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A very warm welcome to our January newsletter and a Happy New Year to you all!

This month, my assemblies have focused on the core value and British value, 'Being Respectful'. In my assembly last week, 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, towards resources and school property. The children reflected about a time when they had not been respectful in school and the impact that had.

I was pleased to hear that so many of our Year 6 parents attended our SATs Information Evening last Wednesday evening. From our recent survey, it was clear that those that 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 presentation and relevant resources are available from the school office.

Has your child/ren arrived home and spoken to you about Power Maths? Power Maths is a new way in which we deliver our maths lessons, the mastery approach. We have a fundamental belief that all children can achieve confidence and competence in mathematics, building fluency, a deep conceptual and procedural understanding through prolonged and varied practice. Lessons focus on small, sequenced steps that are supported by a range of concrete and pictorial representations, that build and deepen conceptual and procedural knowledge. Children working at mastery can: recall rapidly and accurately mathematical facts; make connections between concepts; use a variety of representations to demonstrate understanding and articulate fully in discussion "how" they have calculated rich and sophisticated problems. We believe that knowledge is not fixed and explicitly embed a growth-mind-set approach into everything our children do – through hard work, practice and a willingness to see mistakes as part of their journey - they can succeed!!

We were pleased that our new School Improvement Officer, Francois Walker stated:

"I was very encouraged by the positive start you have had to introducing Power Maths to staff and pupils. Well done for leading this so effectively."

I would like to reiterate what our School Improvement Officer has said and thank all of our children and staff for their hard work and enthusiasm in this new way of teaching and learning maths!

Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the half term break when it gets here!

Best wishes,
Rob Fenton
Head Teacher

CURRICULUM NEWS by Mr Theobald

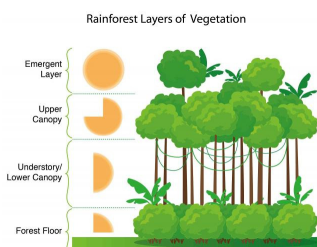
In year 3, the children have been getting stuck into their new learning journey all about Ancient Egypt. So far they have learnt a lot about the Nile (recreating it themselves in watercolours) and found out about their many gods. This has really helped their writing, where they have been creating an adventure story based in Ancient Egypt about a young character getting help from a god to solve a problem in their village. The children have been extending their multiplication and division skills onto two digit numbers, learning to split the numbers up do the calculations and then add it back together for the final answer. They have just moved onto handling money. They have also been working on their conversational French, coding in computing and playing hockey in PE.



January is nearly over and what a busy month the children have had in year 4. They have been learning how to multiply and divide 2-digit and 3-digit numbers using pictorial images to create exciting contexts and challenges for their problem solving. The children are enjoying the thrilling story of Beowulf to support their topic of Anglo-Saxons and have created some amazing pieces of art on the theme. They have been out in the school's environmental area and enjoyed some time role playing the life of an Anglo-Saxon child, ready to write their diary entry of a day in the life of an Anglo-Saxon child. In science the children are discovering all about states of matter and how liquids can

be changed into solids and gases. They were lucky enough to see this in action in the natural world when it snowed last week!

A new journey has taken year five back to the time of the Ancient Greeks and the land of Zeus. Myths have formed a large part of our learning, investigating how these stories affected the day to day lives of ordinary Greeks. Year 5 have written amazing diaries as Theseus, ready to battle with a terrifying Minotaur, created 3D labyrinths for Design and Technology and are currently morphing into Icarus and Daedalus, flying too close to the sun, through the medium of dance. We are enjoying the new style of maths with Power Maths, focusing on inverses with multiplication and division and developing our knowledge using fractions in a variety of ways. Our next challenge is to consider whether we should open Pandora's Box and release the evils of the world. We wonder what would be enclosed in a modern day box.



In year 6 the children have had a great start to the new term with the introduction of their Explorers Learning Journey and the new Power Maths scheme. With the use of the story, 'The Explorer' they have been looking at the content of South America, with a focus on Brazil. The children have explored the layers of the rainforest and started a comparison project of the UK and Brazil. Using The Explorer the children are creating diary entries for the main character while he is lost in the Amazon rainforest and biographies on famous explorers. In art they have been studying the artist Henri Rousseau, looking at how

they can create their own rainforest pictures without visiting one, like Rousseau. Since the start of January when the new Power Maths scheme was introduced, the children have been looking at decimals and percentages. They have been developing these areas using different real life problems solving and applying the skills across a variety of different contexts.

