



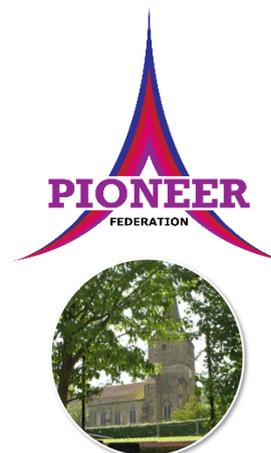
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Term 5 Week 5

Friday 20th May 2022

Headteacher Awards

We have six Headteacher Awards this week:



Evelyn: for amazing effort in literacy.



Fleur: for being an amazing chair in our debate.



Brax: for incredible writing in his own Tale of Three Brothers.



Finlay: for incredible progress in the 99 Club challenge, moving through levels and working very hard.



Chloe W: for fantastic Maths work on Statistics, challenging herself with 3 Star work.



Bella: for amazing independent writing, sounding out her phonics to help her.

Well done to you all!

St Mary's Star Skills

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

Grace: shows great **team work** always cheering her team member in PE.

Noah: for excellent **speaking skills** when explaining the PowerPoint presentations he makes.

Christopher: demonstrates amazing **creativity** in all areas, illustrating his work beautifully.

Lois: has shown incredible **positivity** this week, and kept persevering until she learnt how to skip.

Well done to you all!

Next week, we will be looking at how Owen, Lucas, Amelie and William develop their skills.

Top Tips

Letters and emails home this week:

Lilac Class

◇ Homework for the week

Cherry Class

◇ Trip - Drusillas

Maple Class

◇ Trip - Briars' Field Centre



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: 515 minutes **Cuckmere:** 531 minutes

Teise: 628 minutes **Medway:** 719 minutes

Well done, Medway!

Sports Awards

Logan: for much improved focus, participation and excellent running during Relay races.



Braxton: for excellent throwing technique, combining speed, power and accuracy.

Bea: for great focus and much improved throwing technique.

Florence: for much improved baton changing during Relay changeovers.



Congratulations all!

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

Coming Soon:

27th May: baking competition.
Bring your fabulous cakes in to enter best tasting, best decorated or most healthy categories!

27th May: May Festival

8th July: Summer Social

20th July: End of school disco



Attendance

Whole school: week: **95.6%**

year: **93.4%**

Maple: **98.3%** Willow: **99.1%**

Cherry: **95.3%** Lilac: **92.1%**

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

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

Well done, Willow Class!



Dates for your Diary

May

24th: Mini Residential - Lilac Class to Lymley Wood

25th: Hands on History - Willow Class

26th: Jubilee Celebrations and lunch

26th: Lilac Class return back to school

27th: PTFA Baking Competition

27th: May Festival - with PTFA refreshments (pm)

27th: Last Day of Term 5

June

6th: Inset Day

7th: Term 6 starts - children

7th-8th: Phonics Screening

9th: Forest School - Maple Class and Cherry Class



Year 5

Our fabulous Year 5 worked very hard last week to complete their Bikeability Level 2.

All children who took part were successful, especially those who had only been riding for a couple of weeks!

The children can now:

- ◆ Identify and respond to hazard
- ◆ Start and stop on-road
- ◆ Maintain suitable riding positions
- ◆ Comply with signals, signs and road markings
- ◆ Communicate with other road users
- ◆ Negotiate junctions.

The trainers who came to school were very impressed with our pupils, how hard they worked and how much progress they made.

Well done to you all!



ParentPay

Please would all families pop onto ParentPay to check their balance. There are outstanding payments for lunch, visits and breakfast club.

Thank you.



Benny

Our school dog Benny enabled us to do lots of running this week. The children kept him busy chasing his ball, then relaxed when giving him praise and attention at the end of the walk.



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Forest School - Friday 13th May



This week Lilac Class started their session by collecting dandelion flowers. They challenged each other to pick the longest stemmed flower and some were incredible!

Once they were in the woods, Lilac class were great at creating and following rhythms, created by tapping sticks!

They collected woods and built and lit a fire with confidence. They explained what kind of wood they needed to collect, that is should be dry, dead and snap with a clean sound. They sorted the wood by thickness and prepared their own tinder in shells ready to light. Some children used fire gloves to place their lit tinder on top of the fire. It was great to see the progression of the knowledge and skills involved in fire lighting.



