

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December - Issue 13

# **Head Teacher's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we rapidly approach the end of the term, the children have been working so hard to perfect their Christmas performances. Please make every effort to attend your child's performance if it is still taking place next week. Thank you to those parents who have shown such enthusiastic support already.

I am really sad to inform you that Ms Oliver, our KS2 Senco will be leaving us at the end of this term. I cannot express what an absolutely wonderful person Ms Oliver is and how hard she has worked for the children at Star. We are incredibly grateful to her and wish her every possible success as she relocates to Norfolk.

Finally, we have revamped our weekly newsletter to parents and included each year group newsletter here too so all of the information you need is easily accessible in one place. We welcome your feedback. Please email your year group or info inbox. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please be reminded that Rainbow Club will not run in the last two days of term and we will be asking JAG to adjust their times accordingly.

Have a wonderful weekend. Ms Von

**Nurturing and Growing Together** 

# **Online Safety**

Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it's important that they play safely. Things to consider if your child games online:

- age ratings of games they play
- messaging and contact functions on the games
- in-game purchases
- trolling, griefing and scams
- how to report problems
- where your child can get further support.

Also, if you have more than one child in your home, be aware that games suitable for one child to play or watch, may not be suitable for another.

Take a look at the <u>NSPCC's</u> or <u>Childline's</u> advice about online gaming. Here you can find lots of information to support you and your family in making the best choices to ensure you all have a safe and enjoyable gaming experience.



# **Year Five - World War Two Workshop**

We went back in time and took part in an exciting WW2 workshop where we explored how WW2 began and how it impacted people's lives. We role-played a scenario where a German bomber lands in a house!

We also looked at real-life artefacts such as different photos taken during wartime, a letter from a soldier, a WW2 emergency sewing kit and a ration book.

We enjoyed singing the wartime song 'We'll meet again."







# **Year Four - Charity Event**

On Monday afternoon, Year 4 were involved in a charity event supporting the elderly in our local community. We visited some of these lovely people at Canning Town library where we shared homemade biscuits, sang and distributed gifts that the children had chosen and wrapped. Our Star pupils were an absolute credit to the school and the people who attended were very appreciative and impressed with all that the children did for them, they even joined in with our singing!







# **Dates for the Diary**



12/12/23 - Reception Christmas Celebrations
13/12/23 - Nursery Christmas Celebrations
18/12/23 - Class Parties
18/12/23 - Year 5 Singing in the Community
19/12/23 - Year 6 Singing in the Community
19/12/23 - School closing early at 12:00
20/12/23 to 03/01/24 - School closed for the
Winter Break
04/01/24 - Start of the Spring Term

Year Six Pupil Leadership

**Weekly Reflection** 

Some of our community recently celebrated Thanksgiving - a time to reflect on all of the year's blessings.



Sofia - 6P

This week, we would like to show our gratitude to all of the staff who work in our school. They work incredibly hard to make sure we all have the best education and opportunities. Let's remember to always say thank you. Thank you for working hard for us. Thank you for always listening to us. Thank you for all of the things you do for us. Thank you!

# **Attendance at Star**

Did you come to school everyday this week? Which classes achieved the highest attendance? Who will get the attendance cup?

### Reception

RB - 92.2%

RP - 95%

RU - 91.6%

#### Year 1

1B - 83.8%

1R - 94.6%

15 - 96.7%

#### Year 2

2P - 92.2%

25 - 88.9%

2V - 86.8%

#### Year 3

36 - 88.4%

36 - 91.9%

3R - 84.1%

#### Year 4

4H - 91%

46 - 92.9%

45 - 91.8%

#### Year 5

5N - 97.7%

5R - 94%

5RK - 90.5%

#### Year 6

6H - 90.4%

6P - 91.1%

6R - 93%

Whole school attendance - 91.3%

# **Happy Leaves**

This half term we are celebrating pupils

who have shown good examples of INDEPENDENCE.

The winners in this weeks assembly were...

Nursery		
AM -	- M	umtahina
P	M -	Anas

Year 6		
6H - Rahat		
6R - Joel		
6P-Sofia		

# Golden lunches

Class teachers select one pupil per week to have a golden lunch with the Headteacher or Deputies. This is awarded to those that show the **most progress** or make the most effort in their learning!

Year 1

1B - Safina

15 - Eva

1R- Scarlett

Year 2

2V - King

25 - Haroun

2P - Omari

Year 3

3R - Hana

36 - Rahi

3L-Hannah

Year 4

4H - Hareem

4S - David Y

4C - Aayan

Year 5

5R - Athena

5RK - Sonny

5N-Safa

Year 6

6H - Skye

6R - Marie

6P-Lena

# **House Points**

Teachers, lunch staff, support staff, school leaders and our office team have been awarding house tokens all week. Pupils have received tokens if they have demonstrated children's rights, shown good leadership skills and have excellent learning behaviors.

