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Dear Parents,

Assessments

The first half of the term has passed really quickly and the children have all completed tests and assessments to provide additional evidence so that their teachers can assess how well they have done against year group expectations. Assessments are only one of the methods a teacher uses when making an overall judgement about progress over the year and on-going class work is also important. The children approached all of the assessments in a positive way and I am sure they are now ready for a restful half term.

Core Values

In our assemblies this month we have been talking about being respectful and we have been looking at this in many areas. As I wander around the school, I can see staff and children being respectful in the way they talk to each other, work together and are sensitive to the needs of others. We have also been talking about respecting other cultures and the views of others. We are not all going to have the same views in school and in society as a whole but we need to try to understand others even if we don't agree with them. This links very well with the campaigns to "leave" or "remain" in the European Union and I am sure some of our older children have been listening to the arguments carefully.

Good wishes

I have been very touched by the number of parents who have thanked me for all I have done for the school and commented on how I will be missed by their children. I have been very fortunate to lead a fantastic team here at Emmbrook Junior School and I am working with Mr Fenton to ensure that the school will continue to move forward after my departure.

Have a lovely weekend and half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 7th June.

Best wishes,

Louisa Gurney

Head Teacher

SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

CRICKET

Emmbrook Junior School played their first cricket match of the season and got off to a winning start. The match was a perfect warm up before the new Wokingham Schools Cricket League kicks off after half term. We played the game away at Beechwood Primary School at their fantastic facilities. After winning the toss, captain Jamie Goodwin elected to bat. We got off to a slow start with some good bowling from the Beechwood pupils but eventually gained momentum when Robbie Hadleigh came to the crease. Robbie smashed 4 boundaries and scored a much needed quick fire 19. Emmbrook ended on a total of 258 for 1 wicket.

It was then Beechwood's turn to bat and they started off very quickly looking to run every ball. Beechwood were certainly ahead of the rate until the final overs where they started to slow down. Alex Daw was the one to do it for us by allowing them to score only 2 runs off his over. In the end Beechwood fell 2 runs short!! All the players did fantastically well, especially as for some it was their first ever cricket match. A big 'well done' and everyone is looking forward to the league starting

Team: Jamie Goodwin ©, Coby Webb, Joe Dottson, Alex Daw, Adi Kuchimanchi, William Kinch, Rachel Swindley, Emma Goodwin, Jamie Healey, Robbie Hadleigh

Man Of The Match: Robbie Hadleigh

FOOTBALL

On Friday 22nd March the Year 4 & 5 football players went to the Madejski Stadium for a Wokingham District football competition. It was good to see them all playing and enjoying themselves. The future looks bright for the league football team that's for sure! The results were a mixed bag, but in the end we finished 4th in our league of 7. The highlight was William Kinch's hat trick in the final game to win 4-0. Everyone who took part did really well and represented the school brilliantly.

Team: William Kinch ©, Sam Nimmey, Max Standing, Owen Ward, Sam Clarke, Liam Gash, Sonny Jones, Callum Ahmed, Harvey Stoner



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CURRICULUM NEWS by Mrs Stimpson

In Year 3 this month, the children have been writing their own fantasy stories which contained dilemmas. They used the stories from the Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Bryton for inspiration. In Maths lessons, they have been revisiting column addition and subtraction with exchanging and have been trying to spot mistakes in their methods and check their answers using the inverse rule. In combined Art and DT lessons, the children have researched the designs of pencil cases and started to make their own using textiles. They have been learning how to sew felt together and decorate using beads.

4 Maple have worked hard on their last Year 4 sharing assembly. The children have been learning about the bus stop method of division. In topic lessons, they have been learning how to draw portraits of Henry VIII and his wives as part of their history of interest—The Tudors. Year 4 have also been exploring how people worship as part of their RE work focusing on Judaism.

Year 5 children have been investigating forces by creating boats and parachutes in Science lessons. In Geography, they have been studying the Amazon rainforest, looking the different layers in the canopy. In Maths, the children have calculated the cost of creating a theme park and in English they have learnt how to be persuasive!

The children in Year 6 worked well on their revision and have completed SATs. In class, they have been writing short stories based on a short video of a pilot going into the eye of a storm. They have also been learning about inventors and the inventions they created in their topic work. In English lessons, the children have been writing explanation texts on how a bike works.

CATERLINK VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy with Caterlink in the school kitchen. It is for 16 hours a week, term time only. If you are interested, please contact Katy on 07717 278036.

Thank you.

