



ISSUE 21

NEWSLETTER

What a great week we have had! Today Y1 to Y4 got to watch a fabulous production by Trunk Theatre linked to 'The Great Fire of London'. Maple Class watched 'I Want My Hat Back' which is a recorded National Theatre show. Cherry had a visit from Alex Orme, who works for Shelterbox - a great way to end their topic on natural disasters. On Wednesday it was 'Darwin Day' so Mrs Jones led an assembly all about Charles Darwin, as he is our focus scientist this term. It was a great opportunity for the Year 6 children to share their knowledge of him with the rest of the school.

Thanks to all those families who have attended parent consultations this week. Once again we had a very high attendance of parents and carers. Thanks to all the teachers for working extra late on those evenings. I know parents and teachers find the meetings really useful and I feel staff and parents working together is the best way to help the children.

There has been a slight delay with the building works as we are waiting for it to be signed off by building control. We are still hoping we can start using it just after half term. There is a slight change of plan to which classes will be based in the building. It will now be Oak and Cherry in the new build with Birch Class making their current room their permanent classroom.

Thanks for all your support this term. I hope everyone has a wonderful half term break!

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE Maple Class: Millie.N - For being a superstar in Maple

class.

with a smile.

ready to try her best.

being a cheerful member of the class.

and having such a positive attitude.



STAR WRITERS



Jack Flla.T Mhairi Phoebe Caleb Daisy

lessons.



Rowan Class: Reef - For always approaching his learning

Sycamore Class: Paige - For coming into school everyday

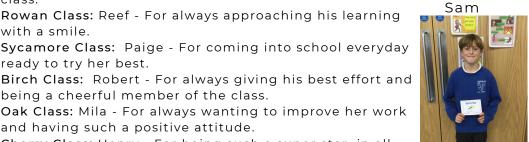
Oak Class: Mila - For always wanting to improve her work

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Cherry Class: Henry - For being such a super star in all

Maurice Madison Frank.S Amelie

SPORTS STAR



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Safeguarding and Health and Safety

Here is a link to a short film about mental health designed for older primary school children that you might find useful watching with your child.

<u>BAFTA self-awareness video series | Children's Mental Health</u> <u>Week</u>

Here are some useful sites for parents: <u>Parents Mental Health</u> <u>Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds</u>

Children's mental health - Every Mind Matters - NHS

<u>Resources: wellbeing support for young people and children - BBC</u> <u>Children in Need</u>

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



House Winner this Week is: 100 Acre Wood

PE News

Amelie met with two England rugby players and played an all girls tournament.



Please let Mrs Seary know of any sporting achievements outside of school. She is keen for people to send in photos of them attending sporting clubs and events outside of school.

Trunk Theatre - 'The Great Fire of London'











Competition Winner - Daisy

Kier Poster competition for creating a design around the theme of recycling and the environment.













When we were reading one of our RWI books we learnt how to make egg and cress sandwiches. After having a chat, we realised that not many of the children had tried them so we followed the book and made some of our own....They were delicious! We have finished our space topic by trying to remember as many facts as possible and there were many! Finally, we are on leg watch! The tadpoles have done lots of growing, but still no legs. Hopefully we will come back after half term and some will have them.





We have had a fabulous final week of term in Rowan class. We enjoyed investigating the best material to make curtains for a spaceship in science. We also learnt the difference between opaque and transparent. We've been working hard to answer our geography topic question "What is Earth Like?" by creating a moving poster! We also loved our outdoor learning session with Birch class on Tuesday.





Sycamore Class





We have so enjoyed our final week of this half term! We loved creating character descriptions from our class novel – The Wishkeepers Apprentice! In maths we were introduced to the multiplication sign (x) and particularly enjoyed solving problems. In geography we learnt some facts about Scotland and discovered the legend of the Loch Ness monster, writing Have you seen.....? posters. Once again we reached our Dojo target and as a treat we made bathbombs!!



Birch Class



The final week has been AMAZING! In science we investigated different 'animal faeces' and deduced if the animal was a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore. It was brilliant fun and not smelly at all. In our music session, we have been learning how to make different cords, before switching between them while playing. We are looking forward to putting on a performance next term. The end of the week finished with us creating our own page for our class wordless book. We used different mediums and techniques to create our final piece.







Oak Class





This week has been about our pneumatic DT monsters! The children were brilliantly creative; using their knowledge of pneumatics they problem solved to get their monsters to move. Not all were able to complete, but discussions were had on the beauty of simplicity! In writing, we've been using our science knowledge of forces to write an explanation text and then in geography, we've been learning about why Greenwich is the centre of the Prime Meridian and effectively 'where time starts'!

Cherry Class



As an end point for our topic on natural disasters we invited Mr Orme from Shelterbox in to talk about the role of this charity in supporting communities where people have lost their homes due to disaster. We learnt that Shelterbox set out 25 years ago with the aim to help eight families a year and has now helped over three million people- amazing!

In science we finished our half term project by writing, filming and editing our own short films about evolution and inheritance.





PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB MUST NOW BE BOOKED & PAID IN ADVANCE ON PARENT PAY.

Breakfast by 9pm night before and After School Clubs by 12pm on the day.

After School Clubs are now until 4:15pm or 5pm.

Outdoor Rangers is now twice a week (children can only attend 1), football clubs on Mon and Tues.

REMINDERS

INSET DAY - 24TH

FEBRUARY

| Monday | Mindfulness with Miss Cafe Library/homework with Mrs Barnes Yr 1, 2 & 3 Football with Mrs Seary Computer coding / homework club with Mrs Kerslake |
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| Tuesday | Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe Sewing club with Mrs Barnes Yr 4, 5 & 6 Football with Mrs Seary |
| Wednesday | Craft club with Mrs Barnes & Miss Cafe |
| Thursday | Outdoor Rangers with Miss Cafe & Mrs Barnes Library/Lego with Mrs Chiplin Netball yr5/6 - (high 5 version) with Mrs Jones & Mrs Whitford |
| Friday | Wraparound with Mrs Barnes & Miss Noble |

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 95.2% Rowan Class - 92.3%

Birch Class - 95.2% Oak Class - 91.8% Cherry Class - 96.2% Whole school attendance for the year is currently is : 95.6%

PE DAYS Maple - Thursday **Rowan - Thursday** Sycamore - Monday **Birch - Tuesday Oak - Tuesday Cherry - Monday**

Birch and Oak will also do outdoor learning on a Tuesday

DATES

5th Mar - Great Athletes Para-Olympian visitor 5th Mar - World Book Day Snuggledown 5.45-7pm 6th Mar - World Book Day (please note we are not dressing up this year) 31st Mar - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm 7th May - Class photographs 21 May - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm 9th Jun - Sports Day morning & lunch 18-20 Jun - Yr 6 Residential trip 30 Jun - Yr 5 Surf Day

2-4 Jul - Yr 4-5 Residential trip

17th Jul - Open Class 2:50-3:20pm

TERM DATES

Last Day of Spring Term - 3rd April Bank Holiday - 21st April First Day Summer Term - 22nd April Bank Holiday - 5th May Half Term - w/c 26th May Last Day Summer Term - 22nd July

INSET DAYS

24th February 2025 4th April 2025 23rd July 2025

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