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Term 6 Week 3

Friday 25th June

British Citizen

This week's British Citizen award goes to Tom M-L for being an amazing talk partner and helping his friends with spellings and keeping organised!



Well done, Tom!

Attendance

Whole school: week: **97.1%**
year: **96.9%**

Maple: **91.3%** Cherry: **97.8%**
Willow: **98.5%** Lilac: **98.1%**

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



Headteacher Awards

This week, we have six Headteacher awards to celebrate:



Rhys: for outstanding progress in writing a diary entry totally independently!



Elodie for amazing progress in maths; independently answering questions using a number line!



Lilly-Mae: for amazing progress in independent writing and sounding out words for herself!



Dylan: for incredible progress in writing and sounding out new words, using phonics independently.



Zara: for excellent work in writing, particularly for using amazing vocabulary.



Coco: for a huge improvement in writing, especially vocabulary use, hand writing and punctuation.

Well done Rhys, Elodie, Lilly-Mae, Dylan, Zara and
Coco!

Top Tips

• Letters and emails home:

Whole School

- ◇ Lockdown Drill
- ◇ From ESCC: Outbreak Planning
- ◇ Waterproofs amnesty

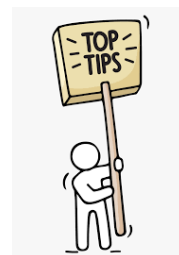
Year 1-6

- ◇ Amazing Me Assembly

Willow Class

- ◇ PSHE

- **Lilac Class:** Please remember one ruck sack and one 'pull along' only for next week



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.

Sports Award

This week, the awards go to:

Evelyn: for great focus and control demonstrated during Sports Day practice.

Lucas: for great focus and determination, plus being an excellent team player during Sports Day practice.

Rory: for excellent focus and control during Sports Day practice.

Wilf: for excellent listening, following instructions and supporting others during Sports Day practice

Well done to you all!



School Value and weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in class.

We would like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.

This term we are looking at Respect.



Respect

Week 3:

We are all different but we are all important. Play a game with your class to get to know how you are similar and different. Take it in turns to shout out a statement about yourself (e.g. I have blue eyes) and anyone who has this in common will stand up – swap places and play again!

Needed: Dressing Up Clothes

The outdoor play space in Cherry Class is in desperate need of some new dressing up clothes.



If you are having a sort out or find dressing up clothes that no longer fit, they would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

June

28th: Lilac Class residential trip begins

29th: Willow Class swimming

July

1st: New Reception 'Drop and Go'

2nd: Lilac Class home from Residential Trip

5th: PTFA Mufti Day - bring a bottle.

6th: Willow Class Swimming

6th: Teddy Bear's Picnic Maple Class and New Reception

7th: Transition Afternoon

7th: Meet the Teacher meeting for parents

2:45pm Cherry Class

3:00pm Willow Class

3:15pm Lilac Class

8th: Lockdown Practice

8th: New Reception Parent Meeting: 2:00 - 2:30 pm

9th: Sports Day (weather permitting)

13th: Starfish Malawi visiting

13th: Willow Class Swimming (last one)

14th: Amazing Me Assemblies

16th: Sports Day (back up)

16th: End of Year Reports

20th: Librarian Visiting

20th: Transition Afternoon

20th: Parent Consultations - report queries only

21st: End of Year Production 10am and 2pm

22nd: Leavers' Service: 11:00am

22nd: Last day of Term 6



PTFA Summer Social (after Sports Day)

The PTFA would love:



- ♦ to have some more help for the Summer Social, please contact either Frances, Chantel, Anita or Rachel.

The PTFA needs:



- ♦ cakes or biscuits to sell at the cafe, please bring these in on Friday 9th.
- ♦ teddies for the teddy tombola. Please send in teddy donations on Monday 5th July, as they will be washed in anti bac laundry cleanser. We will be unable to take soft toys with electronics in for this reason.



