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A very warm welcome to our January newsletter. I would like to thank the many parents that have already congratulated me on my appointment as the substantive Head Teacher. I am really looking forward to this role and as ever, I will always have your child's education at the centre of every decision I make.

This month, my assemblies have focused on the core value and British value, 'Being Respectful'. In my initial assembly, the children heard the story about Gus the Goat. Gus the Goat was not a very respectful member of his school community. We discussed how Gus could be more respectful. I explained to the children that showing respect in school is not just about the way we treat other children but how we can be respectful towards adults and towards resources and school property. The children reflected about a time when they had not been respectful in school.

In my assembly last week, the children heard the poem, 'Cranky Old Man'. I explained to the children that a group who are not often respected in society are the elderly. I emphasised that all older people were once young, just like we are now. They have lived unique, interesting lives and are just as deserving of respect as any other human being. The children took a moment to think about the older people they meet.

In my assembly this week, we reflected upon respecting ourselves. The children learnt that self-respect is about valuing and being happy with who they are. I told the children that a positive attitude and confidence has a lot to do with self-respect. I wanted the children to understand they should be comfortable in their own skin, learning to love and accept the person that they are. This does not mean they have to think that they are perfect but they have to learn to value themselves. Next month, our core value will be, "Being Independent".

Last Friday, the school were treated to a joint assembly by our Year 5 children. I would like to commend Year 5 for the work that was on display as it was of a very good standard. It was clear to see the children had learnt so much in such a short amount of time. Well done to you all. I am very much looking forward to seeing the Year 5 production next half term.

This morning, it was the turn of 6 Beech to show you how much work they have completed this term, on the topic, World War II. The whole school were taken back to the 1939 – 1945 era, where we heard air raid sirens and letters from evacuees. A very poignant assembly on Holocaust Memorial Day. Well done to all those in 6 Beech.

I was pleased to see so many of our Year 6 parents at our SATs Information Evening on Monday night. I hope that those who attended found the event useful. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. If you were unable to attend the evening, the PowerPoint and relevant resources are available from the school office.

Next month, we look forward to seeing 3 Ash's and 6 Fir's sharing assembly, Grandparents' Day and the Junior disco!

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mr Rob Fenton

Head Teacher!!!!!!

CURRICULUM NEWS by Mrs Stimpson

The children in Year 3 have been enjoying writing stories with historical settings in their English lessons this month. In topic lessons, they have been getting excited about The Vikings, wars and invasions! They have also been exploring Christianity and miracles in RE and have made multimedia presentations using PowerPoint in computing.



In Year 4, the children have been learning about angles in maths and have enjoyed problem solving challenges using their place value knowledge. In English, they have been reading Greek myths and have written their own versions, featuring heroes and mythical beasts. In science, they have been exploring the digestive system and looking closely at their own teeth and ways of keeping them healthy. They have also enjoyed learning 'Together', the sign2sing song, in music lessons with Mrs Hudson.

In Year 5, as well as preparing for their joint sharing assembly, the children have been learning to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000, understand negative numbers and use short and long multiplication in maths. During English, they have learned how to write a non-chronological report about life in the Arctic and Antarctic, for animals that include polar bears and caribou. In art, they have painted mountain scenes based on their topic—The Great Outdoors. They have also been busy in science lessons, investigating the pollination process in flowering plants.



Year 6 have written evacuee diary entries as part of their work on World War 2. In maths, Mr Thomas got out the Xbox and introduced the children to the delights of algebra! In their science work, Year 6 have been learning about Charles Darwin, evolution and inheritance. They have also been stretching, balancing and rolling in their PE lessons.

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SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

After a very filling and wonderful Christmas break we are back and straight in to the sporting world at Emmbrook Junior School. In PE this term we will be doing basketball, hockey and golf as well as dance for indoor PE.



After school clubs have now been running for 3 weeks and the attendance across all the clubs is excellent. It's good to see so many children giving other new sports a try, such as tag rugby, which has hit an all time high of 39 children in the club!

We have a very busy period ahead this term with regards to matches and tournaments. We are due to play six league football matches, three B team football matches, two/three girls' football matches, three tag rugby tournaments, two netball tournaments and four cross country races! It will be a very busy and competitive time for the children and myself but its fantastic to get the children out and about participating in these tournaments/matches and great to see a smile on their face as they compete and represent the school.



Our first football match was called off due to a frozen pitch so this will be re-arranged. We have now however had our first cross country race of the year in Maidenhead yesterday and a football match today at Gorse Ride junior school. Reports for both will follow next month.

