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Term 5 Week 2

Friday 30th April

British Citizen

This week's British Citizen award goes to Lucas W for being really helpful to the teachers in his classroom and always being polite and smiley!



Well done, Lucas!

Attendance

Whole school: week: **97.9%**
year: **96.9%**

Maple: **97.3%** Cherry: **98.5%**
Willow: **98.5%** Lilac: **96.9%**

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



Top Tips

- **Letters home:** Whole School, Parent Consultation reports
- **Thank you:** the transition to pre-booking lunches has gone amazingly well, thank you!
- **ParentPay:** Please check your ParentPay accounts. If you have an outstanding balance it is not possible to book lunch and booking closes the evening before.
- **Plants:** If you have any excess bedding plants, please bring them to school!
- **Parent Consultations:** Please sign up if you haven't already.



Sports Award

This week, the awards go to:

Coco: for excellent attitude, support and focus during Tennis.

Isla: for great improvement, in Tennis technique, especially her footwork and shot making.

Elodie: for brilliant focus and following instructions during PE.

Thomas B-S: for excellent reactions and following instructions during Athletics.

Well done to you all!



Learning Powers Certificate

In our Celebration Assembly today, the following children celebrated their achievements:

Maple: Oliver **Cherry:** Elodie

Willow: Harrison **Lilac:** Kishi

Well done to all!



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: 462 minutes

Cherry: 765 minutes

Willow: 1,003 minutes

Lilac: **2,958 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.

Dates for your Diary

May

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



St Mary's



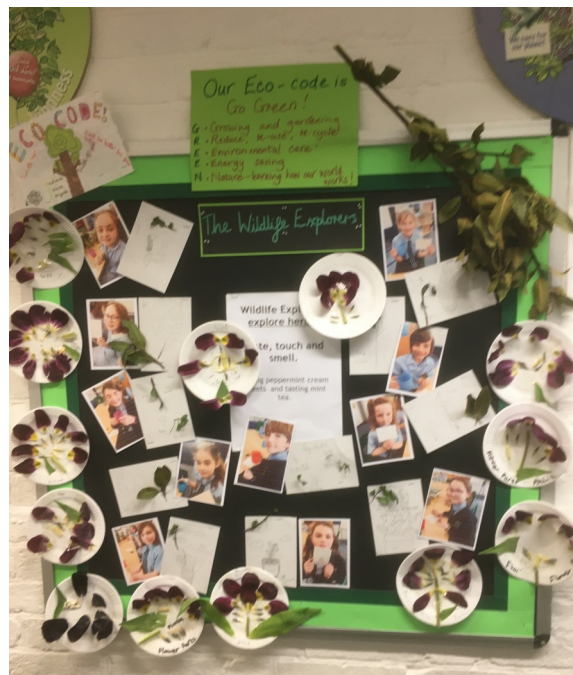
Our lovely PTFA continue their work behind the scenes so don't forget to have the School on your Amazon Smile account, be signed up to 'Easy Fund Raising', add any clothes to our collection bin, or to pop us onto any re-orders for Stikins labels!

The PTFA is always open to new volunteers so if you have a bit of spare time and would be happy to join them, please get in touch.



Wildlife Explorers

St Mary's Wildlife Explorer Club celebrated Spring this week by investigating flowers. They discovered that flowers attract pollinators by colour, scent and nectar. Pollen comes from the male stamens and is carried to the female stigma to make seeds. When they had dissected their Tulips, the Explorers set up a display so that everyone could see the parts they had observed.



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.



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.

Cherry Class Wakehurst Place

This term Cherry Class' topic is 'Glorious Growing'. To immerse ourselves in all things botanical, yesterday we headed off to Wakehurst Place. Since we started this topic (last week!) Cherry Class have been particularly fascinated about seeds. Convenient then, that Wakehurst is home to the Milenium Seed Bank.

On arrival, we were led down through the Gardens to the Mansion House. Once inside, we were shown an image of a birthday party with lots of different food including popcorn, chocolate, cake, juice, and bread. We learnt that without plants we wouldn't have any of these foods.

The next part of the day was the **Amazing Seeds workshop**. We got to see the largest seed in the world: the double coconut. It was huge! We compared it with the smallest seed in the world: the seed from an orchid. It was really hard to see. We then had the opportunity to engage with 4 different activities to discover seeds more closely. The children loved



the opportunity to use microscopes to get a really close look at a variety of seeds.