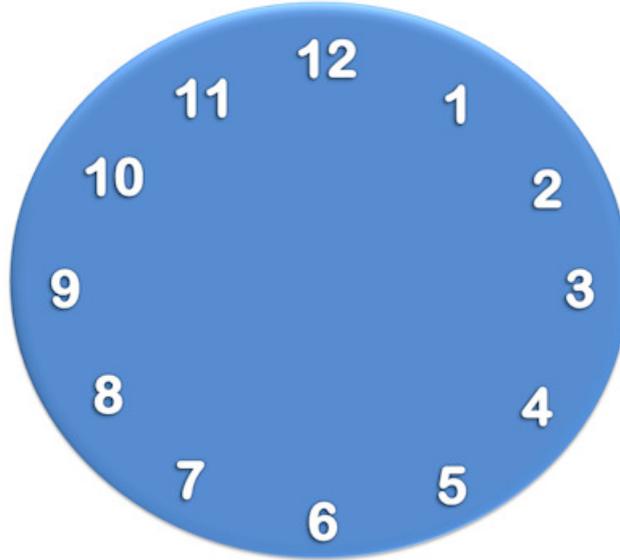


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MATHS PROBLEM by Mr Thomas

A clock broke into two pieces.

The numbers on each of the pieces add up to the same total.



Draw a diagram to show how the clock cracked.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Well it looks like Mrs Stimpson and 3 Ash have got some competition! Well done to 6 Fir for joining them on top spot as at the end of April. Let's see if we can get some more classes on our leaderboard next month!

3 Ash & 6 Fir—97.4%

5 Elm—97.3%

6 Beech —97.2%

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CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mr Fenton

The following children have received a Caught Doing the Right Thing voucher from 26th April to 20th May 2016. A very well done to you all. It is really pleasing to see so many children being good citizens.

Golden Eagles

Harry Wallace x 2, Austin Tandy, William Turley, Olivia Haggith, Brooke Carlisle x 2, Cody Warnhammar, Emily Bruwer, Lois Lenihan, Jake Marsh, Ben Young x 3, Daisy Dottson, Amba Mistry, Chase Jackson, Maryam Sahto, Noah Stallwood x 2, Elin McBrearty x 2, Joel Smith-Browne x 2, Scarlett Bull, Ollie O'Connor, James Foote, Freddie Brown, Morgan Power, Henry Cresswell x 4, Olivia Lenihan x 2, Ethan Undrell and Evie Smith.

Kingfishers

Luke McMahon x 7, Yie Qing Xue, Joe Morshead, Courtney Davidson x 2, Vincent Rinzivillo, Callum Hemmings, Jack Thornton x 2, Divyanshi Dahiya, Emma Goodwin x 2, Phelix Manning x 2, April Ward, Adam Face x 2, Riley Carrol x 2, Alexandre Ferreira, Jodie Xue x 2, Sophie Grove, Ella Baddeley x 3, Charlie Grattidge, Coby Webb x 2, Caitlan Wheeler x 2, Jack Robson, Kayleigh Bunce, Francesca Taylor, Alice Bloomfield, Alexander Daw, Adi Kuchimanchi, Charlotte Mear, Rosa Wastell, Adam Face, Daniel Toop, Jamie Goodwin, Annie Titcombe and Leo Steliaros

Hummingbirds

Lazure Francis x 2, Omar Sammour x 4, Anya Ark, Levi Warnhammar, Kameron Waddon, Jai Siddhi Muruganandh, Eshal Ali, Keira Randall, Harry Machin, Louis Jolleyman, Charlie Bray, Lillie Addis, Kapish Mahara x 2, Ethan Horton x 2, Miya Reece, Adam Rustom x 7, Evie Martin, Albert Rees-Waite and Woody Ferguson.

Redstart

Chloe Martin, Oisin Mulligan x 2, Ben Rosenthal x 2, Sam Williams, Amelia Williams x 2, Joe Smart x 4, Sam Clarke x 2, Chloe Dowle, Isabella l'Hoste x 3, Abbie Turpin x 2, Fflur Vieten, Owen Ward x 3, Juncheng Fang x 3, Ellie Risi, Naomi Lamey, Leo Hiscock and Dev Katyal

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Watch this space for a cake sale organised by the School Council in aid of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.



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REMINDERS

Half Term	-	w/c 30th May
Inset Day	-	6th June
Class Photo's	-	7th June
Year 6 Swimming	-	9th June
Year 6 Swimming	-	16th June
5 Cedar Sharing Assembly (9.00am)	-	17th June
Year 6 Swimming	-	23rd June
4 Pine Sharing Assembly (9.00am)	-	24th June
Changeover Day	-	29th June
Year 6 Swimming	-	30th June

LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

3rd May	-	Year 5 PSHE
6th May	-	Year 6 PSHE
6th May	-	Year 5 DT Project
13th May	-	Year 6 Sex & Relationships
27th May	-	Year 6 Leavers Hoodies



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