



Thought of the Week: "If you ask me what I came into this life to do, I will tell you: I came to live out loud." – Emile Zola

## celebrating success

### Attendance

Rowan class had the highest attendance last week with 96.3%. Whole school attendance was 94% below target but lots of poorly tummies in school. Please don't forget to ring 01670 822326 if your child is going to be late or unable to attend school. Thank you.

### Star of the Week

Star of the Week Certificates were given to the following children: Jessica Foster, Jaycob Short, Finn Besford, Megan Philpott, Shane Mills-Auld, Lacie Temperley and Samantha Arkle. These children all had Star Tea with Mr Sutherland due to their exemplary attitude.

### Head Teacher Awards

The following children were all given a Head Teacher Award Certificate for their outstanding work last week: Tyler McMurdo, Lincoln Clark, Caitlin Scott, Abbie Gair, Lucy Lynn, Charlie- Soux McLeod and Zak Parkin.

### Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at last week at Ice-Cream Friday: Corey Stoker, Charlie Jones, Aiden Falloon, Lennon Gibbon, Chelsie Packer, Rebecca Hanlon and Nathan Roy. These children were rewarded for their exemplary behaviour.

### Mathletics

Oak class again had the highest score with 20,061 points. Lewis Stanton had the highest score last week with 10,629 points.

## important information

### Important E-Safety Reminder

Following on from my note in last week's Station Voice I would also like to remind parents that our website has a dedicated E-Safety page on it with lots of information and tips about how to keep everyone safe on-line. May I just take this opportunity to remind everyone of our SMART internet safety advice?

**SAFE** - Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

**MEETING** - Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

**ACCEPTING** - Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

**RELIABLE** - Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

**TELL** - Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Can I remind parents and carers also that the recommended age for young people to have social media accounts such as Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram is no younger than 13 years old. If you decide that your child can have their own social media account then it is recommended that you check that their privacy settings are at the highest level and ideally ensure that the accounts are linked to your own phone or tablet so that you are able to monitor their activity. **Can I respectfully advise you that, as parents and carers, you regularly check your child's use of their mobile phones, iPads, XBoxes and PS4s, along with any other form of electronic communication, to ensure that you are happy with the way they are being used, as well as the content of the messages.**

Further advice can be located on our school website or if you have any doubts or are unsure, please feel free to contact the school office or speak to me individually. Thank you.

### **Mock SATS – Year 6 Oak Class**

Year 6 took part in Mock SATS this week, where we ran the week exactly as it will happen in mid-May. The children have come in early for a special SATS breakfast so that they are settled and ready to start on time. We have also talked about the need for lots of sleep, early bedtimes, good food and lots of water. I am so proud of the way they have responded to this challenge, although knowing them as I do I am not remotely surprised. They have all tried their very best, with a responsible, confident and mature attitude and have all performed brilliantly. Well done Year 6 and thank you to you as parents and carers for your support in helping to give them every possible chance to succeed. May I also thank teaching, support and administrative staff for their role in making sure that this week has gone so smoothly. It is very much appreciated!

### **Bikes and Scooters on the Yard – An Important Reminder**

It is school policy that children do not ride their bikes or scooters on the yard either before or after school starts. Once a child reaches the school gate he or she is required to get off their bike or scooter and store it neatly until the end of the day. All the children are aware of this rule and I reminded them of it in my whole-school assembly last Friday morning. The reason for the rule is to ensure that everyone, especially our younger pupils and their siblings, parents and carers, feel safe when they walk across the school premises. I have also been made aware from parents of dangerous cycling and scootering at our school gates in the morning when pedestrians are trying to get past safely. Sadly, some of our children seem to be experiencing difficulties in adhering to this rule and I am aware of some children still riding bikes and scooters on our yard before and after school. Disappointingly, some of these children are our Year 5 and 6 children who should, I believe, be setting the right example for our younger ones. I made it clear to all the children in the school last Friday that if they are seen riding their bike or scooter on the yard by a member of school staff from now, they will immediately have the right to bring their bike or scooter to school removed until further notice. Parents and carers will be contacted and advised that their child is no longer allowed to bring their bike or scooter to school. I really hope that this measure will not be necessary but the children are all clear that this is the outcome if they do not abide by this school rule. I do not believe in having a “rule for rule’s sake” but this is a preventative measure designed to ensure that all our visitors are safe on the yard and I would be grateful for your full support with this. Thank you.

### **Special School Meal and Raffle Ticket Winners**

As you know we held our special school meal Theme Day last Thursday. It proved very popular with 149 children having a school lunch on that day. We had a special breakfast / brunch as you know and we had several children who did not have a dinner that day asking if we were going to do this again. So we have decided to repeat the “all day breakfast” next half term. As I promised, we held a raffle for anyone who had a school dinner on that day. The winners were drawn in our whole-school assembly on Friday morning and they were: - Bently from Acorn Class, Shane from Sycamore and Kelsie from Rowan. Congratulations and well done you three, all of whom received a £5.00 Gift Voucher. Thank you to all the children and adults who helped to make our Theme Day such a special occasion and particular thanks of course go to our kitchen team who did a fantastic job.

### **Denim for Diabetes**

On Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 we have some visitors coming to school to talk to the children about Diabetes and some of the issues around it for children and adults in schools. We thought it might be nice to have a “Denim for Diabetes” day on that day so that we can mark the importance of learning more about Diabetes and also raise some much needed funds to help Diabetes UK with their work. The children are welcome to attend school that day wearing an item of denim – perhaps a jacket, shirt or jeans – and bring a £1.00 contribution to help with the fundraising. Thank you for your support.

### **We welcome new members of staff to our team**

As previously indicated we now have a new member of the School Office team. Miss Vurlan has now started with us and I believe has already met many of you as part of her working day. In addition, we now have a new Midday Supervisor starting with us next week. Mrs Davies will be joining our fabulous team of Lunchtime Support staff from Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> to help support the children with their lunches and play. We warmly welcome both members of staff to our team and hope they will be very happy with us.

### **PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting is being held in the community room on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm, feel free to drop in.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Can we ask that you please do not use 16-17 Station Street for parking on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January due to Water Board maintenance/road works. Thank you for your co-operation.