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Term 1 Week 3

Friday 22nd September

Skills Builder

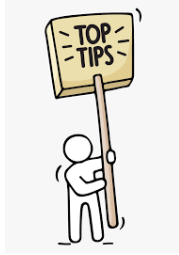
Congratulations to all of the children who have received their Skills Builder certificates in the last three week:

Florence: has been **aiming high** in all areas of learning ensuring she always tried her best. **Will:** thrives when **problem solving**, especially in maths. **Thomas:** has shown amazing **listening**, with wonderful walking and legendary lining up at the end of every playtime. **George:** has been developing his **creativity skills**, producing some excellent shading in art. **Khaleesi:** has been displaying fantastic **speaking skills**, sharing ideas about where she would live. **Rocco:** has had an amazing start to Year 3, remaining **positive** throughout. **Cece:** is excellent at **teamwork**, being a great influence on her table ensuring they are always ready first, quiet and on task. **Isla:** has shown delightful leadership skills, making Mrs Mandy feel very welcome to Lilac Class and reliably raising her hand for questions. **Chloe:** has shown amazing **teamwork**, respectfully sharing ideas with her partner.

Top Tips

Letters and emails home:

- **Whole School**
 - ◇ Tempest Photography
- **Lilac Class**
 - ◇ Class update.



Dates for your Diary

September

- 26th: Tempest Photography - Individual and family photos
- 28th: Forest School - Willow Class
- 29th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am
- 29th: MacMillan Bake Sale - 3:00pm



October

- 1st: Harvest Festival in Church
- 4th: School assembly in Church - 9:30am with Crawley Open House
- 5th: Forest School - Lilac Class
- 5th: Community Café - 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 6th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am
- 11th: Harvest Celebration Assembly in Church - 9:30am
- 12th: Forest School - Maple Class
- 13th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am
- 14th: Art for All - Hartfield
- 17th: FGB virtual meeting - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 18th: School assembly in Church - 9:30am
- 18th: Ethos Committee meeting - 2:00pm
- 20th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am
- 20th: Last day T1
- 30th: First Day T 2

School Value and Weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in class. We like to develop this further by asking you, where possible, to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.



This term we are looking at:

Thankfulness

This week, we have been learning to 'count our blessings'! We have so much to be thankful to God for and the children have been encouraged to write about all of the things they can think of - some very large pieces of paper were needed.

What are you thankful for as a family? If you have chance make some time to sit together to reflect on all of the good things you have.

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.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

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MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON



JOIN US FOR A
MACMILLAN COFFEE
FROM 14.45 TO 15.15
AT ST MARYS SCHOOL
FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Recognition of New Roles

During the first few weeks of the September term, the children volunteer for and are voted into important roles within the school.



This year our **librarians** are excited to be able to *help others collect and return books, keep the records up to date, find any specific books individuals are looking for* and they are particularly looking forward to being able to *read stories to the younger children* towards igniting their love of books.

Amelia, Will and Scarlett, we look forward to seeing the library use expand throughout your term as librarians!

We have a newly selected **Head Boy** and **Head Girl**. This role lasts for the school term and Freddie and Noah are excited about the responsibilities that come with it, not least, *taking responsibilities in assembly (including opening each with prayer), counting all class raffle tickets and generally being an example for others to follow*. Not high on their list however, is *missing the beginning of PE* each week, to complete some of their role!



Each school year elects a **Pupil Governor**. The children have to make a presentation to their peers explaining why they should be elected to the role and the year groups then vote.



Congratulations go to Isla, Scarlett, Joseph, Dylan, Bella and Alfred who have been voted in this year and are looking forward to *helping improve the school by taking pupils ideas and sharing with staff; helping others if they are feeling sad, being there if someone needs to talk, behaving responsibly, showing respect and helping to run special events* like our upcoming MacMillan Coffee afternoon.

Congratulations to you all in your new roles.



Forest School - Thursday 21st September



Maple Class were very excited to get outside and start exploring. Each were given a stick ready to go on a hunt for some autumn leaves. They then threaded as many leaves onto their sticks as they could, sharing what colours the leaves were as they picked them up "a yellow one" "a green leaf". They were really good at making sure to be gentle so that the leaves did not tear.



