



Newsletter 18 – 22nd January 2024

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Compassion' (Colossians 3:12)

Dental Hygiene

On Thursday, the children in Years 1 and 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Swallows) will be attending an assembly led by a dental nurse and actor. The children will be reminded about the importance of looking after their teeth by cleaning them at least twice a day for two minutes each time, not eating too many sugary foods and visiting the dentist regularly. This is being paid for by Public Health Blackburn as unfortunately Blackburn has one of the worst rates of child tooth decay in the country.



Children in Years 1 and 2 will bring home a copy of a book that will be shared in this assembly – 'Max's Not So Sweet Dream' – and I would encourage parents and carers of children in Years 1 and 2 to re-read this book with your child to reinforce the very important messages it contains.

Recent Snow and Icy Weather

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their understanding last Tuesday when the decision was made to open the school at 1.00pm. The road conditions around school were very dangerous in the morning, as they were in many areas outside of Blackburn where many of our school staff live. Opening in the afternoon meant that everyone was able to travel in much safer conditions.



I have had conversations with a couple of parents about asking BwD to provide additional grit bins for Cambridge Street and the path that connects Withers Street with Chester Street. For BwD to do this, local residents have to be willing to form a 'Community Grit Squad'. A minimum of 3 residents are needed to sign up to create a 'Community Grit Squad'. BwD require all applicants to confirm they will complete the mandatory training and collect all materials and equipment from the address provided. If you are interested in forming a Community Grit Squad, please let me know.

A big thank you to Mr Orange, our Site Supervisor, for the fantastic job he did in clearing the paths and car park for everyone.

Hawks' Class Assembly

Advance notice that our Hawks' class will be leading our assembly on Wednesday 31st January. All parents and carers of children in the Hawks' class are very welcome to come and join us. It starts at 8.45am.

Online Safety

Please see the flyer on the next page of the newsletter for information about an online safety information session which is open to all parents and carers. It's taking place online next Wednesday, 31st January, 9.30 – 10.15am. It promises to provide parents and carers with a lot of useful advice and guidance to help keep their children safe when online.



Home is Where the Start is

I've also included a flyer about the upcoming 'Home is where the start is' event taking place in February. This is an online family festival of fun and learning hosted by the Early Years Alliance, with a particular focus on communication and language.

Best wishes



Julian Rogers
Headteacher

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session



- Current trends** – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.
- Understanding the Risks** – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.
- What can you do?** – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.
- Further Support** – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY
31ST JANUARY
2024**

9.30AM – 10.15AM


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I will receive the link for this meeting next week – I'll share it with you then.



Home is where the start is



Communication counts

An online family festival of fun and learning

THURSDAY 22 - SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024

Book your free sessions today!

During this online family event, hosted by the Early Years Alliance, we will share information, advice and ideas on how you can support children's learning and development at home through lots of fun, exciting sessions for you and your children.

Activities will include:

- * Communication and language sessions
- * Fun music classes with Boogie Mites
- * Makaton signing taster sessions
- * Bilingualism tips and ideas

.... and much more!



Book your free sessions today:
<https://bit.ly/FamilyFestival2024>



This week's Amazing Achievers!

<p style="text-align: center;">Recent Reading Badges</p> <p>Woodpeckers: Yusuf Mangera – Gold Kingfishers: Anaya Ullah – Gold Swallows: Abdul Rehman – Topaz Falcons: Salaha Kousar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Authors of the Week</p> <p>Key Stage 2 children who have excelled in their writing recently:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shamsa Hooti – Doves Subhan Atiq – Owls Aysha Shazad – Kestrels Zayn Chaudhry – Hawks Zoya Noor Chaudhry – Falcons Ammarah Kauser – Eagles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">You've Been Spotted!</p> <p>Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Farrah Hussain – Woodpeckers Sara Holmes – Kingfishers Ricards Kilpe – Swallows Rehan Khan – Doves Hamzah Abdrabou – Owls Adam Shah – Kestrels Safiyah Karolia – Hawks Rosen Vasilev – Falcons Hussain Aswat – Eagles</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Headteacher's Award</p> <p>Children chosen for a special achievement last week:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deen Hussain – Robins Blue Ayaan Bhojani – Robins Green Azaan Qureshi – Woodpeckers Keyan Shah – Kingfishers Ameerah Khan – Swallows Alisha Zeeshan – Doves Sara Slonka – Owls Nazia Farid – Kestrels Haris Khan – Hawks Hashim Hussain – Falcons Yazan Anees – Eagles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doves</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Fenton's Star:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hina Hamid – Robins</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amna Hussain (Swallows) & Hamza Abdrabou (Owls)</p>	

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Kingfishers	Swallows
Juniors	Falcons	Owls