Congratulations to the winning house... results below!



# Weekly Newsletters

All the information you need in one place!

The following pages contain our year group newsletters with all the information on the upcoming week.

Nursery Reception Year 1 Year 2

Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6



# MEEK BEGINNING 11.12.2023

#### THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Dear Nursery Parents and carers,

During this final week of
Autumn Term, the children
in Nursery will continue
Exploring a variety of resources
and tools to create their own
Christmas decorations and
we will be discussing how people can
celebrate in different ways.

We will introduce a new
flearning Power Character:
Persevering Peter,
When things get tricky,
Persevering Peter doesn't give
up. He keeps on trying and he
is proud of what he has
achieved.

The big day is finally here! Join us on Wednesday 13th December to watch our Nursery children perform all the songs they have been practising for our Christmas Celebration.



I decorate my stocking.



Look at my pattern.

#### STAR MOMENTS



I make it taller.



We are making decorations for Christmas



We are posting Christmas cards.



Well done to all of the Nursery children for their amazing efforts with behaviour and attitudes towards learning. This week, our Independence happy leaves go out to: AM - Mumtahina PM - Anas

#### OVER TO YOU

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This term we will be talking about things that happened in the past.

Please use this opportunity to look at old pictures and talk to your child about past events, their own life-story and family's history.

#### BOOK OF THE WEEK



Rhymes to practise:

5 little monkey swinging from the tree

#### December Key Dates

- 13/12/23, 11am - 2pm: Nursery's Christmas celebration.

Please take note that Nursery will be closed for regular activities.

AM and PM children to join our festive time between 11am and 2pm.

- 14/12/23: Christmas lunch and jumper day

-18/12/23: Class parties. We accept any party food donations.
-18/12/23: Last day of school for Nursery PM due to

school early closure on 19/12/23, 12:00.

-19/12/23: Last day of school for Nursery AM
As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately - warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.





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### **WEEK BEGINNING:**

### THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Can you believe it's the final week in Reception for 2023! We have so many exciting events happening, including our Christmas Nativity and Christmas lunch!

In maths this week, we will be reviewing our learning from this term including number bonds to five.



We will be adding the finishing touches to our Christmas performance and continue rehearsing our lines and songs.



#### Important Christmas dates for the diary:

Reception Christmas Performance: Tuesday 12th December- 13:00pm Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day:

Thursday 14th December



#### Star Moments







his is a card for n



This is my Christmas

tree decoration!





I am working with mu friends to pull the

2B: Syed Aagib: for developing more confidence during free flow activities and choosing to play with

RB: Syed Adapt: for developing model

different children. Well done, Syed Adapt!

Out Daislay you've become so confident during our Christmas rehearsals! you

the said and keep it yo! We're so p

Mayeda- becoming so confident during our song practise for our Christmas performance. Well

#### Don't forget...

P.E. is on Tuesday - children need to wear their P.E. kit to school.





- Wear your Fit Friday kit on Fridays. If you haven't purchased this yet, the P.E. kit will be acceptable. Follow the link to purchase your personalised kit: https://www.personalisedjustforyou.org.uk/back-to-school
- Please ensure your child has at least a set of spare clothes in their bag (top, bottom, underwear and socks) as well as a pair of wellies to be left in school.
- All your child's belongings must be clearly labeled.
- Share your WOW moment from home on Tapestry. Your teachers will be thrilled to see them.



#### Over to you. HOME LEARNING

Here are some links that you can use to watch phonics videos to support your child's learning:



Blending



How to say the sounds

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Head Teacher's Message **Dates and Pupil Reflection Year Group Newsletters Latest News Weekly Achievements** 

# Week beginning

11/12/23

# STAR moments



Every week a child from each class will be chosen to have lunch with the Headteacher for their outstanding work.

1R: Scarlett 1S: Eva 1B: Safina

Happy leaves this term will go to children who have shown **independence** and **coping skills**.

Talk to your child about how they can develop greater independence and what they can do to cope when things are not going well.

1R: Lottie 1S: Nafiha 1B: Nia



# Year 1 Newsletter

# Our Learning





#### This term our school theme is Media Mayhem.

As writers, we will be continuing our phonics journey using our Read Write Inc books. Children will be learning new sounds, reading and writing everyday.