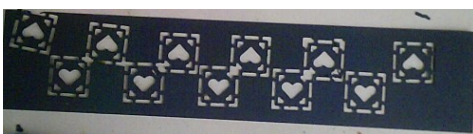
- ♦ Bottles for the Bottle Tombola in exchange for the children wearing their own clothes on Monday 5th July.

Thank you.

Art Group



Every Thursday, Kay Carpenter, our Mental Health First Aider, is available in the quiet area for children to relax with art and focus on their wellbeing.



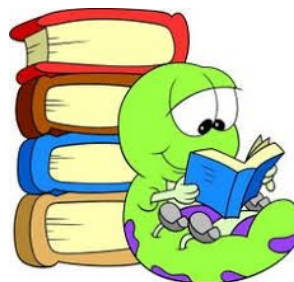
This week, they used stencils.

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: 618 minutes
Cherry: 335 minutes
Willow: 1,662 minutes
Lilac: 3,638 minutes

Well done, Lilac!

Prayer Space Opening

On Friday 25th June, we all gathered outside the front of the school to officially open our beautiful new Prayer Space. The money for the prayer space was kindly donated by Rev Julie from the Church School Trust and Mr Gray (our Site Manager) built this incredible shelter for our whole school community to use as a space of reflection and prayer. Mrs Carpenter, with the help of some great designs from the children, painted the mural on the inside with a Psalm recognising the greatness of God along the ceiling. We are so thankful to so many people for contributing money and their time towards creating this wonderful space and invite you all to use it whenever you like!

Thank you so much to all those parents and members of our community who braved the rain to join us in pausing for a moment to appreciate this new space we are so thankful for.



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Wellbeing Award Update

As you know, we are currently working towards achieving a Wellbeing Award for the school. To keep you informed, here are some updates and next steps. What we are doing well:

- We had an interim assessment at the end of Term 4 which was very positive and highlighted some clear ways forward.
- The Wellbeing Award Steering group continue to meet regularly to look at different strategies to promote pupil and staff positive wellbeing.
- We have had positive feedback from staff members about the current provision in place to support staff wellbeing.
- Our external providers gave glowing reviews of how we work with them to provide the best provision for our pupils, particularly through their communication and work with Mrs Leahy.
- There is a clear identification system in place to ensure any concerns are highlighted and shared amongst staff.
- We are working well with the other schools in the Federation to ensure a consistent approach.
- Our Pupil Governors, Pupil Ambassadors and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are doing brilliantly, with the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors having achieved their Diana Award accreditation this year.
- We now have a fully trained Mental Health First Aider on the staff team, Mrs Carpenter, who has started a Lunchtime Wellbeing Club.

Next Steps:

- Looking forward to next year, work with staff to identify any training needs related to Wellbeing.
- Continue to work on our links with parents to gain feedback and ideas.
- Ensure all staff are aware of the Mental Health support available to them externally.

If you would like to be part of the work towards this award, please chat to Mrs Hill.

Thank you, as always, for your support!



Wildlife Explorers

This week the Wildlife Explorers continued their story from “Dry: the diary of a water super hero” where the ‘hero’ realises no-one is listening to her so visits a school and to learn how to show people how to save water.

Here are some ideas:



The group then went out to start tidying the Prayer Garden before its opening on Friday 25th June.



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Willow Trip to Briars 24th June

On Thursday, Willow Class joined Mr and Mrs Rowberry for a number of wildlife activities. We had so much fun learning about how to conserve our local habitats.

Bug Hotels



The children helped Mr and Mrs Rowberry re-build their bug hotels. We created new homes for the bugs using bamboo, twigs, tiles, cans and leaves. We hope that the bugs enjoy their stay!

Woodland Walk



Mr Rowberry took us around the woods, pointing out fascinating invertebrates and explained the local food chain to us.

Pond Dipping



We found many different species in the pond, from newts to water boatman. The children learnt the importance of preserving all species, right down to the water fleas.