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CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mrs Freeman

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

Hummingbirds:

Nyreece Thompson-Hordle, George Gresswell, Oscar Zheng, Jazmine Crawford x4, James Clarke x2, Sophie Joseph x2, Ben Jones, Lauren Joseph x3, Lara Clinch x2, Will Tucker, Anya Ark, Emily Cawley, Lauren Nimme y x2, Manuela Bernstein x2, Myles Addison, Nivetha Manikandan.

Redstarts:

Sebbie Radbourne, Jack Felton, Josh Walgate, Harry McAllister, Audrey Idris, Anabelle Froggatt x2.

Golden Eagles:

Wilfred Grundy-Kelly x2, James Foote, Aneta Fojta, Tristan Scott, Max Woodhead x2, Rhys Gilbert, Amelie Lenihan x2, Naisha Srivastava, Emmeline Reid, Darcey Edwards, Skye Seeley.

Kingfishers:

Susannah Jones, Lillian Sammour, Sophie McCulloch, Isla Wastell, Tonderai Gwenda, Emily Taylor x2, Ben Plummer, Alex Biggs, Phelix Manning, Adam Steliaros, Zumrut Cebi, Amelia Cooper.

Pizza Raffle

Well done to the children that were successful in the raffle to enjoy a pizza with Mr Fenton and Mr Theobald. The winners this time were:

Rory—4 Elm
Amelie—5 Maple
Will—4 Elm

Michael—5 Maple
Tamia—6 Beech
Anabelle—5 Maple

Zoe—3 Ash
Zumrut—6 Fir



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SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

Well that was a short break! As it did for most, the Christmas break whizzed by.

The first half term of the Spring term has been relatively quiet though fixtures have been scheduled in for the second half term and we have a lot to get through. So far, we have competed in a cross-country race over at Braywick sports ground, where both Division 1 and 2 raced. Nearly 1000 children took part in this event and Emmbrook Junior School certainly held their own. We had two runners finish in the top 10 of the year 3/4 girls race (over 200 girls ran in this race). We finished eighth overall between 18 schools. This was a fantastic achievement from all the pupils of Emmbrook Junior School so well done to all the children that took part. Our next race is on Thursday 7 February at Black Park, Slough. This race is being organised by Emmbrook Junior, so I will be busy setting it all up and hoping it runs smoothly.

Our tag rugby team had a practice match against The Coombes Primary, in what is safe to say tricky conditions! The snow was falling and had settled, the pitch was very wet and the cold was biting everyone's fingers and toes. We played three matches of 10 minutes each, winning the first game 5-4, drawing the second 3-3 and losing the last 4-3. This made the total 11 tries each and finished in a draw. It was certainly an experience and one the children might not forget anytime soon.

Lastly, we played a girls football match against Wildmoor Heath (Mr Thomas' new school, remember him?). The match was one of the most entertaining matches I have seen for a long while. The second half was end-to-end stuff with goals by Lauren and Aine. Well done to the girls. It was great to see them all enjoy the game.

Sadly our all day football tournament at the Madjeski Stadium was postponed due to the predicted poor weather but we do have another football match against Wildmoor Heath scheduled, this time for the boys. Fingers crossed the weather does not wreak havoc and force this match to be cancelled as well. Keep an eye out for more fixtures over the coming weeks, as it will be another busy one with football, rugby, cross-country and hockey.



Keep warm!

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ATTENDANCE FIGURES by Mrs Perkins

100% Attendance for Autumn Term 2018-2019

Congratulations to all those children who have 100% attendance this term. What a fantastic achievement! The children are:-

3 Ash	3 Larch	4 Cedar	4 Elm
Daisy Cooper	Sianna Atkar	Evie Dowse	George Cowell
Toby Doyle	Ashton Balla	Sumaiah El-Dali	Ella Desai
Samuel Dunn	Alfie Bray	Vian Furtado	Milly Devereaux
Alan Fojta	Iesha Briggs	Rhys Gilbert	Maisie Dowse
Evie Frost	Annabelle Colby	Ava Rose Ibale	Sophie Fidler
Mia Haynes	Lachlan Gresty	Joseph Ilaria	Isabelle Mason
Georgia Hemmi	Evie Hall	Eden Matthews	Rory Morris-Smith
Kartheek Kota	Elizabeth Leddy	Camron Mpofo	Amelia Phillips
Felicity Molloy	Cameron Maynard	William O'Connor	Megan Shields
Connor Moran	Sophia Mete	Emmeline Reid	Sonny Smith
Daniel Moran	Alex Pickup	Oliver Simpkin	
Jacob Pratt	Connor Reid	Maisie Walker	
Freddie Smallman	Isla Simpson	Darcey Wallace	
Nathan Smith	Henry Wilkinson	Millie Warner	
Zoe Sullivan		Amy Williams	
Aidan Thomas		Oscar Zheng	
5 Maple	5 Pine	6 Beech	6 Fir
Lucas Baily	Michelle Bulley	Anya Ark	Nada El-Dali
Ben Jones	Amelia Cooper	Isabella Craig	Louca Harrison
Edward Newman	Jessica Dhaliwal	Alexander Derrick	Audrey Idris
Ben Plummer	Ryan Doyle	Daniel Earls	Ethan Marihoho
Naisha Srivastava	Aneta Fojta	Luke Seymour	Emma Schutte
Harry Taylor	Patrick Healy	Austin Tandy	Nyreece Thompson-Hordle
	Anhelina Klymko	Oliver Waistell	
	Sophie McCulloch	Thomas Williams	
	James Nash		
	Benjamin Preston		
	Evan Saynor		
	Tristan Scott		
	Adam Stelias		
	Emily Taylor		
	Ellie Thomson		
	Oliver Yardley		