#### Maths:

As mathematicians, we will be learning about numbers up to 20. Please remember to keep accessing Mathletics at home where work linked to this topic will be assigned.

#### Science:

As scientists, we will be having a Now Press Play experience whereby children Get to listen to story that takes them on a journey of exploration.



#### History:

As historians, we will be exploring how people in the past tried to fly. We will Exploring the life of Amelia Earhart and her first flight across the Atlantic.



As engineers, we will be investigating the history of kites. We will designing and making our kites.



Remember: Year 1 children are expected to come to school every day

# Don't forget...

- Read everyday for 10 minutes. We will be giving out three reading books; an Oxford book, a
  decodable RWI book and a read for pleasure book. We expect all children to have read everyday with a
  comment written in their record books.
- Fit Friday will be carrying on as usual on Friday, again children must come to school wearing Fit
  Friday t-shirts and trainers.
- P.E. day is on Monday. Please wear black bottoms and a white t-shirt.
- Bug Club and Mathletics is still mandatory for 5 or 10 minutes daily, on a Friday each class will
  announce their Bug Club and Mathletics champions. Please encourage your child to read as it builds
  their confidence and vocabulary.

Over to you...Home learning

The teachers will continuously be providing online opportunities for reading, phonics and maths. We are checking who is logging on every week!

#### Pupils must:

- Log on and use <u>BUG CLUB</u> daily (please also read and share any extra books you have at home)
- Log on and use MATHLETICS daily
- Play and complete any additional material/videos sent you via the google classroom. Phonics session videos will be sent regularly.
  - Extra RWI phonics https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-writenc-phonics-guide/



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# Week beginning 11.12.2023



**Important messages:** 

Next week on Monday 18th December we will be having class parties in the afternoon. Any food or drink would be greatly appreciated. Please do not purchase or give too much, a little goes a long way. We encourage healthy snacks where possible. Thank you.

# Star Moments

This term we are modelling INDEPENDENCE and COPING SKILLS.



25: Alan, when it comes to independence it can not get any more independent than you Alan. You are such a mature and wise boy which shines through your independence. You are always on task and know what to do next. It is great seeing you take initiative to help your friends.

2V: Muhibur, you really impressed me when you took on multiple new lines in the play, and learned them at the last minute to support your friends. You showed fantastic coping skills and perseverance. Well done, keep it up!

2P: Magnius! I have seen such an improvement in your behaviour and attitude to learning, this has meant that you are more independent now at completing your tasks when asked to do so in class for learning. I am so proud of the changes you have made for yourself and how mature you are becoming. Keep up this fantastic choices!

### Our learning this week..

#### English:

In English we will finish our Digital blog writing cycle and will be using Explain Everything to create our own Digital Blog.



#### Mathe

In Maths, we will recap all of our learning and complete our revision.

#### DT:

We will have a DT day on Wednesday where we will design, create and evaluate our own hand made fire engines.



#### Science:

In Science we will be investigate the most suitable material to block out light based on its property. We will also recap all of our learning on Materials to add to our thinking frames.



# Attendance

Attendance is key for your child's learning. Well done to 2P for getting the highest attendance this week!



There will be a winner for our weekly Year 2 competition! Fantastic participation to...





### Golden Lunch

Congratulations to the children who earned golden lunch!

25 - Haroun

2P - Omari

2V - King



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Please encourage your children to practise their spellings for 5 minutes and their reading everyday. Each week your child needs to complete their homework and hand it in on Friday morning.

Please also continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars.

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**Latest News** 



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<u>Christmas Carol Performance</u>: On Wednesday 6th December, the Year 3's treated parents to a wonderful Christmas Carol Performance. Thank you to all the family and friends who took time to support them.

# Star Moments

This term our happy leaves will focus on Coping Skills and Independence which is linked to our Biobts

The recipients this week are:

3G - Guy

3L - Areesho

3R - Ayyub

This week our Golden lunch nominees are: 3R Hana for her absolutely fantastic work comparing her own life to the life of an Egyptian! Her handwriting is beautiful and her pictures are fantastic!

3L: Hannah for her fantastic description and drawings to describe mummification!

3G: Rahil: For his impressive writing outcomes in his Science and RE this week,

Congratulations to the children who achieved a happy leaf this week and to those who had the len lunch! We are very proud of your since and dedication to your education!

# Our learning..





This term our theme is Media Mayhem. This week in year 3 we have lots of exciting lessons planned

English: We are now coming to the end of our English topic for this term. We will be practising sending emails and then we will be using our own school email addresses to send emails to each other as Howard Carter and Lord Carnaryon!

