

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - No. 444

### A message from Mr Witts, Executive Headteacher

As we come to the end of another very busy term, we would like to thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. This term has once again been very challenging for all of us; impacted by illness, the challenge of Strep A and Covid still prevalent, strike and the concerns of future action and the cost of living challenges.

We would like to reassure you that throughout all of this, we work tirelessly to try and minimise the impact on you, your children and their learning.

We have been working hard across the school (staff and children) to look at our behaviour and learning policies. Further details on this will be shared in the first week back in Term 4. We will be working with the children to understand our new school rules:

### **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.**

These link very closely to our school Christian values of:  
**Compassion Community Friendship Trust Perseverance**

We have reviewed and enhanced the opportunities to celebrate and recognise the achievements of your children in school. Some of these include House Points, Class Assemblies and Postcards home. Some new additions are Hot Chocolate Fridays and wristbands for positive behaviours (more details to follow). Finally we have the newsletter to celebrate other achievements.

With further strikes next term, we appreciate the anxiety this causes and once again we will work hard to manage the impact and keep you as informed as we can. There are issues around industrial action that make it hard for us to give definite answers and we do understand the challenge this can cause.

Have a peaceful and restful Half Term

### Things to Remember

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February the school is closed due to a Staff Development Day.

Year 1 – It will be PE block week after half term 21.02.23 - 24.02.23. Please ensure your child wears their outdoor PE kit to school every day.

### Dates for the Diary

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term  
20.02.23 - No School - Inset Day  
21.02.23 - Y6 SATS Parent Meeting  
W/C 27.02.23 - World Book Week  
03.03.23 - Non-school uniform day  
03.03.23 - Parents invited into school to read  
09.03.23 - 1A Class Assembly  
13.03.23 - EYFS Mother's day event  
14.03.23 - EYFS Mother's day event  
17.03.23 - Red Nose Day - Non uniform day  
22.03.23 - Parents Evening  
23.03.23 - Parents Evening  
24.03.23 - PFA School Disco  
30.03.23 - Y4 Easter Production to Parents  
30.03.23 - Y4 Kingswood Parent Meeting

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Learning Award

RB Harry L, RCG Alfie E, 1A Millie T,  
1M Luna D, 2H Harry M, 2S Isabelle L,  
3G Elsie B, 3S Ellie W, 4K Harriet BG,  
4M Kayden W, 5F Ted W, 5R Tilly R,  
6C Kiran S, 6N Elliott B

#### Value Award

RB Emilia B, RCG Omolayo A, 1A Sofia B,  
1M Charlotte M, 2H the whole class,  
2S Uma H, 3G Emmie T, 3S Niamh M,  
4K Jack S, 4M Bobby M, 5F Zoe P,  
5R Lara C, 6C Harry B6N Tyler C

 **Accelerated Reader®**  
**CLASS READING AWARD**

**3G**  
**Best Fiction / Non-Fiction Split**

### House Points

Beckett	2507
Dickens	2610
Churchill	2596
Harvey	2248
Holmes	2503
Shakespeare	2505

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
**DICKENS**  
**This week's winners**

## School News

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated money to the Number Day last week, we have raised a fantastic **£350.22** for the NSPCC Charity.

Free school meal vouchers - For families who receive them, vouchers will be sent via email on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Clubs - The link to register for clubs for Term 4 will be sent out at 4pm via text on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The clubs will start w/c 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### Year 1 Learning

Last week 1A created some wonderful artwork in the style of Mondrian.

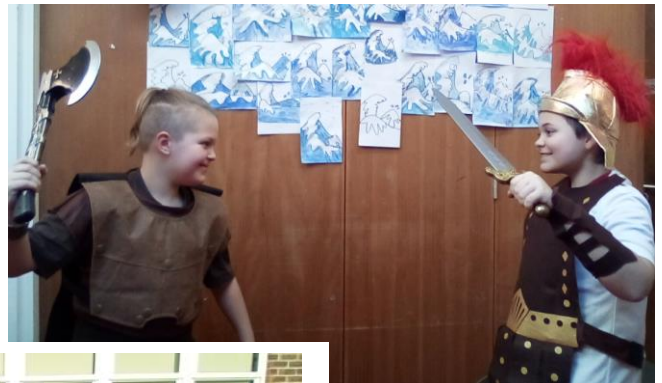


Congratulations to Annie in Year 3. Annie achieved her Chief Bronze Award at Beavers. This award is given to those who achieve all their challenge badges and it is the highest award given out at Beavers. Well Done Annie.



