



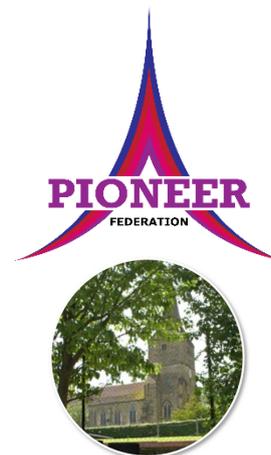
## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 4 Week 3

Friday 11th March 2022

### Headteacher Awards

We have six Headteacher Awards this week:



**Harry:** for incredible progress in his independent writing and focus. Well Done!

**Freddie:** for creating a beautiful leaflet showing all her knowledge about the River Nile.



**Isla:** for fantastic progress in writing and always going the extra mile. What a star!

**Scarlett:** for an incredible leaflet about the River Nile, amazing research and presentation!



**Max:** for an amazing leaflet showing all his learning about the River Nile, fantastic research and presentation!

**Noah:** for fantastic progress in independent writing, shown in a beautiful leaflet about the River Nile.



**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 Justice and Hope.



## Justice and Hope

This week we learnt about 'Doing Justice'.

Which charities help everyone live in a safe and fair community?

Share some ideas for some fund raising activities that you could suggest to the pupil governors to help raise money for our school charity – Starfish Malawi.

### Reading Reward Scheme

Our Whole School Reading Reward Scheme will continue with your

ongoing support required to tot up the minutes read at home and

please add additional comments in the reading records if required.

Reading Records are checked each Thursday and minutes counted for the House total.

This week's results:

**Rother:** 2,520 minutes    **Cuckmere:** 1,050 minutes

**Teise:** 670 minutes    **Medway:** 3,250 minutes



**Thankyou to everyone this week, the reading minutes have increased across all houses.**

**Keep it up and well done, Medway!**



### Top Tips

- Please check your ParentPay accounts and update if required.
- Thank you to everyone for signing up to Parent Consultations.



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### Sports Award

This week, our sports awards go to:

**Isaac:** for great technique demonstrated whilst throwing and catching during PE.

**Joseph:** for excellent hand to eye co-ordination and shot making during Tennis.

**Will:** for great focus, effort, listening and much improvement during Tennis.

**Jacob:** for excellent stick work and control, during Hockey.



**Well done to you all!**



### Attendance

**Whole school: week: 94.2%**

**year: 92.7%**

**Maple: 85.8% Willow: 95.9%**

**Cherry: 94.7% Lilac: 95.9%**

**Less than 94.9% - Red 96.5 to 99.9% - Green**

**95 to 96.4% - Amber 100% - Gold**

**Well done, Willow and Lilac Class!**



### Dates for your Diary

#### **March**

15th: Swimming - Willow Class

17th: Forest School - Lilac Class

22nd: Swimming - Willow Class

28th: FGB Meeting 5:00pm - 7:00pm,  
East Hoathly

29th: Wilderness Wood - Lilac Class

29th: Swimming - Willow Class

31st: Bake Sale - Cherry Class 3:15pm

#### **April**

1st: Easter Service - 2:30pm in Church

1st: Bake Sale - Cherry Class 3:15pm

1st: Last Day - Term 4

19th: First Day - Term 5



### St Mary's Star Skills

With so many skills developing, we will choose one each week to highlight in the Newsletter.

This week, Star Skills have been shown by:

**Lilac Class:** Megan, who has contributed so much more to class discussions.

**Willow Class:** Will, who has demonstrated good problem solving skills during Maths when learning about fractions.

**Cherry Class:** Marlie, who worked well with friends to help each other when making a bug hotel.

**Maple Class:** Florence, who stayed positive even when she was disappointed because she has to wait her turn to make a fruit kebab.

**Well done to you all!**

Next week, we will be looking at how Kishi, Ryah-Rose, Joshua and Jay-J develop their skills.



### St Mary's Star Skills:

<b>Listening:</b>	This skill is about being able to receive information effectively.
<b>Speaking:</b>	This skill is about orally communicating ideas or information.
<b>Problem Solving:</b>	This skill is about using your ability to find a solution to a problem.
<b>Creativity:</b>	This skill is about generating new imagination and using your ideas.
<b>Staying Positive:</b>	This skill is about staying motivated despite setbacks.
<b>Aiming High:</b>	This skill is about trying hard and achieving your goal.
<b>Leadership:</b>	This skill is about supporting, encouraging, and developing others to achieve a shared goal.
<b>Teamwork:</b>	This skill is about co-operating and collaborating with others and achieving a shared goal.