They went up onto the playground to see if they could find any conkers, searching through the leaves on the ground. They found 11 conkers, just enough for one each! They spotted loads more up in the tree that had not fallen yet and we talked about how we would have to wait for the wind to blow them down!



Having explored the leaves and trees on the playground, the children headed back to the classroom where they made Ladybirds. We talked about all the different colours that a ladybird could be.

Once finished these were popped onto the end of the sticks so they could fly them around the classroom.



They also took it in turns to use a palm drill to make a hole through the conkers, threading them onto a pipe cleaner. With all 11 conkers on the pipe cleaner it created their conker caterpillar. The children came up with some names for the caterpillar, but when put to the vote, Tilly was the most popular.

Maple Class finished their session with a story 'Goldilocks and the Three Crocodiles'.

Needed

Lilac Class be designing and creating air raid shelters in DT next Friday.

If you have any spare cardboard, please donate to the class.

Thank you.



School Lunches

We have a request from Mrs Powell, our cook asking that whether you can you talk to your children at home to find out how they are finding their school meals? This helps to make sure you order the meals the children are enjoying the most, avoids disappointment and helps the kitchen in their preparation.

Thank you.



Opportunity

CLASS+ Coffee & Chat Sessions



Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents at one of our Coffee and Chat sessions. No need to book just turn up. These sessions are designed for parents who have an autistic child or a child on the autism pathway. We kindly ask that you don't bring small children to this session. There will be a short section on this session that will focus around the theme of autism and change.

18 September, Westfield Primary School, 1:15pm to 2:45pm

20 September, St Thomas a Beckett Primary School, 9:00am to 10:30am

27 September, Peacehaven Community School, 9:15am to 10:45am

28 September, Willingdon Primary School, 9:15am to 10:45am

4 October, Robertsbridge Secondary School, 9:15am to 10:45am

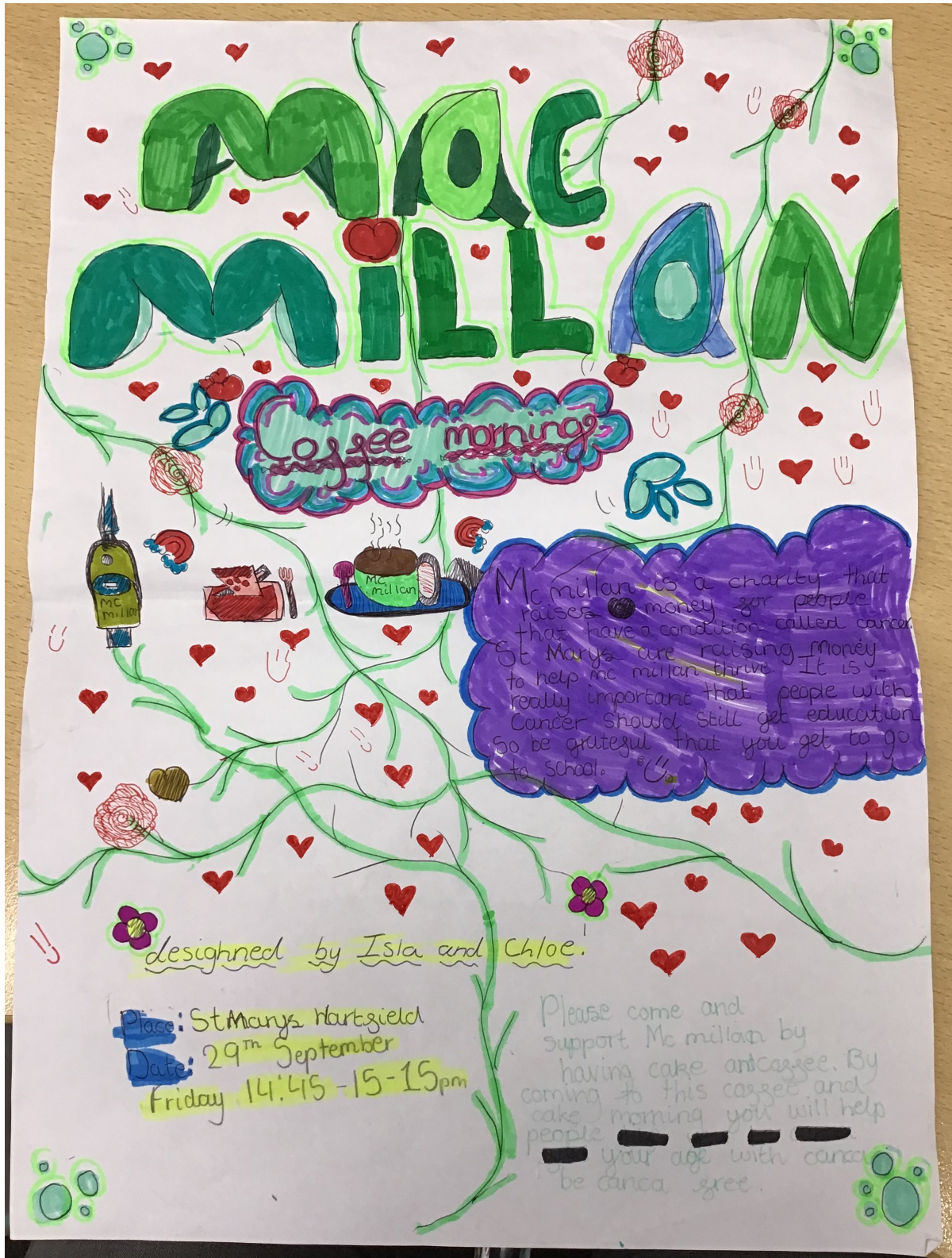
19 October, Telscombe Academy, 1:15pm to 2:45pm