### Year 5 Learning

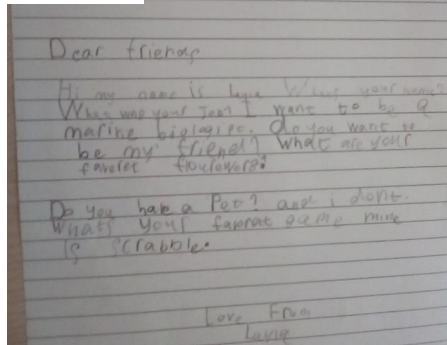
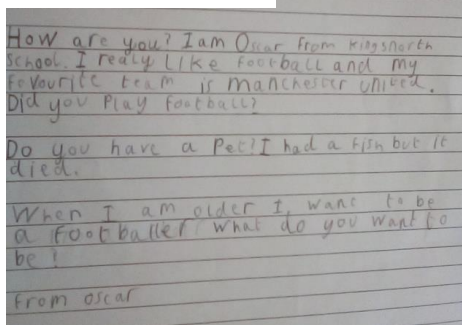
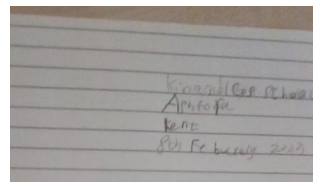
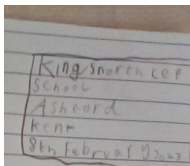
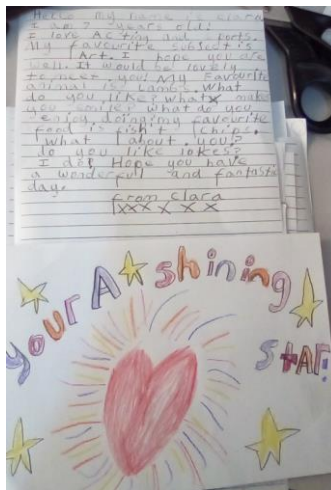
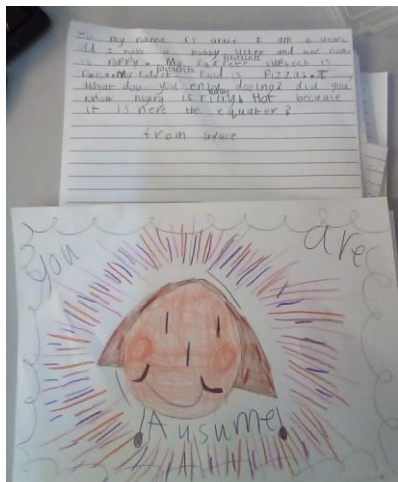
This week in Year 5 (as part of our study of Ancient Greece) we have been celebrating Ancient Greek culture and in particular, comparing life in Athens with life in Sparta. The children came into school dressed in their finest Athenian and Spartan costumes, and they all looked absolutely amazing! The children compared the different ways of life in the more warrior-oriented Sparta with the more refined ways of the Athenians. Year 5 also explored foods, clothing, plant-life, ornaments and decided on which linked to the different city states. We painted Ancient Greek masks that would have been used in theatrical performances, and explored the Greek alphabet. It was an exciting day for all and the children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in Ancient Greek ways of life.





## Year 2 Learning

Following on from reading about Anna Hibiscus' elderly relatives in English this week, Year 2 decided to write letters to the elderly people at our local care home. They wrote such thoughtful letters with questions in to see if they could find out more about what it was like when they were young.



## Year 3 Learning

As part of their History and DT learning this week, Year 3 have been researching, planning, designing, testing and evaluating their aqueducts. They have had lots of fun testing them during outdoor learning.





## Year 6 Learning



## HELPING YOUR CHILD

The amount of stress you experience will, however, depend on how you deal with it. It's not only helpful to identify your stressors, but to keep track of when and where they occur. This can help you keep your stress under control.



There's other help you'll still want to use in your quest to get your company to where it needs to be. Make sure you don't miss things you can't miss, and don't miss things you can't miss. So, make sure you don't miss things you can't miss. So, make sure you don't miss things you can't miss.

### What do people worry about online?

- X Cyberbullying
- X Seeing something scary
- X Scams
- X Teles
- X Spam
- X Trackers
- X Hackers
- X Unwanted information
- X Live streaming
- X Online friends / online play
- X Chatting in games
- X Time spent looking at screens

And best  
of all  
have  
**PLUM!**  
free online!

5 Top Tips

- make sure you have a strong password
- use a VPN to keep pictures of you safe
- write [password manager]
- don't forget to update



# EYFS Learning

In EYFS Outdoor learning this week, we took advantage of the sunshine and spent time learning about and drawing around our shadows.

