



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 30th October 2023

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for a fantastic start to Term 2. Special praise goes to Wale for being an excellent role model and buddy to Daniel this week. A huge well done goes to Emily, Holly, Blake, Japheth, Danni and Rylee for their excellent focus and concentration this week. Writer of the Week: Orla, for her amazing use of figurative language when describing the view from the curious window. Maths Master: Oliver B, for all his hard work in our maths early morning catch up sessions. Star of the Week: Daniel, for settling so well into the routines and structures of Sycamore Class this week. Dojo Champion: Katie
Birch	Miss Bright, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to say a huge well done to all of Year 5 for a fantastic start to this term. We had a fantastic D&T lesson this week looking at how marble runs are made - we are sure there are some budding engineers in our midst! Well done to Archie, Marvelous, Theo, Daniels, Siddie, Dimi and Finley for their perseverance and determination to ensure that their marbles followed the course. We were particularly impressed by the language that Archie was using to talk about how to improve his marble run. Writer of the Week: Daniels Maths Master: Jurica for her amazing explanations of how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Star of the Week: Poppy for showing more resilience and perseverance when tackling new challenges. Dojo Champion: Poppy-Reese
Ash	A big well done to everyone in Ash class for a fantastic first week back! You have all come back ready to learn and it has been impressive to see every person in the class give it their all in our lessons. We are very proud of all of you. Writer of the Week: Maisey, for her excellent contributions when discussing the video about a mountain climber that we are using as inspiration for our poetry. Maths Master: Isabelle, for excellent work finding the area of 2-D shapes this week. Star of the Week: Charlie, and Lauren, for their excellent teamwork using the iPads for research in literacy and science this week. Dojo Champion: Oscar
Beech	This week, the adults in Year 3 would like to say a huge well done to Harley, Jaden, Kacper, Matthias, Effy, Ella and Michelle for their hard work. They would also like to praise Colin and Archie M for trying their hardest in Literacy. Writer of the Week: Freya, for her lovely introduction. Maths Master: Jonjoe, for his resilience learning column subtraction. Star of the Week: David, for his enthusiasm in our learning. Dojo Champion: Noah
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH, Miss Spenceley and Miss Filipovic would like to praise Arlie and Frankie for their super counting in 10s during times tables. We would also like to thank Erin and Bailey-Jay for helping to tidy up the environment. Miss Hardy would like to extend praise to the whole of Maple class for welcoming Mrs DH and Miss Spenceley into our classroom this week, you have all been very helpful, well done. Writer of the Week: Max for using adjectives when predicting what will happen to Stanley. Maths Master: Georgie, for being able to draw symmetrical shapes this week. Star of the Week: Logan, for always being helpful putting himself before others. Dojo Champion: Olabode
Willow	This week the staff in Willow Class would like to praise Teddy P and Freddie St for an amazing first week back. They have produced some amazing work in their books and followed all instructions that are given to them. Well done boys! We would also like to praise Amber and Avana-Mae for both being consistent in their work and behaviour and setting a great example to everybody else in class. Writer of the Week: Rosie and Parker, for both producing extending sentences about penguins in our writing and sharing the new vocab word, Carnivore. Maths Master: Freddie St, for accurately using a number line when adding more. Star of the Week: Veronika, for being a great role model to her class for her outstanding behaviour. Dojo Champion: Avana-Mae
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise Poppy, Pearl and Vlada for always tidying the classroom when asked. We would like to say thank you to the whole of Oak class for settling back into school so well after half term. Writer of the Week: Amelia, for writing an independent sentence. Maths Master: Lacey, for trying really hard to understand one more and one less. Star of the Week: Sofia, for always showing excellent behaviour. Dojo Champion: Kevin
Cherry	Cherry class would love to thank Avril and Jill for creating us a Christmas Post Box topper. We can't wait to see it! Thank you also to Indie's family for more donations for our mud kitchen and playdough area! Writer of the Week: Rophe, for mark making her name before taking a bike. Well done! Maths Master: Annabelle, for building a tower that was taller than Ms Millar's! Well done! Star of the Week: Yoan, for modelling to his friends how to put on their coat independently. Well done!

