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Term 5 Week 1

Friday 23rd April

British Citizen

This week's British Citizen award goes to Jared for being a great buddy to his friends and especially helping new children out getting used to their new school. **Well done, Jared!**



Attendance

Whole school: week: **97%**
year: **96.8%**

Maple: **95.9%** Cherry: **99.6%**

Willow: **95.9%** Lilac: **96%**

Less than 94.9% - Red 95 to 96.4% - **Amber**
96.5 to 99.9% - Green **100% - Gold**



Top Tips

- **Letters home:** Whole School, Stamp Competition, Parent Consultation, Mrs Hill; Cherry, Wakehurst Place, Mrs King; Lilac Class: RSE information
- **Thank you:** the transition to pre-booking lunches has gone amazingly well, thank you!
- **ParentPay:** Please check your ParentPay accounts, there are still a few with outstanding balances.



Sports Award

This week, the awards go to:

Rhys S: for excellent effort, concentration and controlled dismounts in Gymnastics.

Beau: for great focus, effort and determination during the entire lesson.

Scarlett: for great introduction to sprint starts during athletics.

Jax: for excellent reactions and focus during sprint starts.

Well done to you all!



Dates for your Diary

April

27th: Willow Class Swimming
29th: Willow Class Forest School
29th: Cherry Class Wakehurst Place

May

3rd: Bank Holiday - no school
4th: Willow Class Swimming
4th-14th: Parent Consultations
6th: Cherry Class Forest School
10th-14th: Bikeability Year 5
11th: Willow Class Swimming
13th: Lilac Class Forest School
18th: Willow Class Swimming
20th: Maple Class Forest School
25th Willow Class Swimming
28th: Last Day of Term

Reading Reward Scheme

Thank you for your ongoing support in totting up the minutes read at home, and for the additional comments you make in the reading records.

Reading Records are checked weekly in school by the class teacher or teaching assistant and minutes are counted for the class total.

This week's results for our Reward Scheme:



Maple: 939 minutes

Cherry: 2,769 minutes

Willow: 637 minutes

Lilac: 4,956 minutes

Well done, Lilac!

If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.

Easter Excitement

A huge thank you to the hard work put in by your PTFA organising the Easter activities. It was fabulous to see so many businesses in the village taking part and was a great way of ensuring St Mary's has positive involvement with our local community.

Prizes for the Word Search, Scavenger Hunt and Spot the Difference were chosen at random from the entries received. The colouring competition was judged by each Class Teacher who chose their favourite picture.

Prizes were then handed out in our Celebration Assembly today.

For the scavenger hunt there were 10 answers to collect and a mystery word.

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| 1. St Mary's School | 6. The Anchor Pub |
| 2. Hartfield Playschool | 7. Millenium Garden |
| 3. Nick the Butcher | 8. Village shop |
| 4. Tennis Court | 9. Post box |
| 5. St Mary's Church | 10. Pooh Corner Tea Shop |

A thank you is also extended to the business who took part, with special thanks to Pooh Corner for donating so many wonderful books.

The Mystery Words: **Easter Eggs**

Prizes:

Spot the Difference: Evelyn H

Word Search: Isla

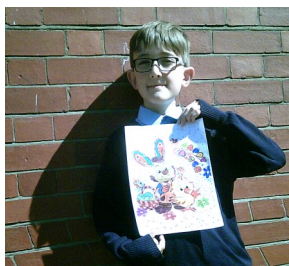
Scavenger Hunt: Rhys S

Colouring Competition: **Maple Class:** Jax

Cherry Class: Jacob J

Willow Class: Lucas M

Lilac Class: Ahlia



Another huge thank you needs to be extended to the PTFA for their generosity to our lovely Year Sixes, who received their 'Leaver's Hoodies' today.

A final thank you goes to all parents who support the work of the PTFA; without your ongoing involvement the PTFA they would not be able to support us in the fantastic way that they do!



Congratulations

Amelia and Max took advantage of the warmer weather and decided to set up a lemonade stand at the end of their garden to raise money for the NHS.

