



**Issue 10**

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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to June's newsletter, what a busy few weeks in glorious sunshine!

The core value for this month has focused on being 'Self-Confident'. Our assemblies have focused on the fact that self-confidence can lead to becoming a successful individual. We explored whether the England under 20s football team players had self-confidence and self-belief in winning the FIFA under 20s World Cup. The children were also reminded that we are a 'can do' school and that, if we believe in ourselves, we can accomplish many things!

This month we have been treated to some great sharing assemblies. Firstly, 3 Larch presented their fantastic work. I was particularly impressed with their persuasive arguments and the children tried to persuade me to give them extra playtimes. I have to admit I was persuaded, but only for that day! On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, it was the turn of 5 Cedar and I am told that this was a great assembly too. The children spoke enthusiastically about their recent work, including their skyscraper models, their great spaceman toys, and their demonstration of how forces work and their own poems based on 'The Highway Man'. Last Friday it was 4 Pine's assembly and again they produced some fantastic work including waterfall models, their own version of 'The Three Little Pigs', Tudor portraits and of course, their great drama of 'The Battle of Bosworth'. They even made Mrs Stimpson cry as they said they would miss her when they move up into Year 5! Well done to all of the children, you truly are amazing.

On Saturday, it was good to see so many of you at our summer fair. I have to say the fair was well attended with the most people I have seen here since I joined the school. There were incredible performances by many of our talented children and I hope this fantastic new event continues in the future. My thanks to our PTA for their hard work and dedication in putting on such a superb event!

On Monday evening, Mr Thomas and I welcomed our new Year 3 parents to the school where we informed them of our vision for the school and our endeavour to continue to raise standards academically as well as this being a happy, fun and safe school to attend. We are really looking forward to the children starting in September.

On Wednesday, we had our 'Changeover Day' where the children were able to spend a day with their new teachers. The children and staff really enjoyed spending their day together and I know that the children are excited by their topics for the Autumn term.

Today we welcomed our Governors into school. The Governors had the opportunity to visit both maths and English lessons and commented on how engaged and enthused the children were. The Governors also received training on the Ofsted framework and we all had a productive afternoon discussing the vision for the school.

I would like to wish you all a great weekend.

Rob Fenton

## CURRICULUM NEWS by Mrs Stimpson

In Year 3, the children have been problem solving in Maths which involved using their multiplication and division skills. They have also been writing fairy tales in English. In science lessons, they have been learning about how plants grow and growing their own from seeds. They have also been practising sewing in preparation for making their own pencil cases in their topic lessons.



Year 4 enjoyed their visit to Ufton Court. Whilst there, they looked at different Tudor artefacts, explored the house and took part in a raid taking on the roles of soldiers or members of the household. In English they wrote recounts of the trip and have also explored a type of poetry called cinquains. In maths, the children have been revisiting written methods of multiplication and division and applying this skills to solve scaling problems. In their topic work they have been locating rivers in Europe using atlases and the internet. They have also been learning about the dangers of mains electricity in science sessions and designed posters to make people aware and show them ways they can keep themselves safe.

Year 5 have been busy writing persuasive letters, as entries for the Wokingham Mini-Mayor competition. Of these, two were chosen and sent off. 5 Cedar presented their sharing assembly—thank you for coming along. In maths, the children have been recapping short multiplication and short division methods before moving onto long multiplication. As part of their topic lessons, they are studying the events accomplished by the USSR and the USA, as part of the Space Race. In science, they enjoyed launching eggs from the top of the climbing frame to investigate air resistance.



The rehearsals for the Year 6 production are now in full swing and the children have been excited to learn their lines and practise the songs. From what I've heard walking past the classrooms, we are in a fantastic performance! The children have also completed a great project which they combined their maths and English skills to design and cost a theme park to show a profit. In science, they have learnt about how we see things and how light travels.

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## SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

This month has been a busy one on the Emmbrook Junior School calendar with regards to sporting tournaments. The school hosted two cricket tournaments and also participated in another. We took part in the Quad Kids athletics tournament for the first time at Palmer Park.

Our first tournament of the month was Quad Kids athletics. We took 10 children (5 boys and 5 girls) to the tournament and they participated in 100m sprint, 600m run, standing long jump and vortex throwing. The weather was very hot on the day, which made it a lot harder for the children. I have to say I thought they were all fantastic and made the school proud. We finished 10th out of 22 schools, which was a fantastic effort. A big well done to Frankie Dayani, Chloe Huskinson, Nadia Drury, Emma Goodwin, Annie Titcombe, Woody Ferguson, Sam Nimme, Max Standing, Lewis Taylor and Liam Gash.