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## Benny - The School Dog



This week, Benny has encouraged us to enjoy the fabulous countryside around our school.

He has also been ready for any cuddles or attention on offer while in school.



## PTFA

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 join in with the **Bingo Balls!**

They are always looking for helpers and new ideas for raising money for the school so don't be shy, get in touch!

St Mary's



**Coming soon:**

**Saturday 23rd April** plans are also in place to hold a Quiz Night, in the school hall with doors opening at **7:30pm**.

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**Wildlife Explorers - 2nd March 2022**

**Spring is here!**  
Be a 'nature detective' -  for the signs!

**Did you see ... ?**

**Buds & new leaves:**

Beech buds

Young pine leaves

**Catkins:**

Hazel catkins

Pussy willow

**Minibeasts:**

Butterfly

Spider

**Plants on the ground:**

Periwinkle

Moss

Young bracken

Bluebell

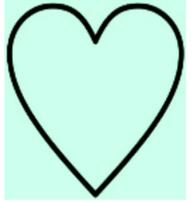
**Birds:**

Bird boxes Or nest

Bird heard or seen

✓ **12 things seen**

**WELL DONE!**



This week the explorers completed their green hearts postcards asking important people to make sure the government kept to the promises made at the recent climate conference. Reduced greenhouse gas and keeping the world temperatures lower is good for us and wildlife. People in school, our MP, the rector, many others will be getting green heart messages!

Members then had a chance to hunt for signs of Spring around school: how many of these can you find?

**Wildlife Explorers - 9th March 2022**

The RSPB and Blue Peter have suggested that growing Sunflowers is a great challenge to help wildlife in our gardens so this week, everyone chose two different sorts of sunflower seeds and planted them in fibre pots. When the seedlings germinate the sunflowers can be planted, into the soil (pots included!)



Members have taken up the scientific challenge to measure which sort of sunflower grows the tallest. They will



be checking their own seedlings and will take the pots home when the sunflowers are a healthy 8cm tall.

Our club leaders looked at the instructions for applying for Blue Peter "Green Badges". When they thought about the areas, plastic, power and plants they realised they are eligible to apply!



## Gardening 'Club'



There has been much enthusiasm this week, getting the beds ready to plant the vegetable seeds for this year. We even found a potato that was missed when harvesting!



It was great fun preparing the new raised bed that we were able to buy from the proceeds made selling our produce last year.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on this project.



## Forest School - Thursday 3rd March

The children from Cherry Class started their afternoon by spotting signs of spring and playing games: *'You are only safe when you are... next to a crocus, touching a tree, pointing at a celandine, standing on a stick....'*



They all managed to survive the mud left behind from all of the recent rain and had a great time playing 'Owl Eyes'. They had a few seconds to hide amongst the reeds in the meadow



before the owl opened their eyes to spot them. They were surprisingly brilliant at this game! The children then played a game of 'Spirit of the Forest', where they became woodland animals and dodged the trees to run safely to the other side. Well done Cherry Class for such enthusiasm for playing these games so well!

The Impact of Forest School is the knowledge they gain from the Forest School experience. This impact can be seen through the skills developed, tools used, art and craft activities undertaken and the developing observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants and trees in relation to the seasons, together with and the skills involved in learning games.

Once they had reached the woods, Cherry Class set off to explore the stream and the swings in the trees. Some of the children spent time making bird feeders



with pinecones, lard and bird seeds. They very carefully went and placed them in different trees for the birds to eat.

A huge thanks you to our dedicated volunteers who support the children every week with our Forest School programme. It is fantastic for them to have this immersive experience with nature and it wouldn't be possible without your quiet enthusiasm, engagement and support.



## PTFA Events

The PTFA raised an amazing £500 from the Jumble Sale.



In addition to the fabulous evening and fun time had by all who attended the Disco, an amazing £750 was raised.

Thank you to all who helped organise and support these events.