Coming up:
Mon 6th November
COINS CHALLENGE BEGIN!

Tues 7th November
New Year R 2024 Parent
Tours 9:30am & 1:30pm

Thurs 9th November
New Year R 2024 Parent
Tours 9:30am & 1:30pm

Sun 12th November
Remembrance Sunday

Mon 13th November
Odd Socks Day (wear odd socks to school!)

Fri 17th November
Children in Need Day
(wear spots/Pudsey to school)

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Welcome back to Term 2! We have had a smashing first week back at school! The children have settled beautifully back into school and have been completing some amazing learning! Well done children! This week, we also had some wonderful news – Mrs Ambrose gave birth to a beautiful baby girl! Mum and baby continue to do well. We are so please for Mrs Ambrose and her family and cannot wait to see more photos of her little one! This week, we also welcomed Mrs DH to our school family. Mrs DH is the new class teaching assistant in Year 2. Thank you to all of the children, staff and parents for making Mrs DH feel so very welcome.

Staffing Update

This afternoon a letter was sent out to parents and carers from myself and our Chair of Governors, Mr Edwards, regarding staffing. In this letter, it was shared that Miss Bright and Mrs Brijman will sadly be leaving us at the end of this school term, and that Mr Webb has also left us. Recruitment is underway for all teaching positions, but I am pleased to inform you that in the meantime, Mrs Hardiman, who taught Year 1 in Mr Webb's absence, will continue to teach Year 1 for the rest of this term.

Earlier this week, booking for Parents Evening opened on Arbor. Apologies for the original technical glitches. Hopefully all parents are able to book their parents evening appointments:

Monday 27th November – Year 2 Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:45pm

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

Tuesday 28th November – Year 2 Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm

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

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

Please ensure you read to the end of this newsletter for further key dates this term!

Well done to Year 2 for winning attendance of the week with 96.25%! Congratulations Maple Class!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Homer,

Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

This week in Cherry class we have been exploring Halloween with lots of exciting activities including pumpkin printing, spooky sorting, potion making and glitter writing! We have also been talking about Bonfire Night and what we might see at the weekend. We created our own fireworks pictures using paint and glitter and have also been talking about staying safe during bonfire night. We have been looking at comparing through tower building using the language taller and shorter. We have also started to focus on different voice sounds in phonics.

Next week we will be looking at the story 'Wide Awake Hedgehog' and continuing to explore autumn and the changes in weather. We will be having a go at some baking and create our very own hedgehog art. We will also be reading the story 'The most magnificent thing' exploring what we are good at and continuing to explore uniqueness.

Year R

Welcome back to Oak class from Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney. We were thrilled to see so many happy faces greeting us on the first day of term. This term we will be learning about celebrations, starting with Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes, followed by Divali, the Hindu festival of light.

In Phonics the children will be moving on to writing whole words and sentences, which is very exciting for them! In our Maths lessons over the next few days, we are discussing one more and one less and will then move onto learning about circles and triangles.

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has a jumper and coat every day, as we will continue to spend time outside. Please also remember that reading folders need to be returned to school everyday. If you have any problems, please ask Mrs Donaghy or Mrs Gaffney.

Year 1:

Firstly, we would like to say welcome back to school and welcome to Term 2. It is certainly going to be a full fun-packed term, so please look out for diary dates on our weekly newsletter.

In maths this week we will be working on our addition and subtraction skills then creating fact families using our addition and subtraction knowledge.

In literacy we will be continuing with our persuasive letter writing. At the beginning of the week, we will be looking at different parts of a letter and then placing them in order. Towards the end of the week, we will be planning a persuasive letter in order to persuade someone to keep a penguin, like the penguin in our class text, 'Lost and Found'.

As you are already aware, all Year 1 children have been given a TT Rockstars login and password so they are able to access TT Rockstars should they wish to. All children in Year 1 have access to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Well done to those children who have been accessing this at home.

