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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all settled back into the routine of school life after the Christmas break. The last two weeks have been challenging in school due to a high level of staff absence due to illness. I know a number of children have also been unwell and I am hoping for a calmer end to the half term. We, the staff at Emmbrook Junior School, are doing our best to cover absence, so please bear with us through this trying time,

Our Values

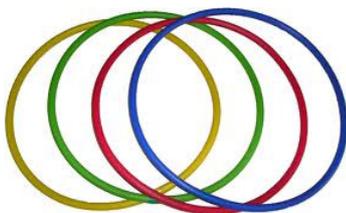
Many of you will have seen our "Values Tree" in the school hall. These are the skills and qualities that we will be encouraging your children to develop over the four years they are at the school. This month our assemblies have been around "motivation" and we have been thinking about how this will help us to improve our learning.

PTA Quiz Night

A great time was had by all at this popular event. I would like to thank the quiz masters, helpers and the volunteers who took part. The school is very grateful for all the fund raising carried out by the PTA.



Playground Improvements



The School Council, after consulting with their classes, have decided on a design for the playground improvements. We hope to have the work completed on the playground over the Easter holidays. Fund raising from the PTA has made this project possible and I am sure the children will be pleased with the new playground markings.

Please take time to read this newsletter. It is full of lots of information about the great achievements of the children.

Best Wishes,

Louisa Gurney
Head teacher

SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

So here we are again! A new term and a new start in the sporting calendar at Emmbrook Junior School.

After our football and rugby success last term, we have now been promoted to Division 2 in the football league and Division 1 in tag rugby.

Since we have been back, we have managed to squeeze in a Cross Country race at Black Park in Slough, where all the children did fantastically well! It was a very wet and cold day and conditions were not easy but the children all pulled through. Below are the children's finishing position in their races:

Girls 3/4 Race

Lucy Gibson (47)
Sophie Watson (63)
Aine Ballantine (68)
Charlotte White (104)
Sophie Grove (148)
Jazmine Crawford (149)

Boys 3/4 Race

Liam Gash (12)
Callum Ahmed (25)
Harvey Stoner (68)
Bobby Hanger (103)

Girls 5/6 Race

Annie Titcombe (43)
Emma Goodwin (46)
Hannah Leonard (64)
Hollie White (65)
Rachel Swindley (96)
Jai Muruganandh (117)

Boys 5/6 Race

Oliver Barrett (22)
Leo Hiscock (43)
Robbie Hadleigh (87)
Jonny Sharp (113)
Max Standing (128)
Sam Nimmey (135)
Jamie Goodwin (148)
Joe Smart (152)
Owen Ward (188)
Joshua Ritchie (218)

We also played our first 'B' team and girls football matches against Westende Primary on Monday. The B Team won 7-0 with Kymani Rogers scoring a hat trick, William Kinch scoring two, Thomas Hunter scoring one and an own goal after Sam Clarke's "Messi"-esque run came off a defender. The girls also won their game with a final result of 3-0. Hollie White scored two goals and Ella Baker scored one too. All of the goals came in the second half in which the Emmbrook girls dominated the game. A big well done to both teams.



Over the next month we will see an action packed calendar of three League football matches, a 'B' team match, two Tag-Rugby tournaments and two more cross country races.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support with the after school activities and tournaments that have been taking place. It's great to see so many of you come out and support the children. I believe this gives us an edge because we all know that children like to step up their game for the crowd!

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CURRICULUM NEWS by Miss Evans

In Year 6, the children have been learning about South America. They have been researching the different countries and creating posters about the Amazon rainforest. They have also been learning about art from around the world and have created their own pieces of art in the style of their choice. In English, they have written a piece of persuasive writing based on the question 'Should mobile phones be allowed in school?' and in maths they have been learning about angles and converting measurements.



Year 5 worked hard on their joint sharing assembly which they performed last Friday. There was a super turn out and the all of the children performed brilliantly. They are looking at multiplication and are learning how to do short and long multiplication in maths. In science, Year 5 have also been looking at asexual reproduction in plants and how cuttings can be used to grow new plants. They are also beginning to write a descriptive 5 paragraph story based on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. In geography, they have been having a debate on whether tourism is good or bad in mountain environments.