"Carrot seeds are really spiky!" Tiago

We then embarked on the **Tremendous Trees Trail** discovering trees that live in the rainforest, trees as old as Dinosaurs (we learnt diplodocuses ate them!), trees whose seeds need wings to help them disperse and the thickest beech tree we have ever seen.

Once we had eaten lunch and had a well-deserved run and play on the mansion lawns, we had a go at some **Ephemeral Art.**; using natural objects collected from the ground to create images of plants. The children were fantastic at working together to create some really beautiful pictures.

"I created a sunflower using pink petals." Elodie

The impact of this trip can be shown through the knowledge gained through direct interaction with seeds and plants. The opportunity to compare a huge variety of seeds has given the children a strong foundation at the start of our learning into how plants grow and develop.

On our return to the classroom, as we continue to grow plants and develop our knowledge of plants, we will look at seeds with a new sense of awe and wonder.



Celebration Assembly

Every Friday morning we have our virtual Celebration assembly as a whole school! It's a brilliant opportunity to see the whole school together and lovely to see the children waving to their friends in other classes. We celebrate those who have been on Blue or the Star during the week, as well as giving out Learner of the Week, Sports Star, British Citizen and awarding the Reading Cup and Attendance Ted to the winning class. We finish each assembly with cheering a big happy birthday to those who have celebrated birthdays in the week - it's the best way to start a Friday morning.



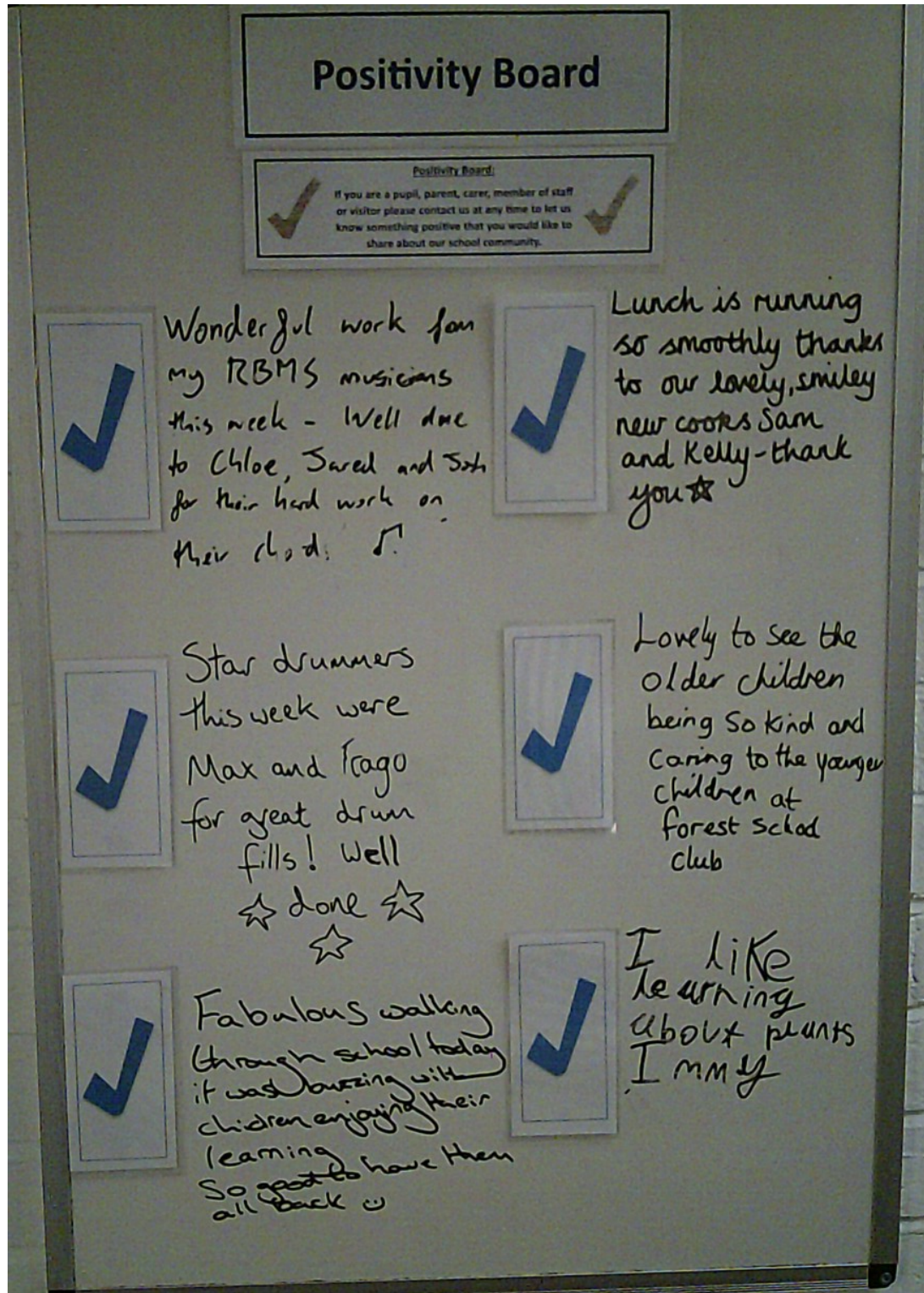
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Positivity Board