I would like to just say a huge congratulations to Chloe Huskinson who was nominated by her old school for her performance in PE. Shinfield St Mary's school won Best School in the WBC for Sport/Physical Education and Chloe's old PE teacher recognised her as a contributing factor. Chloe was awarded the medal in assembly this week. Well done Chloe, Shinfield's loss is certainly Emmbrook's gain!



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CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mr Thomas

Well done to all of the children who received a Caught Doing The Right Thing voucher this month.

Redstart:

Yiannis Ntokos x2, Jamie Healy, Cameron Smith, Esther Lamey x2, Zainab Kanu, Sofia Godwin, Fleur Vieten x2, Tamia Yeomans-Mwellie.

Hummingbirds:

Chloe Huskinson, Woody Ferguson, Declan Crawley, Kameron Waddon, Frankie Dayani, Nadia Drury, Jasmine Jasper.

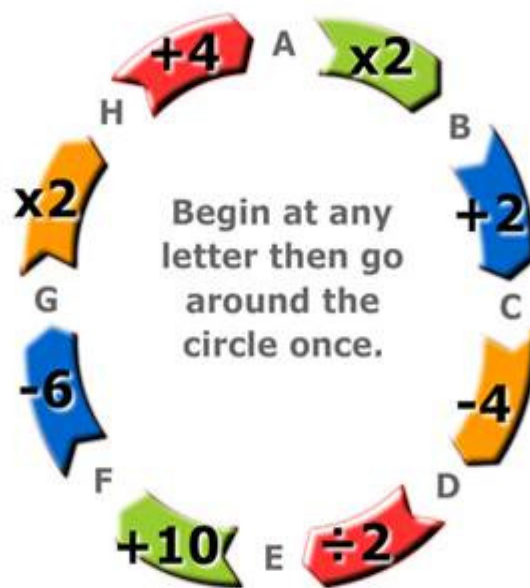
Golden Eagles:

Amba Mistry, Daniel Calvo, Daisy Dottson, James Foote, Ethan Undrell, Taiya Smith, Aneta Fojta, Levi Warnhammar, Henry Cresswell.

Kingfishers:

Angharad Jones x2, Aine Ballantine, Leo Steliaros, Courtney Davidson, Martha Mayhew, Phelix Manning, Selina Demarchi.

MATHS PROBLEM by Mr Thomas



Think of any number (perhaps your age!). Start at any letter then go around the circle performing each operation in order. Which starting point gives the largest answer? Which gives the smallest?

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PTA BOOK CLUB AND BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to everyone who has bought a book through the PTA's book club or at our latest book fair. This enormous pile is the library's latest addition of free books earned with their rewards.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and to borrow them!

Thank you.

Mrs Hart

PTA 100 CLUB WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the following winners for December's PTA 100 club draw.

1st prize: Rebecca Edgington

2nd prize: Tatsiana Biggs

3rd prize: Bruce McCulloch

Congratulations to all of the winners.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

The attendance figures for December are now available and we can confirm that the top four classes were:

3 Ash and 6 Fir— 98.8%

6 Beech—98.6%

4 Pine—98.0%

Well done to everyone for their excellent attendance.



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REMINDERS

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| 3 Ash Sharing
Assembly (9.00am) | - | 3rd Feb |
| Football Match at EJS | - | 3rd Feb |
| Grandparents Day | - | 10th Feb |
| Football Match at
Finchampstead Primary | - | 10th Feb |
| Junior Disco | - | 10th Feb |
| Half Term | - | 13th to 17th
Feb |
| Cross Country Race at
Crosfields School | - | 23rd Feb |
| 6 Fir Sharing
Assembly (9.00am) | - | 24th Feb |
| Hi 5 Netball Qualifier
at Beechwood Primary | - | 27th Feb |
| World Book Day
(Dress as book characters) | - | 2nd Mar |
| 4 Pine Sharing
Assembly (9.00am) | - | 3rd Mar |

LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

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| 5th Jan | - | Welcome Back |
| 6th Jan | - | Fundraising In
School |
| 10th Jan | - | Caterlink Food
Taster Session |
| 12th Jan | - | Expected
Severe Weather
Arrangements |
| 17th Jan | - | 4 Maple Meet
The Teacher |
| 19th Jan | - | 3 Larch
Arrangements |
| 20th Jan | - | Grandparents
Day |
| 23rd Jan | - | Crime
Prevention |
| 27th Jan | - | 5 Elm
Arrangements |
| 27th Jan | - | Head Teacher
Appointment |

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