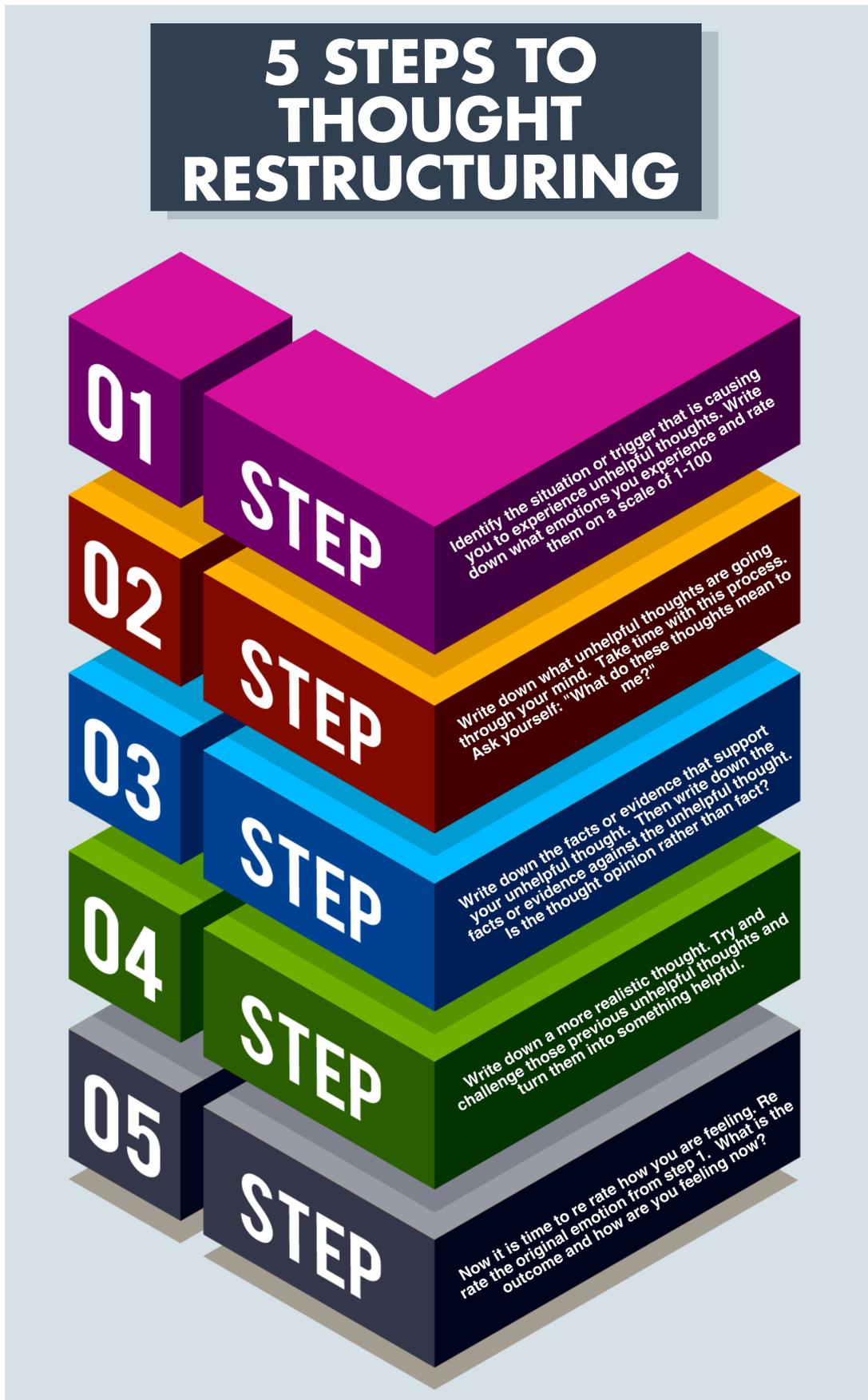


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## Wellbeing Poster

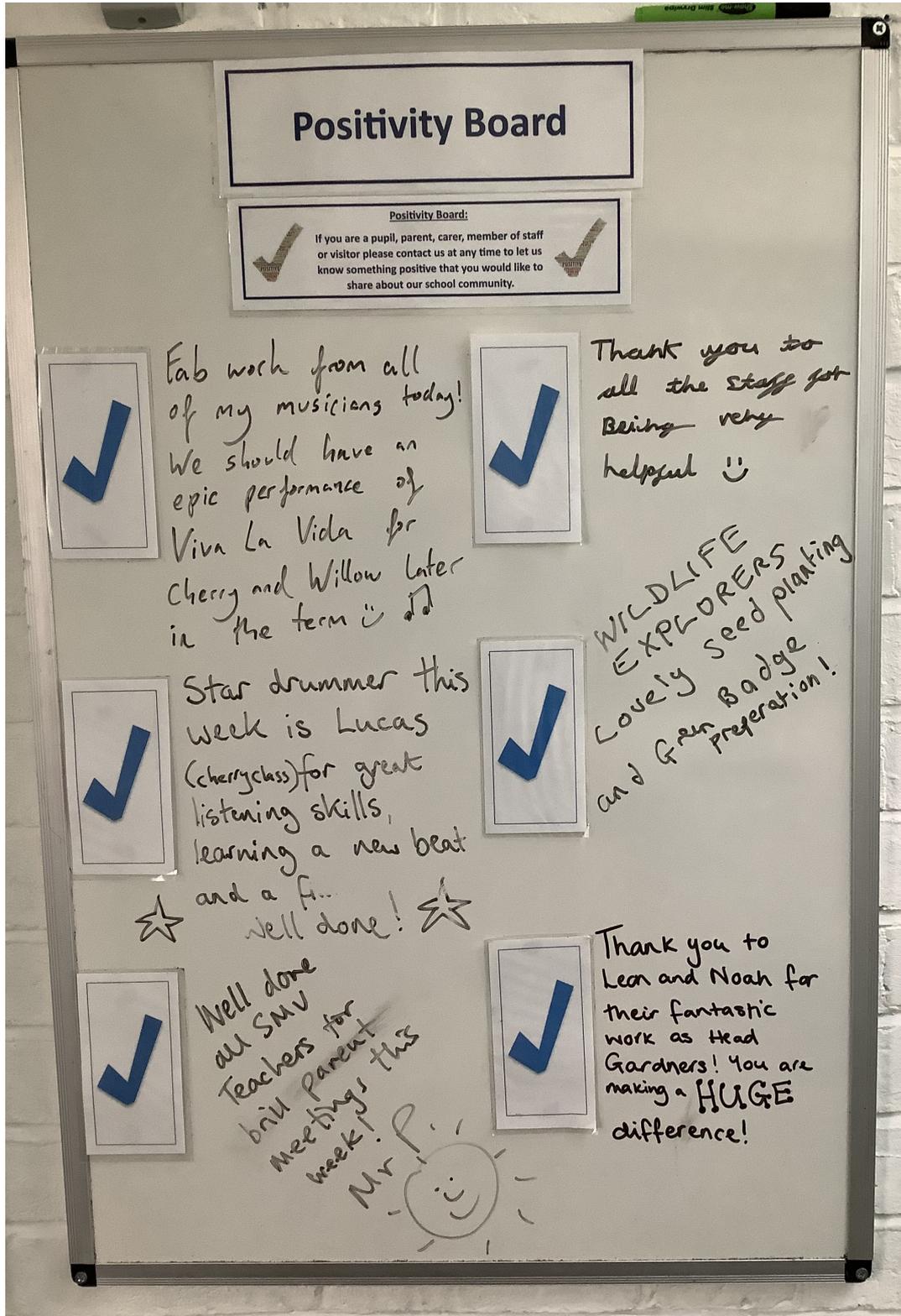
The wellbeing poster this week looks at 5 Steps to Thought Restructuring:



## 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.



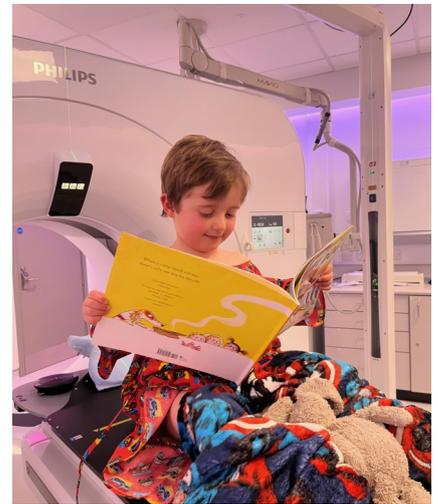
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## Get Caught Reading



Thank you for all of the fabulous entries to our 'Get Caught Reading' competition. Here are the winning entrants for each year! Where will you get caught reading next?



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