

The Stationvoice



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Thought of the Week: "If you are not willing to learn, no-one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no-one can stop you." - Anon

celebrating success

Attendance

Oak class had the highest attendance last week with 99%. Whole school attendance is 95%. 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 all given to the following children: Lili-Ann Ferrier, Kelsey Gair, Harry Mason, Alex Roy, Charlotte Mason, Alisha Marshall and Max Routledge. 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: Logan Hutchison, Faryn Robson, Finn Besford, Megan Philpott, Ryleigh Tomlinson, Syden Morgan and Samantha Arkle. Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

Ice Cream Friday

The following children all had ice cream sundaes at Ice-cream Friday last week: Harrison Barker, Hollie McMurdo, Ethan Jackson, Robbie Holman, Kaiden Carrick, Keira O'Brien and Jess Sterry. These children were rewarded because of their good attitude and their tremendous effort last week.

Mathletics

Rowan class had the highest score with 25,468 points. Lewis Stanton had the highest score last week with 4,590 points, Lewis is also our Mathletic of the Month! Well done everyone.

important information

Safer Internet Week – week commencing 6th February 2017

Next week is "Safer Internet Week" with Safer Internet day itself being Tuesday February 7th 2015. We will be having lots of activities going on in classrooms and around school, with resources specifically designed to ensure that children are knowledgeable about some of the risks that can be out there on the internet and the best way to deal with them. We have age appropriate resources for some special lessons for the children and a booklet entitled "Digital Parenting" will be sent to each household to help support families at home. On Tuesday evening, all our staff took part in additional e-safety training and I am aiming to put on an after-school training session for parents and carers later in the spring term. 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.

The Play Patch – Update

We are very pleased to say that our fund raising for our Play Patch in Early Years is going extremely well and we are well on the way to reaching our target. We are aiming to create a vibrant and exciting outside area to enhance the learning opportunities for our children. This area will not only be used by Early Years but older children will be able to access the garden to develop skills and give them opportunities that are not available to them in the local area. Grants have been secured from The Big Lottery who have given us just under £10,000 and Bernicia Housing - £4,000. We also have further grants that have been applied for. Together with school funds and fundraising we are able to make a start on our project. Please have a look at our special noticeboard outside our Year 3 & 4 entrance which will be up and running very soon where we will keep you up to date with our ideas and our progress. Watch this space!

Year 5 Netball Success

Huge congratulations go to some of our girls in Rowan Class who reached the final of the netball competition last Thursday afternoon and were only beaten by a last minute "Golden Goal". Our team is relatively new to netball but did so well and we are all really proud of them. Well done girls!

Parent Governor Vacancies on our Governing Body – A reminder

Don't forget that the closing date for nominations for School Governor is Friday 3rd February, 2017. We have two vacancies and this is an exciting opportunity for parents to have an additional voice in the running of our school and to be a proactive part of its future development and success. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about the role.

New “Gold Gallery” in the Main School

We have a new Gold Gallery in our main school building which has been created by a special artist we brought into school on Monday and Tuesday of this week. It is a bright and colourful space where we can celebrate some of the wonderful work done by our children from right across the school. The work doesn't have to be English or Maths work – it can be anything that the children have really excelled at which gives everyone a chance to shine. It has created a real buzz with the children and I know that they are all really keen to have their work chosen for the Gallery. Please have a lookout for it when you are next in school for a Parents' Evening or curriculum event.

PTA Purchase of iPads for Early Years

I am delighted that our Parent Teachers Association (PTA) have agreed to a request from me to spend some of the funds they have raised on some iPads specifically for Early Years children. I am sure that you are aware that iPads are quite expensive but we feel are crucial in expanding the knowledge of our children, from the oldest in Year 6 to our young people in Acorn and Willow. The PTA have agreed to fund 3 iPads initially with the school then matching this with a further 3 later this academic year. The iPads have been ordered and will start to be utilised after half term. This is only possible due to your generosity as parents and carers and I am very aware of and very thankful for the contributions you make in events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs for example, as well as other fundraising initiatives that take place throughout the year. The cost of 3 iPads with robust cases is over a £1000.00 and I thought you would appreciate knowing where some of your contributions are going. Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work from our PTA and I would like to thank them on behalf of us all for their efforts.

Attendance – Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

5 mins late each day	3 days lost!
10 mins late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 mins late each day	10 days lost!
20 mins late each day	13 days lost!
30 mins late each day	19 days lost!

*(Figures are calculated over a school year)