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ATTENDANCE FIGURES by Mrs Perkins cont.

97%+ Attendance for Autumn Term 2018-2019

In addition to those children who have achieved 100%, our congratulations go to those children who have 97% or higher attendance. Well done to:-

3 Ash	3 Larch	4 Cedar	4 Elm
Natalie Allen	Darcy Edwards	Elena Di Costanzo	Irha Asher
Sophia Barley	Claudia Ewer-McAlpine	Konstantin Draganov	Edward Austin
Tonderai Gwenda	Kaitlyn Folan	Holly Garrett	Marcus Derrick
Zoe Hiscock	Georgina Pickard	Eva Godwin	Joshua Dingley
Caitlin Hooker	Iris Pritchard	Lewis Ross	Alfie Fletcher
Owen Morgan	Thomas Roberts	Skye Seeley	Wilfred Grundy-Kelly
Lillia Sammour	Finlay Siggins	Harry Squires	Ananya Gupta
Kaarunya Sasitharan	Akshaya Thiagarajan Nithya	Jacob Tandy	Lucy Hall
Harry Sinfield	Toby Thomas	Isla Wastell	Austin Ilbrey
Eva Yeomans-Mwellie	Oscar Ward	Philip Zimnowodzki	Susannah Jones
	Seth Warren		Lauren Joseph
	Annabel Westrap		Jessie Mayhew
			Abigail Payne
			Owen Seymour
			Will Tucker
5 Maple	5 Pine	6 Beech	6 Fir
Manuela Bernstein	Jack Felton	Lillie Addis	Myles Addison
Alexander Biggs	George Graham	Freddie Carter	Aine Ballantine
Noah Brannan	Hannah Needham	Divyanshi Dahiya	Isabella L'Hoste
Holly Gane	Emmanuel Uwannah	Chloe Dowle	Nivetha Manikandan
George Gresswell	Daniel Visgandis	Oliver Folan	Jake Marsh
Kye Hambleton	Elizabeth Walgate	Phelix Manning	Pavithra Nair
Dominic Hemmi	Thomas Williams	Alex Roberts	George Rosenthal
Sophie Joseph		Lauren Ross	Adam Rustom
Michael Khan		Evie Sinfield	Tharaka Sasitharan
Amelie Lenihan		Jack Tucker	Rebeka Subotic
Daniel Madry		Amelia Williams	Charlotte Taylor
Lauren Nimmev		Tamia Yeomans-Mwellie	Joshua Walgate
Rhys Sansom			April Ward
Edward Vickers			
William Westrap			
Max Woodhead			

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ATTENDANCE FIGURES by Mrs Perkins cont.

CLASS ATTENDANCE 05.09.18 – 31.12.18

3 Ash	98.3%
3 Larch	98.1%
4 Cedar	98.1%
4 Elm	98.1%
5 Maple	97.7%
5 Pine	97.2%
6 Beech	95.9%
6 Fir	96.8%

HOUSE ATTENDANCE – DECEMBER 2018

Golden Eagle	97.3%
Hummingbird	97.2%
Kingfisher	97.5%
Redstart	97.2%



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LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

- 4th Jan - Lockdown Practice
- 4th Jan - Secure Emails
- 7th Jan - Bring your parents/relatives to school morning
- 8th Jan - SATs Information Evening (Year 6 only)
- 14th Jan - First Access Music Project (Year 5 only)
- 14th Jan - School Disco
- 24th Jan - 5 Pine Class Arrangements (5 Pine only)
- 25th Jan - Wine Tasting Evening

REMINDERS

- 8th Feb - School Disco (6.30pm to 7.45pm Years 3& 4, 8.00pm to 9.15pm Years 5 & 6)
- w/c 18th Feb - Half Term
- w/c 25th Feb - E-Safety Week
- 27th Feb - Bring A Relative to School morning



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