Later in the month, we took part in two cricket tournaments. One was at Reddam house which we hosted with them. The day was fantastic and all the children enjoyed themselves. We won one game and lost two. Our second tournament was played at Wokingham Cricket club. We took 2 teams to the tournament and both teams did really well, especially as it was the first tournament/match for a couple of the pupils. All the children did the best they could and they made me proud of the way they conducted themselves and the effort they made. The support the pupils showed for one another was amazing to see. A big well done to William Kinch, Jamie Healy, Daisy Dottson, Chloe Huskinson, Alyssa Ilaria, Thomas Williams, Freddie Carter, Owen Ward, Kymani Rogers, Max Standing, Joey Uschold, Sam Clarke, Adam Face, Daniel Calvo, Will Jones, Mehul Garg, Liam Gash and Joshua Fowler.

We now have only two more cricket matches to go. If we win both of them, there is a very big chance of winning Division 1 of the Wokingham schools cricket league!



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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.

### **Hummingbird:**

Ozzy Ferguson, Chloe Huskinson, Gui Pereira.

### **Kingfisher:**

Will Jones, Emma Goodwin, Martha Mayhew, Jack Thornton.

### **Redstart:**

George Graham, Isabella L'Hoste, Amy Gane.

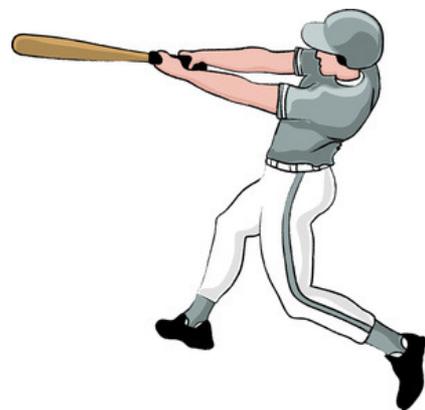
### **Golden Eagle:**

Thomas Williams, James Foote.

## **Little League Baseball Championships**

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Joey Uschold in 5 Elm for winning the Under 11 UK Little League Baseball Championships over the weekend. Baseball clubs from around the London area competed at Farnham Park.

Well done to Joey and his team. What an amazing achievement!



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## PTA 100 CLUB WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the following winners from the May PTA100 club draw:

- 1st - I Winter
- 2nd - I Derrick
- 3rd - S Smith-Browne

Congratulations all and best of luck for the June draw!

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

The attendance figures for May are available. We can confirm that the top three classes were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 3 Ash - 98.2%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 Fir - 97.8%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 Beech - 97.5%

Well done to everyone for their excellent attendance once again.

## MATHS PROBLEM by Mr Thomas

# Squigits

Each of the digits in the number ninety four is a square number. Let's call all numbers like that squigits!

1. Can you find a squigit which is divisible by 7 and larger than 50?
2. Which two squigits have a difference of 100?
3. Find a squigit whose square root is also a squigit.
4. Find a squigit that's also a prime number.
5. How many years last century were squigits?

NINETY-FOUR

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## ELECTION FEVER!

Just before the national general election, our upper school children held a mock election of their own. The children were asked to complete a ballot using authentic ballot slips and a black box. There was even a polling station label on the door and a booth for them to cast their votes in private!

The results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Labour
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Greens
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conservatives
- 4<sup>th</sup> Liberal Democrats

The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to take part in their own election.

## Wokingham Borough Council—Special Educational Needs and Disability

Visit the Wokingham Borough Council's Local Offer to find information on work that has been happening around special educational needs and disability. Read the Summer term - SEND update web page for further information: [www.wokingham.gov.uk/send-update](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/send-update)

Plus come along to the Local Offer Live 2017 family information and fun day (previously known as the CAN Day) on **Saturday 30th September** from 11am until 4pm at St Crispin's Leisure Centre in partnership with Wokingham REACH.



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## REMINDERS

- Year 6 Production to Parents Cast A (6.30pm) - 4th Jul
- Year 3 Trip to Grays Farm - 5th Jul
- Ukulele Assembly to Year 5 Parents - 5th Jul
- Year 6 Production to Parents Cast B (6.30pm) - 5th Jul
- Sports Day - 6th Jul
- Clubs Finish - w/c 10th Jul
- Reserve Sports Day - 11th Jul
- Year 6 Swimming - 13th Jul
- Reports Home - 14th Jul
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.00am) - 14th Jul
- Rock Steady End of Term Concert - 14th Jul
- Parents Meetings to Discuss Reports - 19th Jul
- Year 6 Trip to Science Museum - 20th Jul
- Year 6 Leavers Disco - 20th Jul
- Last Day of Term (School closes at 2pm) - 25th Jul

## LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

- 6th Jun - Year 2 Induction Evening Invite
- 7th Jun - Class Organisation Sept 2017
- 13th Jun - Sports Day
- 16th Jun - Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
- 26th Jun - Class Structure 2017-2018



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