Year 2:

I would like to begin by saying I hope you all had a lovely half term.

This term Maple Class will begin forest school. The children will attend in groups each term and spend an hour learning new skills on a Friday morning- please ensure you send you child in with warm clothes to wear and their uniform in their bag if they are doing forest school this term.

In English this term, we are looking at a book called 'Flat Stanley'. We will be writing a persuasive poster over the next two weeks. In maths we have been learning about symmetry, completing 2D shapes.

In Geography, we will be learning about Europe and studying the countries to learn about their culture. In DT we will be making bridges (please look out for a dojo post later on this term for donations for junk modelling!)

Please ensure your child comes into school each day with their reading book folder and their homework on a Tuesday. Thank you.

Year 3:

Next week, in maths, we are going to carry on adding and subtracting numbers using the column method. In RE, we will be learning all about Sikhism focusing on the 5 Ks. In literacy we are going to carry on writing our biographies about Mallorie Blackman. In DT, we are going to explore the mechanisms involved with pop-up books.

Year 4:

Next week in maths we will be starting our Multiplication and Division topic. In Literacy, we will be looking at planning and writing our own poems based on mountains and using a music video we have been watching in class. As part of our science lessons, we will be looking at how electricity moves through circuits, and in our topic lessons we are going to explore different types of mountains.

Please also remember to bring in your reading folder every day, if we manage to get the highest percentage of reading folders in class across the school, we will get a prize! Thank you to everyone who has been bringing theirs in daily, it is much appreciated and really helps us to keep track of how much is being read at home and make sure that books are being changed regularly.

Year 5:

Next week in Year 5, we will be writing a non-chronological report about rivers. Our geography learning from this week and next will help us with this as we will learn about the formation of rivers. In maths, we will be finding equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions. In our science lesson, we will be creating an investigation to find out what affects how well sugar dissolves.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say welcome back to school and Term 2. It is certainly going to be a very busy term as we head towards Christmas. Please look out for dates of key events on our Class Dojo page.

This term our working text and text for pleasure is 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. The text focuses on the Boxing Day tsunami which forms part of our topic 'Green Planet'. This week in literacy we will be focusing on writing a non-chronological report on tsunamis. We will be researching what a tsunami is, what causes a tsunami, how long a tsunami lasts and the effects of this natural disaster.

In maths, we will be working on fractions. We will start the week looking at equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions, placing fractions on a number line, and then ordering and comparing fractions. We will then use all our knowledge of fractions to help us answer reasoning questions.

In science this term our topic is 'Animals Including Humans'. We will be learning about the heart, including the key parts of the heart and the circulatory system. Towards the end of the term, we will be dissecting pigs' hearts. For your child to take part, you will need to give permission on our Class Dojo post.

Our P.E. day for Term 2 will remain on a Monday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full P.E. kit on a Monday.

Term Dates – Term 2

Week 2 – w/c Monday 6th November - Remembrance Week

Monday 6th November – COINS CHALLENGE BEGINS!

Tuesday 7th November - New Reception 2024 Parent Tours - 9:30am & 1:30pm

Thursday 9th November - New Reception 2024 Parent Tours - 9:30am & 1:30pm

Week 3 - w/c Monday 13th November

Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day

Monday 13th November - New Reception 2024 Parent Tours - 9:30am & 1:30pm

Tuesday 14th November - New Reception 2024 Parent Tours - 9:30am & 1:30pm

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day (wear spots day!)

Week 4 – w/c Monday 20th November

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

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

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

Week 5 – w/c Monday 27th November

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Week 6 – w/c Monday 4th December

Monday 4th December – Christmas Jamboree at Highsted – Choir Trip

Wednesday 6th December – NHS Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6

Wednesday 6th December – EYFS & KS1 Pantomime – Treasure Island

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

Friday 8th December – KS2 Carol Service at church 10:30am

Friday 8th 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 11th December – Christmas Week

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

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 14th December – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Pantomime at Swallows

Friday 15th December Christingle Service 2:15pm at School

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