fits' with the rest of the world. In particular, we will be thinking about Kent and its relation to the other counties. In maths, we will be going back to addition and subtraction, practising column addition and subtraction. In Science, we are exploring forces and magnets and will have lots of chances to explore magnetism in the classroom!

We all hope you have a lovely, relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 31st October (Monday 30th is a staff inset).

Year 4:

And so term 1 is complete! We have done some incredible learning in our lessons, and it's been lovely to see you all working so hard.

Next term, our topic will be 'Moving Mountains'. We will be reading 'When the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo, as our working text and text for pleasure. We will also be starting our times table quizzes next term, beginning with the 2 times table.

Have a lovely half-term everyone. Mrs. Fletcher and I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Year 5:

Next term in Year 5, we will be writing a non-chronological report, an explanation text, and a narrative. We will be reading 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. In maths, we will continue learning multiplication and division and then move onto learning fractions. Our next geography topic will be Rivers and our science topic continues to be Properties of Materials, which will involve more interesting investigations!

Have a fantastic week off and we look forward to seeing you on your return.

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all the children in Sycamore Class for an amazing Term 1. All the children have worked exceptionally hard and have been an absolute pleasure to teach.

Next term our topic is 'Green Planet'. We will be learning about the six different biomes; rainforests, deserts, savannah, woodlands, grasslands and tundra. We will look at each of these during our geography lessons.

In science our topic will be 'Animals including Humans'. We will be learning about the heart and the circulatory system. Towards the end of the term, we will be carrying out a practical investigation when we dissect a pig's heart.

Our working text next term is 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. All our literacy learning will focus on the text. We will be focusing on writing non-chronological reports, poetry and a narrative.

I would also like to take this opportunity thank all the parents and carers for your help and support this term. Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to another full-packed Term 2.

Term Dates – Term 2

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

Tuesday 31st October – Term 2 Begins for Pupils

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