Maths: In Maths, the children will be multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. They will be deepening their understanding by multiplying using renaming and place value. Thereafter they will solve division as the inverse operation.

Science: We are continuing our topic of light. The children will be conducting an experiment to see how sunglasses protect your eyes and which materials are best for them.

History: In History, we will be exploring the exciting theme of the Ancient Egyptians. We will be evaluating what we have learnt about the Ancient Egyptians.

RE: We will be learning about a Menorah and what it represents to Jewish people,

<u>RSHE</u>: We will reflect on our coping skills. Children need to learn how to use their coping skills when they face challenging situations. The Happy Leaf will be given for Coping Skills and Independence which is linked to our RIGHTS.

<u>DT</u>: In DT, we will be looking at our Big Question: How can I make, design and evaluate a moving Egyptian Pharaoh using levers and linkages? We will be creating a moveable puppet.

P.E and Music is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon this week as normal, so remember to come dressed in your correct PE kit. If you are unsure, check the uniform policy on Star's newly designed website or ask your teacher.

# Don't forget!

Children will be given weekly spellings to practise for 5 minutes each night. They will be tested on Fridays. We politely ask children to practice the strategies and extend themselves by using the words in a sentence so that they understand the meaning. There will also be a big focus on Reading. So, please do ensure that you read with your child daily and that you record their progress in the Reading record provided. Please continue to encourage your child to complete their tasks on our online learning platforms including Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars. P.E is on Wednesday - please wear your PE kit to school. Fit Friday is every Friday.

# Home learning

Please remember to read every day with your child particularly over half term, this should be kept record of in their Reading Record Books. Children will be sent home with books and will be asked to keep them in their book bags which they can now bring to school daily. Children will also be given weekly spellings beginning next week.

By the end of all Year 3 children need to know their 2 ,4, 5 ,8 and 10 times tables fluently. So, please log in to Mathletics and TTRS to help you secure a Bronze Badge before the end of this academic year!









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# STAR moments

We had a fantastic start to the week last Monday. The children finished wrapping gifts and baking biscuits for the charity event we participated in at Canning Town library. The children that came with us were a credit to the school. They were superstar singers and treated everyone they met with respect. "The people were kind to us and liked our singing. It made me feel happy because we did something for someone else."

Daniel 4H

Golden Lunch

4H Hareem

4S David Y

4L Aayan

Happy Leaf:

4H Hareem



# Year 4

# nis weeks learning..

We have a very exciting week ahead of us! As the term draws to a close, the children will be participating in some great lessons . We will complete our written fact files on Workhouses and then we will create a slide deck presentation on the Industrial Revolution. All work will be uploaded to Drive for you to look at.

As Mathematicians we will be working on graphs. The children will draw and interpret line graphs and will finish the week with a journaling lesson.

In R.E. children will complete their work on the Bible where they will identify how the Bible has inspired people and understand what inspires and guides me in our life. As Historians we will we will look back and review, evaluate and answer our Big Question: How did Britain change during the Industrial Revolution?

Thursday (14.12.2023) is Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day. We are asking for a donation of £1.00 for our local charity Richard House Hospice. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper we can help them decorate their jumper at school, if they want to.

# Don't

Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th December: Christmas dinner and jumper day

Monday 18th December: Class parties (staff will provide food in Year 4)

Tuesday 19th December: Children finish school at 12.00pm

Thursday 4th January: Children return to school

## Over to you...Home learning

Don't forget to log on to Mathletics and complete the work assigned to you

Continue to improve your reading skills by logging onto Bug Club each day. Remember to share a chapter from your favourite book with someone at home too.

Strive to achieve your bronze, silver or gold awards on Times Tables Rockstars too. You can also access ebooks on the oxford owl website and can be found at the very bottom of the grid menu.

Go to https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/ and 'class login'

You can log on using these details:

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**Weekly Achievements** 

# Week beginning

# STAR moments

#### Happy Leaves

This term happy leaves will be awarded for independence and coping skills. This week's happy leaves go to:

5RK: Darcy - Showing a real independence with her Maths learning and generally improving her own confidence and coping skills.

5N: Reniyah - for showing an increasing independence with her written work. Reniyah uses all of the vocabulary around the room, as well as what we have discussed in class, and works hard to produce quality writing. Well done!

5R: Junior - Beginning to work with more independence during his English work. He is able to select the key words independently and reads the sentences back to check that they are correct. Well done Junior.

#### Golden Lunch

Golden lunch is awarded to those children who have shown real pride and progress in their presentation. Joining Ms Von on Friday will be:

5N: Safa - for consistently beautiful presentation across all subjects.