Pooh Bridge Walk



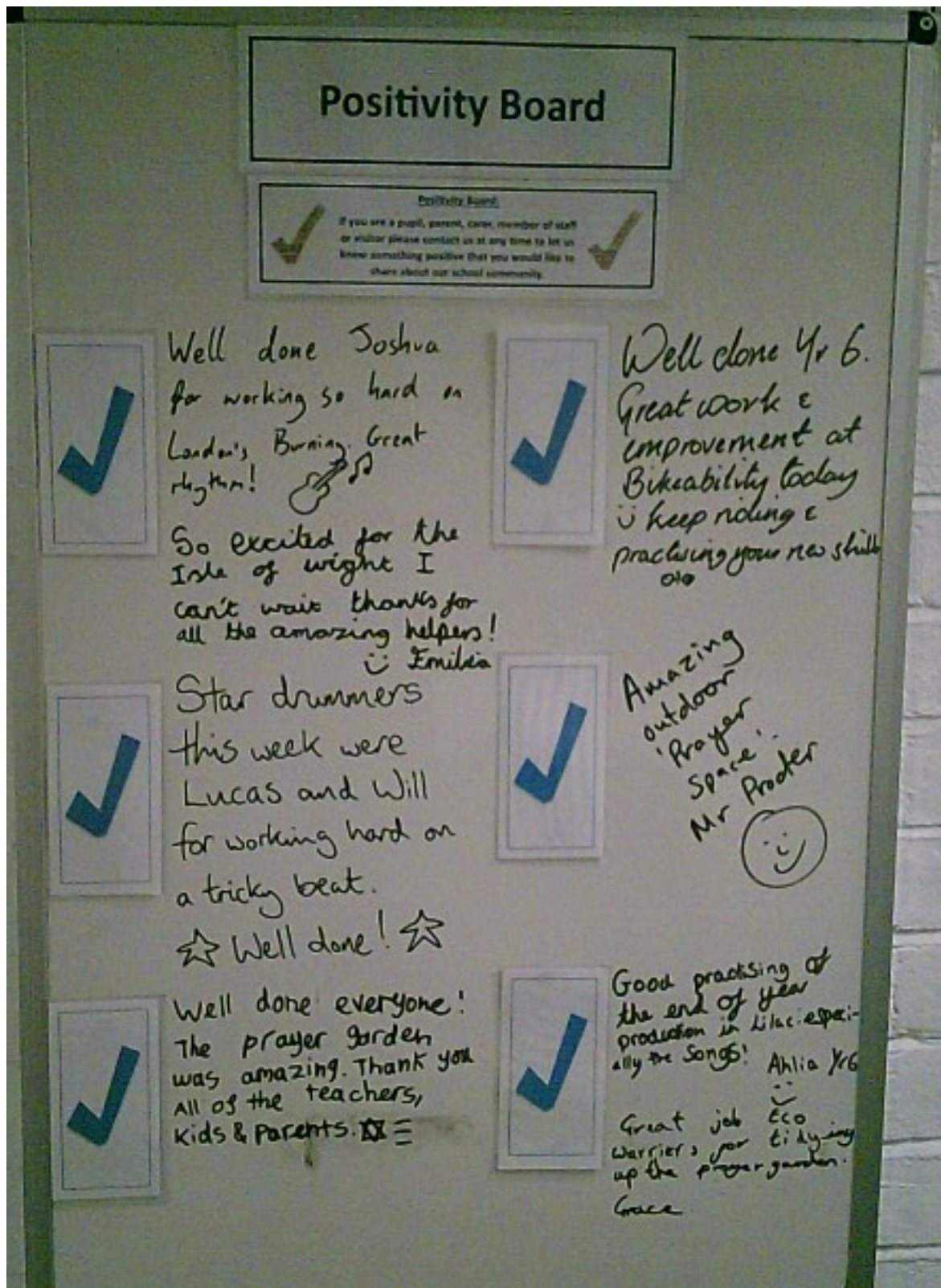
We couldn't visit Pooh Bridge without a brilliant game of 'Pooh Sticks'.