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Wildlife Explorers

This week, our Wildlife Explorers have been investigating 'Wonderful Worms'.

They used the Opal citizen science activities, collecting earth worms from soil; measuring them and identifying them from ID sheets.

Our club members really showed their science skills: discovering most in our sample to be young compost worms.

There were some important facts to be learned by our Explorers:

- The two main worms that we find in our gardens are earthworms that live in the soil and tiger worms that live in the compost heap.
- Worms live where there is food, moisture, oxygen and a favourable temperature. If they don't have these things, they go somewhere else.
- Worms eat their own weight in organic waste, soil and minerals and excrete their own weight in castings daily, which makes compost and enriches the soil.
- They don't eat living plant tissue, so they don't hurt plants either. They truly are a gardener's best friend!
- Even though worms don't have eyes, they can sense light, especially at their anterior (front end). They move away from light and will become paralysed if exposed to light for too long (approximately one hour).
- Worms don't have legs but instead are covered in hairs or bristles that help them move.
- Worms breathe through their skin, which must remain moist to absorb oxygen from the air.
- If worms dry out they will die.
- Worms can have between 1 and 5 pairs of hearts, that's between 2 and 10 hearts.
- Worms suck in material with their lips as they have no teeth. Worms usually live for about 3-4 years and can live for up to 10 years.
- Earthworms sometimes appear to have a "belt" or "saddle" around their bodies; this structure contains cocoons inside which there are between 1-20 eggs.
- The cocoons, smaller than a grain of rice, are laid by the worms with the baby worms taking between 60 and 90 days hatch.



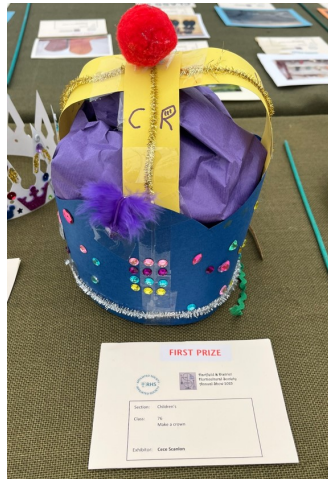
Our Explorers had a wonderful time digging through the soil and were extremely careful with the worms that they found.

Celebrations from Home



Cece won first prize for both entries in her age category at the village fete this year, and subsequently got most points and won the trophy. She had to make a crown and draw the King

Well done, Cece!



Congratulations to Jared who has been selected to represent the West Kent Schools District Football Team for the 2023- 2024 season.