5R: Athena - Superb presentation always!

5RK: Sonny - Excellent presentation in all of his books this week. Keep it up Sonny!

# Year 5 Newsletter

#### This week's learning...







Shared Reading: We will be continuing to read our class text, "Friend on Foe", using our inference and deduction skills to answer assessions and analyse the text.

English: We will complete our blogs using Google Sites and add more posts, links and images to our web page.

Maths: (We will be continuing to practise our division by dividing four digit numbers by one digit numbers. We will be using our prior knowledge of times tables and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.

History: (We will conclude our learning on (WW2 by answering our Big Question: 'How did WW2 affect Britain?'

D4T: (We will finish making and evaluating our WWZ vehicles)

Weekly spellings will be shared on Google Classroom on Mondays. Weekly spelling tests will take place on Fridays.

All children will meed to be collected from school at 3pm Tuesday 12th December as we will have a slightly later return from our trip to Eastlea school. All children must be collected from the court on Star playground. Please check your parentmail for additional information.

#### History - WW2 Workshop

We went back in time and took part in an exciting WW2 workshop where we explored how WW2 began and how it impacted people's lives. We role-played a scenario where a German bomber lands in a house! We also looked at real-life artefacts such a letter from a soldier, a WW2 sewing kit and a ration book.

We enjoyed singing the wartime song "We'll meet again."









Year 5 Dance Competition

Well done to everyone in Year 5 for taking part in the dance competition

Congratulations to 5R for winning!



# Don't forget!

Children should not be bringing money into school to buy sweets / drinks from the local shops. Please ensure you do not send your child into school with money.

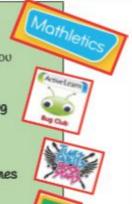
As a Rights Respecting school, we will be participating in an annual 'Write for Rights' workshop at Eastlea on Tuesday. Run by Amnesty International, we will be making cards for people all around the world who are suffering because of unfair decisions. This is a lovely event, with lots of craft materials and festive music with brilliant links to the UNICEF agenda for Rights Respecting schools.

## Over to you...Home learning

Log on to Mathletics and complete the work assigned to you each day! Log in details are in your reading record.

Continue to improve your reading skills by logging onto **Bug Club** each day. Remember to share a chapter from your
favourite book with someone at home too.

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# Week beginning 11.12.2023

# STAR moments

Last week's Golden Lunch was awarded to: 6P: Lena 6H: Skye 6R: Marie

This week's Happy Leaves are awarded to:

6P: Sofia, for working resiliently and independently! Sofia always puts in 100% effort in to every task. Her resilience is inspiring and she is a fantastic role model who always seeks to achieve her best!

6H: Rahat, for his independence and growth during lessons. Rahat has clearly been putting more effort and detail into each lesson, making sure to participate and improve the quality of his learning - showing ownership of his learning. Well done!

6R: Joel, for independence in his work this half term but also his coping strategies when something doesn't go the way he wants it to. Joel is trying really hard to think positively and move forward rather than dwelling on an issue.



## Our topic this half term is...Media Mayhem

In Reading and Maths, we will continue revisiting our Mock SATs test papers to go over our answers and consolidate our learning.

In English and Computing, we will be recording and editing our VLOGs based on Ancient Greece.

In Science, we will be exploring how a switch works in circuit and making our own switch using a range of equipment.

In History, we will be exploring how modern-day life has been influenced by the Ancient Greeks.

In RE, we will evaluate the difference between secular and religious leaders.

In D&T, we will be using a wide range of methods to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce our model structure.

#### Key Dates:

- Thursday 14th December Christmas Jumper day in school
- Monday 18th December Class Parties (Children to bring in party food
- and drinks to share with the whole class no fizzy drinks please)

  Tuesday 19th December Year 6 Singing in the Community a letter
  has been sent out via ParentMail with more information.
- Tuesday 19th December School closes at 12pm please ensure you pick up your child promptly.





Don't forget!

P.E is on Thursday so you need to come into school dressed in your P.E. kit with black trainers!

On Fit Fridays, you need to come into school dressed in your Fit Friday kit with black trainers!

Cut your carbon! We will be taking part in 'Cut your carbon' month for November. Scan the QR code for more details!





### Over to you...Homework

This week, you will be given SATs Companion logins to keep at home. If you haven't done so already, begin to use SATs Companion regularly to develop and improve your Reading, Grammar and Maths. You could start by consolidating some Year 5 topics and then move onto Year 6 topics. Your teachers will be assigning tasks for you to complete. https://app.satscompanion.com/login



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