Lots of cyclists, passers by, neighbours and cars driving past stopped to buy a cup and after two hours Amelia and Max had raised an astonishing £120 for the NHS.

Well done Amelia and Max!



Needed

Pre-Loved Trainers and/or Plimsolls

If you have any at home that your children are no longer using, please consider donating them to the school as they would be useful for children without full PE kits.

Thankyou.

SAFETY CONCERNS

At the beginning of the school day, children should not be out of cars waiting to come into school until 8:40am when the doors open.

At the end of school, we appreciate the time difference between Key Stage 1 and 2 collection but it is essential that children are not using the car park to play.

Please also ensure that you are wearing a face covering if you are able, Covid-19 guidance still encourages use of masks.

Thank you.



Competition Time

Our school is delighted to be taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. Please take a look in your child(ren)'s book bag as they have been given all the documents you need to take part. The design needs to be a picture of the hero or heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. All further details can be found on the documents sent home. Please ensure all entries are back in school by **Friday 14th May** so we can send them off in plenty of time for the competition deadline. Good luck!



Enter the Heroes Stamp Design Competition Honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic... on stamps



For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.



All children aged 4-14 from across the UK (except residents of the Isle of Man and Channel Islands) can enter the competition through their school, or independently from a school with permission from an adult.

The closing date for entries is 5pm on **Friday 28th May 2021**.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON		
	SCHOOL	ENTRANT/FAMILY
Overall Winners x 8:	£1,000	£1,000 vouchers
Regional Winners x 16:	£500	£500 vouchers
Regional Runners Up x 96:	£100	£100 vouchers

Maple Class Forest School

This term our learning journey is 'Turrets and Tiaras'. The children all had a willow horse or dragon to name and ride on to the woods, as Knights, Kings and Princesses. It was a sunny afternoon and the children started by spotting spring flowers and looking at shadows created by the oak tree along the school drive.



Along the way the children found different parts of their environment to climb and sing 'I'm the King of the castle....'. The muddy mound, the bridge, and an overturned bath were all great exploring, sliding and

chanting places. The impact of Forest School can be seen through the skills,



tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants trees in relation to the seasons and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games. Using sticks, charcoal and paper bags, the children had a go at making shields for

themselves by designing, then weaving sticks through their paper. Some

children extended

their ideas by using wood, wire and palm drills to create a shield.

There was some great collaborative tree climbing, balancing on the slack line without a support line, swinging in the hammock and some

stream jumping!