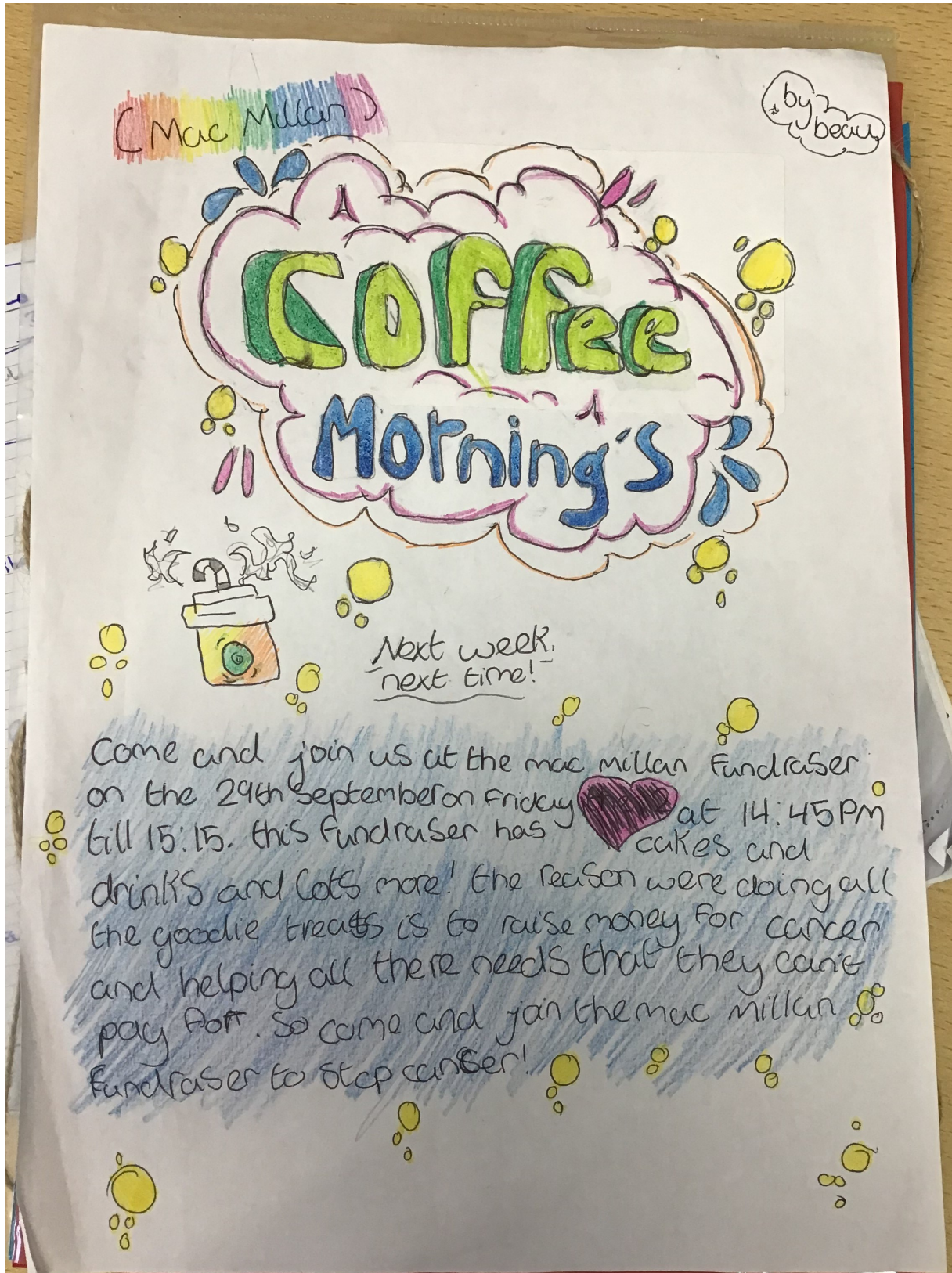
He is also acting as a great ambassador for St Mary's as he has to arrive at each game in his school uniform.

Well done, Jared!