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.



Well Being Poster

This week's well being poster comes from VegPower whose on-going mission is to encourage the UK to eat more vegetables. They report that recent research from Leeds University found that only one in five children have any vegetables or salad in their packed lunches and would like to make it easier for parents and carers to add more veg by giving a few ideas.

VEGPOWER

5 easy #LunchboxHacks to add more veg in 60 seconds or less:



1. The Salad-on-a-Stick



Get a bamboo kebab stick and thread on different veg such as cherry tomatoes, cubed cucumber, cubed cooked beetroot, chunks of peppers, raw button mushrooms, crunchy lettuce, etc) in fun colours. If your child isn't a fan of veg, try starting off by alternating veg with cooked meat, cubed cheese, etc to ease them into it.

My Favourite veg was:

2. The Lunch Crunch



1 carrot chopped into sticks (or pre-chopped carrot sticks) with a pot of hummus (or their favourite dip) adds a portion of veg.

I ate this many carrots:



3. The Sandwich Slice



Slice 5cm cucumber (about the length of a small egg) and add to a sandwich for an extra portion of veg with minimal effort.

I ate this much cucumber:



4. The Helpful Handful

Add a handful of ready-to-eat snacky veg to a container. Try cherry tomatoes, drained tinned sweetcorn, celery sticks, green beans, cucumber etc.



My Favourite veg was:

5. The Half-Baked Plan

Heat through half a tin of baked beans (ideally low sugar and salt) and stick in a heat-retaining flask for an easy veg portion win.

Top tip: Keep trying! If they are not used to veg in their packed lunch, it may be picked out and ignored on the first few days. The more they see it and interact with it, the more the veg becomes "normal".

This week my rating is:

For recipes, tips and free downloads visit:
vegpower.org.uk

Chartwells' Theme Day

On Census Day, Thursday 20th May, Chartwells will be offering a Taste of America Theme day.

The menu is presented on a dark blue background with a large, stylized American flag motif on the left side, featuring red and white stripes and a blue field with white stars. The title 'TASTE OF AMERICA' is written in a large, white, serif font with a blue outline. The menu items are listed in white text. The date '20/05/21' and price '£2.10' are displayed in white text on dark blue banners. A 'Food Super Heroes' logo is in the bottom right corner.

TASTE OF AMERICA

Tasty Mains
Beef Burger
Veggie Hot Dog

Scrummy Sides
Chips
Sweetcorn
Baked Beans

Yummy Desserts
Chocolate Orange Drizzle Cake with
Chocolate Custard

20/05/21

£2.10

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Years 1 or Year 2!

To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

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JUNIOR FISHING DAY

Saturday 22nd May 2021

**At a Local Crowborough & District Anglers Association
Club Water**

All tackle & bait are provided and the Children taught by qualified
Angling Trust Coaches assistance by CRB checked Club Members

The event is **FREE** no previous fishing experience necessary

Parent Participation Welcome

How to take part?

**Book your place by calling Roger on
01892663512 or 07817199594**

**Numbers are limited due to Covid 19 restrictions
so book early to avoid disappointment**

This event is sponsored by the following



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