The plants

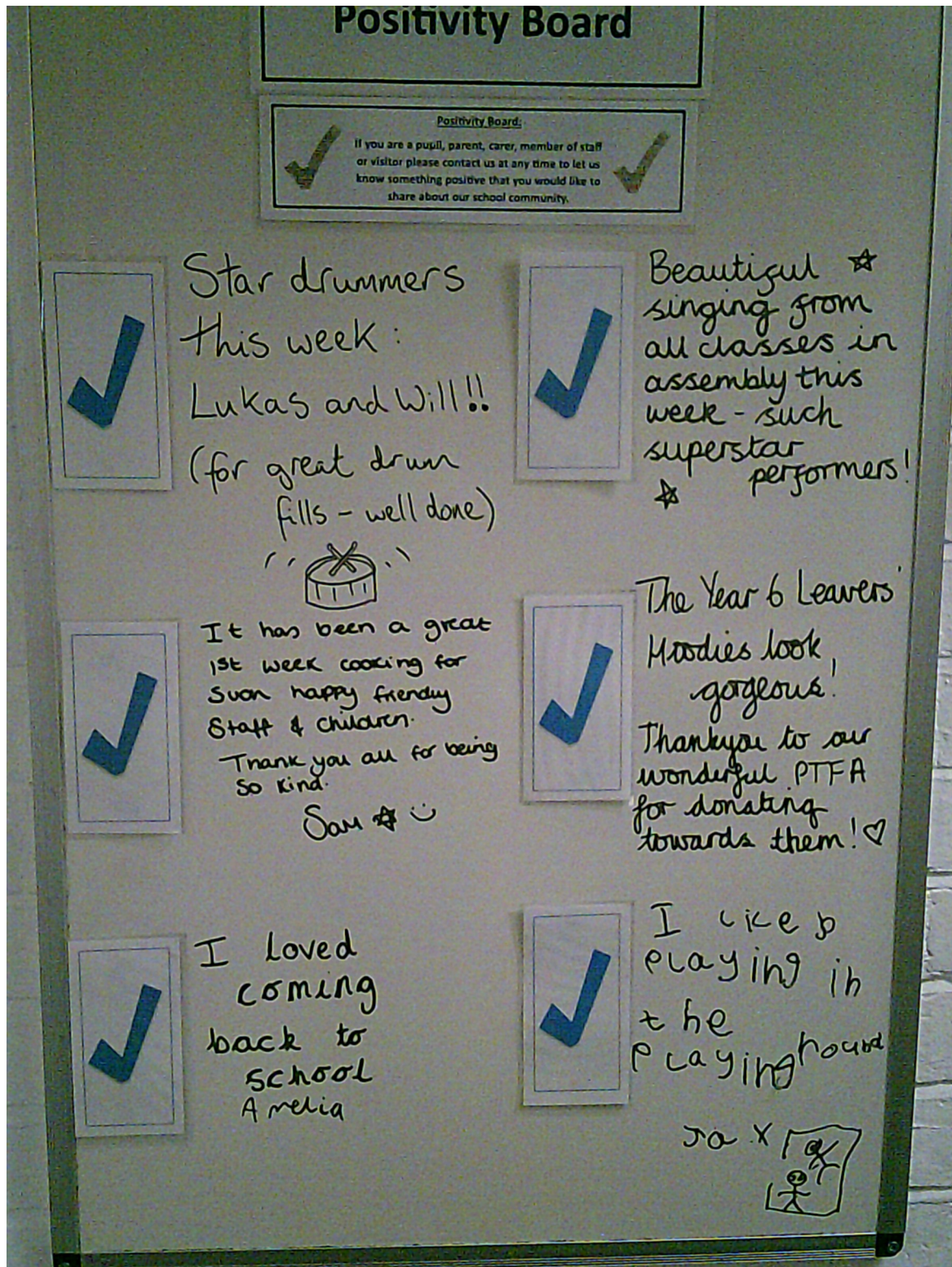
we saw today were bluebells and we heard lots of birds singing and even spotted some fluttering butterflies on the way out of the woods!



Positivity Board

This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us at any time to let us know something that you would like to share. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



Benny

Benny was pretty tired out from his afternoon helping Miss Hare teach French in Willow Class! The children were so calm and concentrated so well that Benny felt very relaxed & wandered around to give quite a few of them a cuddle!



Well Being Poster

In support of the Anaphylaxis Campaign, this week's well being poster gives information on allergy awareness.



Anaphylaxis Campaign

Supporting people at risk of severe allergies

Did you know?

Some people have allergies to lots of different foods such as milk, eggs, soya, sesame, fish and lots more



It's not just nuts!

Follow our tips to make your school allergy aware

- Always wash your hands before and after eating
- Don't share your food
- If you are not sure, always ask an adult if a food is safe
- If you carry adrenaline, take your two auto-injectors with you wherever you go
- Always check labels on packaged products
- Bullying because of allergies is unacceptable - tell an adult
- If you spot any symptoms act quickly - tell an adult
- Don't be afraid to tell your friends about your allergy

Anaphylaxis Campaign (incorporating the Latex Allergy Support Group), a charity registered in England and Wales (1085527) and a registered company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (04133242). Registered office address: 1 Alexandra Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 6BU.

More Congratulations and Thanks

Congratulations go to our lovely Abbie Hill (nee Banks), who, after a whole year of cancellations, was finally able to get married during the Easter Holidays.



Following several pre-wedding celebrations in school this time we decided to celebrate after the event!



Thank you to Lilac Class for their donations towards the beautiful room décor that greeted Mrs Hill and Lilac Class on their return to school on Monday, with a special thank you to Mrs Cox for her help and ideas to make the room look so beautiful.