Year 4 have been busy looking at the multiplication grid method in maths and they have been learning how to multiply larger numbers. In English, they have been planning and boxing up texts. In their topic work, the children have been learning about and drawing Greek buildings and have been looking carefully at the details found in the architecture.



Year 3 have been getting excited about planning and writing their own pirate stories using the books 'The Night Pirates' and 'The Snail and the Whale' for inspiration. They have described settings and thought about the journeys and adventures that pirates go on. The children have also been learning about chronological order in history and life in Stone Age Britain. In art lessons, the children have produced brightly coloured portraits in the style of famous painters and have studied the proportions of faces. In maths, they have been learning how to read and write the times from digital and analogue clocks.

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MATHS PROBLEM by Mr Thomas



The numbers on five houses next to each other add up to 55.
What are those five numbers?

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

As you are aware we monitor attendance figures in school for every child and class. We can now confirm the classes with the top three attendance figures for the Autumn term:

6 Beech—98%

5 Elm—97.9%

3 Ash—97.6%

Well done to 6 Beech. Can anyone beat them next term?!



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CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mr Fenton

I am always happy to see the number of children that receive Caught Doing the Right Thing Vouchers. All the staff are proud of the children and we are pleased that we are seeing an improvement in behaviour around our school. The following children have received a Caught Doing the Right Thing voucher from the start of term until 27th January 2016:

Golden Eagles

Maryam Sahto X2, Luke Woodason, Joe Dottson X2, Ben Young, Chase Jackson X2, Henry Creswell X4, Pavithra Nair X2, Emily Bruwer, Shyla Evans, Dylan Wilkes, Amba Mistry, Thomas Williams, Thomas Hunter, Deya Hayward, Morgan Power, Chloe Shackelford

Kingfishers

Martha Mayhew, Angharad Jones, Alex Ferreira, Alexander Daw, Alice Bloomfield, Caitlin Wheeler, Phelix Manning, Ella Baddeley, Lucy Gibson, Matilda Redgate, Annie Titcombe X4, Ella Newell, Vincent Rinzivillo, Oliver Folan, April Ward, Rufus Astley, Jodie Xue, Alice Bloomfield

Hummingbirds

Joshua Fowler, Woody Ferguson, Daisy Shaw, Declan Crawley, Nicole Chinn X2, Joshua Ritchie, Kapish Mahara, Lazure Francis, Liam McLeish, William Evans

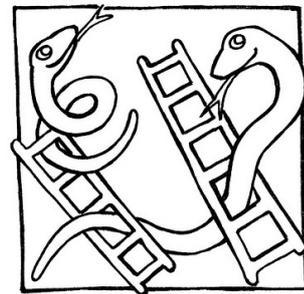
Redstart

Becky Turpin, Jack Taylor, Rachel Swindley, Esther Lamey, Sam Pickup, Joe Smart, Ellie Risi, Emma Roberts, Oisin Mulligan, Chloe Martin, Sophie Doyle, Sam Clarke, Ben Rosenthal, Charlotte White, William Yoxall, Dev Katyal, Fflur Vieten

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

I am pleased to announce that the School Council have decided that the following objects will be painted onto the playground!! We all very much hope that these games will make our playtimes more fun and also our lesson more active! Thank you to the School Council for all their hard work.

Darts Board
Rocket Hopscotch
Snakes & Ladders (1-36)
8 Piece Adventure Trail
Shark Jump
Number Grid (1 – 100)
World Map
Court/Pitch Markings (Football/Netball)
Court/Pitch Markings (Basketball/Netball)



LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

- 25th Jan - Grandparents Day
- 15th Jan - Violin Assembly (Year 5 only)
- 15th Jan - Parent Pack
- 8th Jan - SATs Information Evening

REMINDERS

- 3 Ash Sharing Assembly - 5th Feb
- 'B' Team Football Match at EJS - 5th Feb
- 6 Nations Tag Rugby Champions League - 9th Feb
- Year 5 Violin Assembly - 10th Feb
- Bags 2 School Collection - 10th Feb
- Football Match at Shinfield St Mary's - 10th Feb
- Cross Country Race at Reddam House - 11th Feb
- Grandparents Day - 12th Feb
- Half Term - 15th to 19th Feb
- Football Match at Hawthorns School - 22nd Feb
- Cross Country Race At Marlow RFC - 25th Feb
- 6 Fir Sharing Assembly - 26th Feb
- PTA Junior Disco - 26th Feb



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