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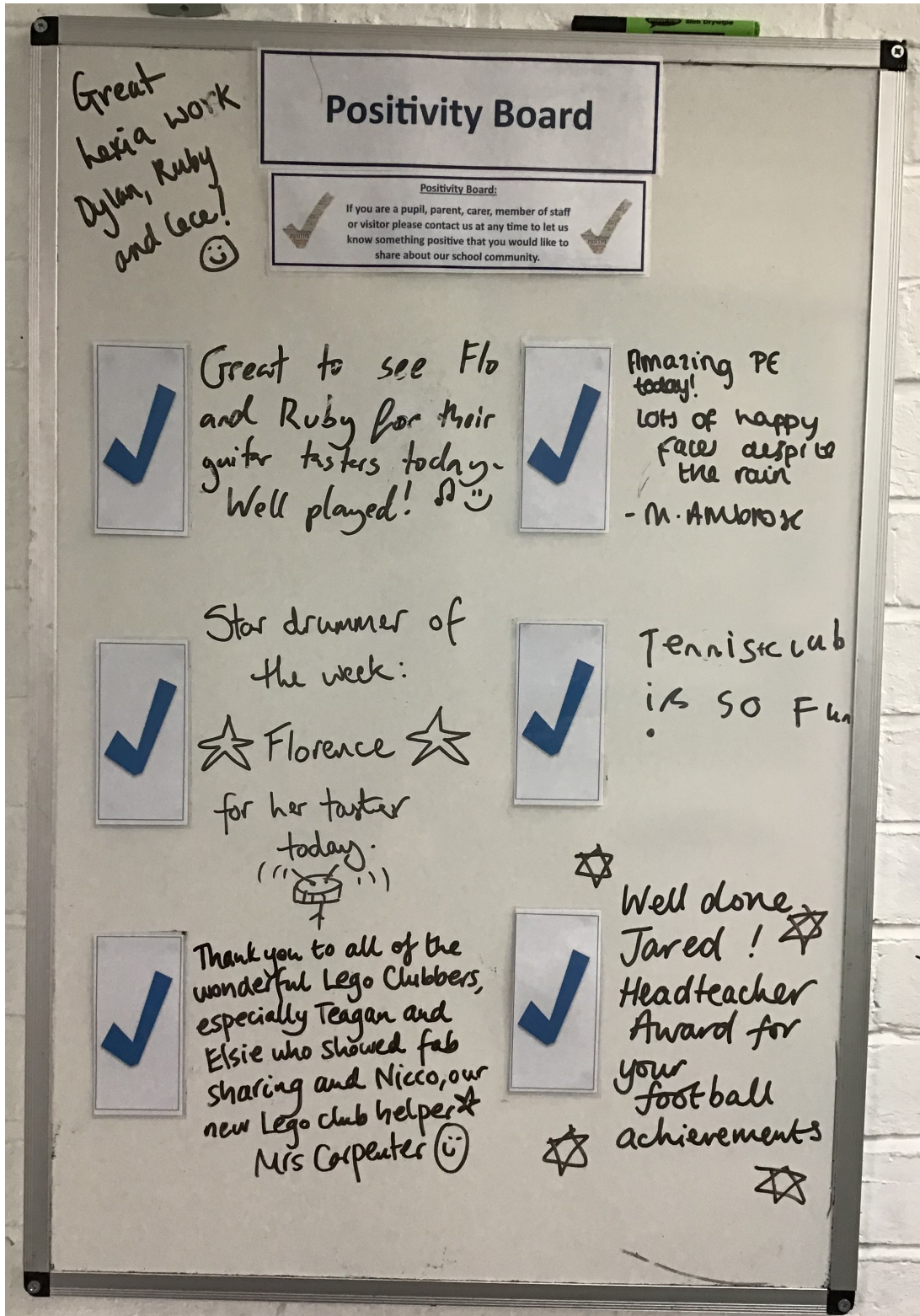
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Positivity Board

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 (or come into school) 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.



Opportunity

You don't have to do it alone. The Parenting Team offer support through a variety of online courses, each with specific, research based tips on how to deal with the most common behavioural presentation.



Visit: <https://www.openforparents.org.uk/> or email EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

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In East Sussex?**

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