Once the fire was burning, the children dipped their dandelions in pancake batter and we cooked them on the fire. They turned out as mini dandelion pancake lollipops, which were really tasty.

The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring and playing by the stream, swings and dens. Some of the class challenged each other to a game they made up on the slack line. They had to count and try to bounce the line and hold on for as long as they could!

Some children found some spring flowers and leaves and created some lovely designs by printing them onto fabric with hammers.

Some of Lilac Class tried a sip of birch sap, which we gathered by 'tapping' the tree and gathering the rising sap.



The stream was a draw for the children, exploring how to dam it and change the flow of the water. They put up the hammock and took turns independently.

Well done to Lilac class and many thanks to our brilliant volunteers who make the experience possible for all of the children.



Wildlife Explorers

In Wildlife Explorers this week, the children potted our plants on ready for the May Fair sales.

They learned how “home-made” compost comes from garden and food waste. And how fabulous this recycling is as it is great for the environment because waste becomes a resource!

The Explorers also learnt the importance of compost for new plant nutrients and also how to sieve it to ensure the best texture. For home made compost this usually involves removing accidental bits of plastic and egg shells!

Raw material
for compost.



Finished compost.



Sieving.



The finished tomato and bean plants, re-potted.

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Maple Class Trip to Briars' Field Centre

Maple Class had a fantastic day at The Briars' Field Centre. They talked about water in its different forms, such as ice and the rain falling outside!

They then explored the woodland, ponds and the meadow to learn about the ecosystems and the creatures and plants in each of them. The children found whirly-gig beetles, water boatman, pond skaters, diving beetles, newts, spiders, woodlice, ants, moths and shield bugs amongst other things. They quickly learned how to pond dip carefully and how to catch insects in nets in the pond and from the trees.

They learned a song and a dance about the bluebells and really enjoyed asking lots of questions about everything they had seen



Then the children walked to Pooh Bridge to listen to a story about how Pooh Bear invented the game of Poohsticks with pinecones. The children then all had a few games and found a house where Pooh Bear lived!



In Hartfield village, the children enjoyed looking at the map of the village and the display of the queen's Jubilee in the window of the Pooh Corner Shop.

There was enough time to have a little play together in the playground on the croft and an ice pop, before returning to school.

A huge thanks to Mr and Mrs Rowberry and our volunteers for making this day possible!



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Celebration



In addition to learning about care for the environment and wildlife, Wildlife Explorers are encouraged to develop their skills in caring for and helping others.

It was great to celebrate that this week, with the three pupil leaders receiving their Youth Award, Level 2 presented by Mrs Rowberry in our Celebration Assembly.

This award recognises the children's ability to:

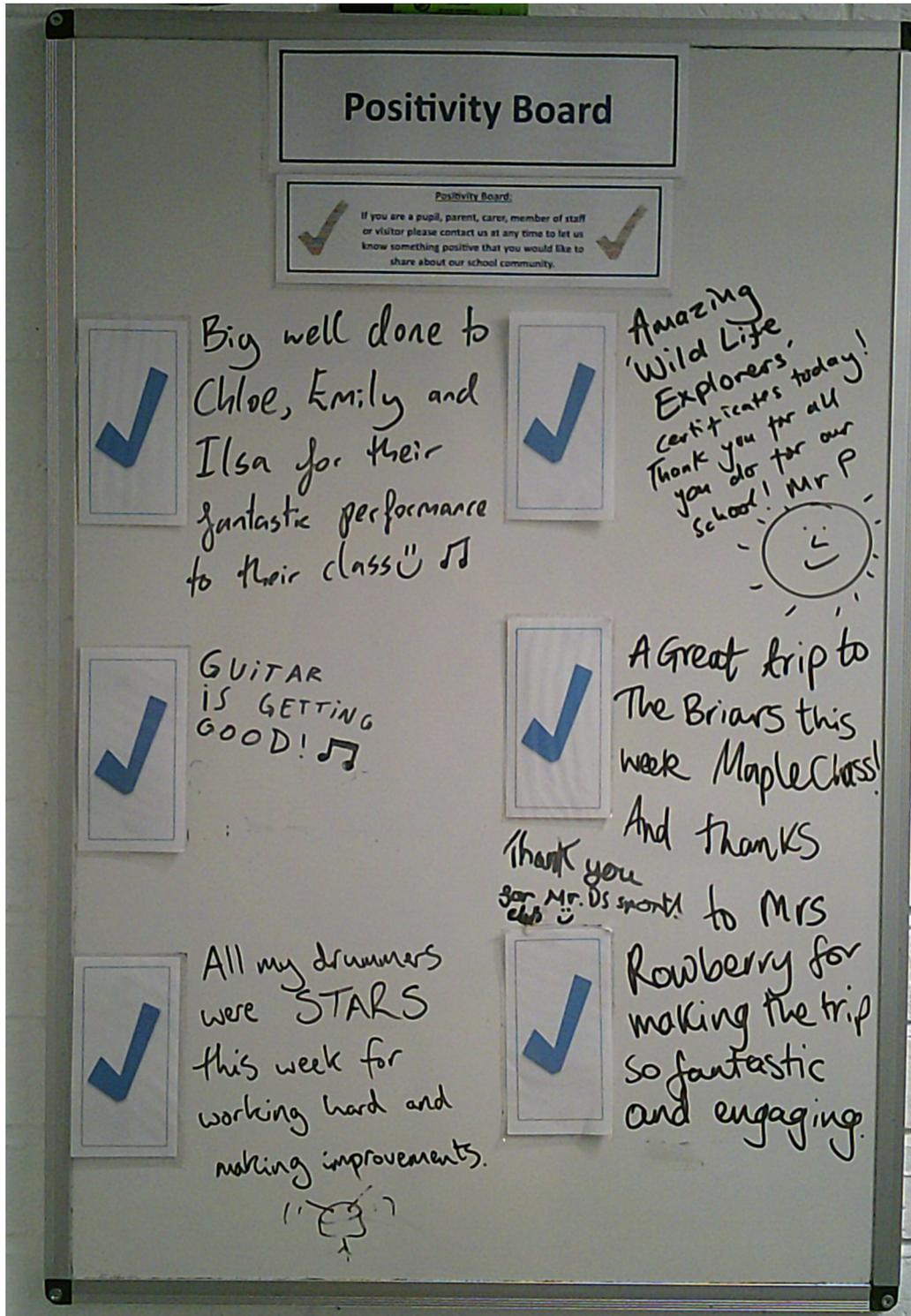
- encourage others to experience and enjoy the environment through all of their senses
- develop their personal and social skills in supporting others learn about the natural environment with kindness and helpfulness
- discuss issues of bio-diversity and conservation
- communicate to others an understanding of environmental issues, in turn improving their own thinking and problem solving
- take part in practical conservation activities, demonstrating a positive approach to the natural environment

Well done, Phoebe, Fleur and Grace!

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.



Wellbeing Poster

May is Money Management Month, so the Wellbeing Poster this week looks at Money Management, with information taken from a [Healthy Schools Project](#).

Helping children to understand planning and using money from an early age will help them manage it better when adult. Financial capability is an essential skill for life, and a lack of it can lead to stress and anxiety.



Money management includes

- ◆ knowledge,
- ◆ behaviours,
- ◆ attitudes,
- ◆ motivations
- ◆ and the ability to manage money on a day to day basis.

Children who have been taught about money at an early age are better able to defer gratification and save up for things they want than children who have not.

National guidance does not currently identify economic wellbeing as mandatory and as such proposed learning outcomes are not included in the legislation. However, the PSHE association suggests that pupils know:

- About where money comes from and the part it plays in people's lives.
- How personal financial choices can affect them and others.
- How to manage pressure from peers, advertising and other media on economic decisions.
- How to assess and manage positive and negative risk in relation to economic decisions, education and work.
- How to develop key work-related skills such as communication, team working and leadership skills.
- About the economic and business environment.
- About different types of work, including employment, self-employment and voluntary work
- That everyone has a career which is their pathway through life, education and work.
- About rights and responsibilities as consumers.
- About student finance and budgeting on a salary, assessing genuine 'affordability' and 'value for money'.



For primary aged children it is important to begin to lay the foundations for all of these aspects of money management and there are many ideas available i.e.