Thank you so much to the parent volunteers, who helped make this such a fantastic morning.

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 wellbeing poster is taken from information received from eibe Play and looks at ways to improve children's Mental Health. eibe play believe that outdoors is where children can most be themselves and that there is something about open outdoor spaces, where there are more limited rules and restrictions, that make it exciting for them. They feel that the sense of freedom gained from playing outside and running without limits, brings a happiness that nothing can compete with.



Outdoor Space:

1. has a positive impact on mental health

Recent studies have reported a significant increase in mental ill health in children in the UK. A lack of regular connection to being outdoors are big contributing factors.

2. It gives children a break from busy schedules

A recent study in the UK found that even just five minutes of exercise in a natural outdoor environment can rapidly improve a child's mental health and overall wellbeing.

3. Physical activity lowers anxiety

There seems to be link between participation in outdoor sports and activities, and significant improvements in mental, psychological and emotional wellbeing in children.

4. It helps kids top up on Vitamin D

The sunlight is the best natural source for our bodies to produce Vitamin D, which can help regulate emotion and mood in the brain.

5. The outdoors relieves stress

Time spent playing outdoors is said to improve the stress levels in a child. A school being able to provide natural outdoor space in a school playground will help increase the relief of stress for a child.





Add to your diary the PTFA social event of the year...



Sports Day Summer Social!

Date: Friday 9th July

(back up date in case of bad weather Friday 16th July)

Time: Straight after sports day 3.30-5.30pm

Place: The Croft



We are really looking forward to all finally getting together
and celebrating in the sun!



There will be a mini fair, tombola, mini golf, space hopper races,
sponge throwing at the teachers, BBQ, bar and lots more!
So bring some cash and be ready to have lots of fun!



St Mary's parents...

WE NEED YOU!



A plea to our amazing St.Mary's parents, to make our sports day summer social happen we need volunteers!

Would you be able to spare 30-45 minutes to help on any of the following activities:

Mini golf/Space hopper races
Coconut shy
Sponge throwing at teachers
Tombola
Cafe
BBQ
Set up beforehand
Clear up afterwards

If so, please can you message your class rep with which activity you would prefer to help with and for how long.

Thank you so much!



Starfish Malawi

The following has been taken from the Starfish Malawi Newsletter for June:

In the UK, we are coming out of our third lockdown. For many, this is a very difficult and lonely time, and we want our supporters to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Thank you for your continued support of Starfish Malawi. Without your donations and prayers, our work would not be possible. We thank God every day for what He is doing in Malawi and here with us in the UK.

Enabling the word and love of God to be heard and felt

Starfish believe that it is important to enable both children and adults to have the opportunity to hear about God and His love for them, both through His word and His love in action.

1. Bible Explorer - taking the word of God into 52 schools

Bible Explorer is an education programme aimed at providing understanding of the Bible in a timeline sequence of both Old and New Testaments. The Bible Explorer team provide weekly lessons to 7,500 children, as part of Bible Knowledge or religious studies in primary schools.

2. Pastors Libraries – Providing resources for pastors to teach their church families about God

The Starfish resource libraries were established in 2009 following our work with local church leaders. Over the years the libraries have helped in providing books that cover theology, church leadership, preaching resources and secondary school curriculum textbooks for our sponsored students to help them excel in their studies. Apart from our main central library in Salima, we now have nine other smaller libraries in villages across the Salima area.

3. Showing God's love in action by supplying blankets, clothes, uniforms

Over many years Starfish have been able to supply donated clothing, beautifully knitted blankets and donated school uniforms to many families. This is so much appreciated by those who receive them and it is another way that we can bless these people and show God's love to them.

4. Update on our COVID - 19 response in Malawi

The **vaccine awareness** campaign has started. Starfish has partnered with the local task force from the health authority and have used some of the funds donated by supporters to help the authority roll out the programme. So far, 10 village areas have been told about the importance of having the vaccine.

For more information about Starfish Malawi please visit their webpage: starfishmalawi.com