[Sandander](#) suggest ideas of where to start thinking of money:

- ◆ Make simple choices about how to spend my money
- ◆ Begin understanding that people may make different choices about how to spend their money
- ◆ Begin to understand that people may make different choices about how to save money
- ◆ Understand own choices saving and spending my money 5-7

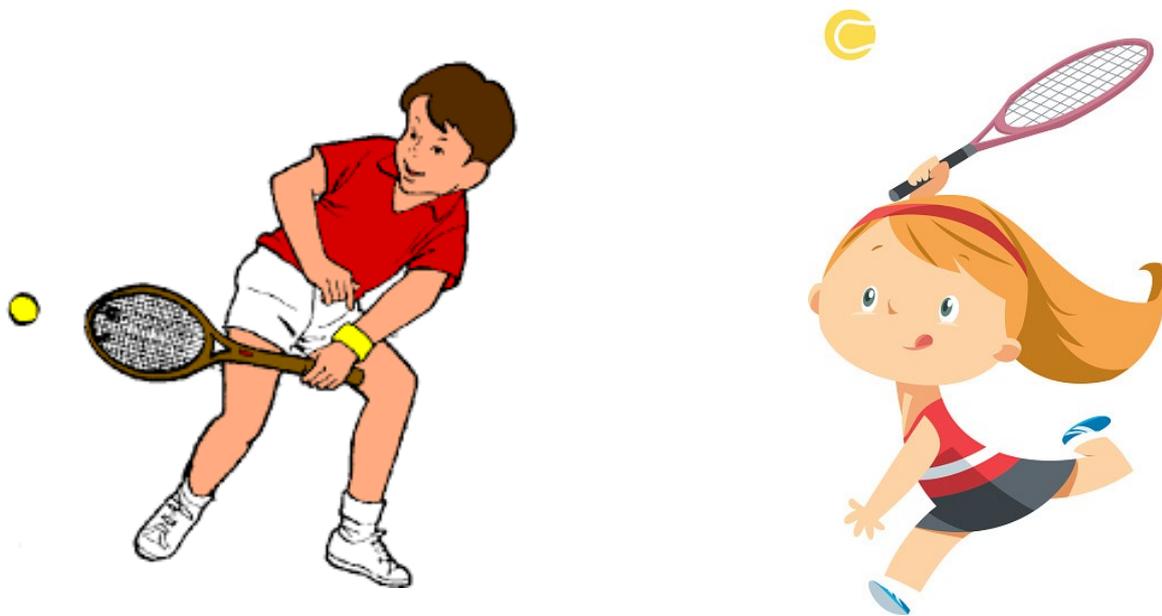


Consider

- ◆ What can I save for?
- ◆ How can I save for this?
- ◆ How long might it take?



Opportunity



HARTFIELD TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR OPEN DAY SATURDAY

28th MAY

2:00pm-4:00pm

2:00pm-2:30pm mini red taster session: 5yrs-7yrs

2:30pm-3:00pm mini orange taster session: 8yrs-10yrs

3:00pm-3:30pm mini green taster session: 10yrs+

3:30pm-4:00pm junior yellow ball taster session: 13yrs+

All the sessions will be taken by LTA Accredited Tennis Coach George Potts.

Please email George (mg.potts@sky.com) to confirm your child's place as each session will be limited to a maximum of eight children.

Tennis rackets and balls will be provided, but please make sure your child wears non marking trainers and if the weather is looking warm bring a hat, water and sunscreen.



Opportunity

East Hoathly FPTA are organising a family fun run on Sunday 19th June. As a sister school within the Pioneer Federation they have agreed that any monies raised from entrants of St Mary's will go to our own PTFA! So if you are a newbie and want to run 1km, or a veteran able to face 10km, how about a family day out?



EAST HOATHLY FAMILY FUN RUN 2022

Sunday June 19th
East Hoathly Pavilion

1km race at 9:30am

5km and 10km races at 10am

Medal for all finishers

Refreshments including bacon butties and cakes

Bouncy castle (weather permitting)

£8 per adult 5km/10km

£5 per adult 1km

£5 per child 5km/1km

Raising funds for East Hoathly CE School
and Nursery FPTA



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East Hoathly Family Fun Run



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