



## Newsletter

6th May 2022

### Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 25/04	W/B 03/05
Mango (Nur)	96%	81%
Apple (Rec M)	95%	87%
Peach (Rec C)	95%	91%
Beech (1S)	99%	97%
Maple (1R)	96%	91%
Ash (2R)	95%	95%
Birch (2N)	98%	86%
Lemon (3C)	94%	94%
Oak (3B)	99%	91%
Aspen (4D)	98%	85%
Spruce (4A)	86%	82%
Cherry (5B)	94%	90%
Palm (5G)	95%	84%
Cypress (6W)	99%	87%
Willow (6L)	99%	92%

### Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Rebecca
Apple (Rec M)	Sydney
Peach (Rec C)	Violet
Beech (1S)	Amiliyah
Maple (1R)	Ehsan
Ash (2R)	Ella T
Birch (2N)	Tiffany
Lemon (3C)	Belle
Oak (3B)	Immanuel
Aspen (4D)	Elsie
Spruce (4A)	Rylee
Cherry(5B)	Cyrus
Palm (5G)	Aadam
Cypress (6W)	Aryan
Willow(6L)	Eaf

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather that we are now being blessed with. I also hope that all of our families who celebrated Eid on Monday enjoyed the occasion together. Certainly staff reported that it was lovely to be able to get the whole family together once again. Eid Mubarak.

#### Attendance update

It has felt a very disjointed week, with the slow start resulting from the Bank Holiday and then the Polling Day closure as well yesterday. Frustratingly, after having had such a good week previously, the attendance has been much lower in almost every class this week. This is disappointing for the teachers, because our curriculum is so carefully planned and every week and every lesson have planned outcomes that children need to reach if they are to progress with their learning and achieve the intended end points for their learning. I very much appeal to you please to make sure our attendance levels are resumed next week. We need your support.

#### Value of the week

This week, the value that we focused on with the children is the value of Honesty and we reflected as a school on: 'You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free', John 8.32. This obviously complements our school motto of: 'Hearts overflowing with truth and love'.

This week I had a conversation with one of our teachers, thinking about the process of book scrutiny as a form of monitoring of pupil learning and high expectations. This particular member of staff told me that through book scrutiny we can assess whether the subject is being taught with love. This feedback brought a tear to my eye and I wanted to share it with you because it provides an insight to you of how teachers approach the teaching of children in this school....

#### Have your say

This week we have been asked to share a number of opportunities for you to contribute your thoughts and ideas to the bigger picture of provision for children.

The first is concerning a 'Behaviour and Mental Health in Schools' inquiry from the Centre for Mental Health <https://cypmhc.org.uk/behaviour-in-schools/>

They are looking to hear from young people, parents, carers and professionals so your voice can be heard here:

· [Survey for young people](#)

· [Survey for parents and carers](#)

This is in addition to the government's call for evidence on mental health and wellbeing which can be read here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/mental-health-and-wellbeing-plan-discussion-paper-and-call-for-evidence>

And responded to here: [Respond online](#)

#### Key dates coming up this half term:

- Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May: Year 6 have **KS2 SATs week**
- Thursday 19th May: **Beech class assembly** at 3:00pm. Parents of Beech class children welcome to attend.
- Friday 27th May—**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Assembly** and event
- Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June: **Half term**



### **An update from the Children's Commissioner on the family review**

Furthermore, we have been asked to share this update from the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza:

"Family is a core pillar of my work as Children's Commissioner, following ['The Big Ask' survey](#), which demonstrated how important families are to children.

Children explained how having a supportive family has a positive impact on their lives, from receiving emotional support, to being able to talk with family members about their worries and aspirations for the future. I have been commissioned by government to undertake a review of family life across the country.

The family review will seek to understand the composition of the modern family. It will explore whether the needs of children are understood in the provision of services to families, and how we can improve children's outcomes by developing the way public services understand the needs of families as a unit.

Capturing the voices of children and their families is key to this review. That is why I am launching my call for action. Please encourage children and their families to complete the questions on the [Children's Commissioner website](#), and to share their view on family life. The answers will help us understand what children think of family life and help inform our work".

Hopefully you will be able to find some time together to do this at home over the weekend. We need to make sure that these reviews that generate changes to provision, are informed by our voices....

### **Young Minds**

And then I also wanted to share this organization with you. With external services under huge pressure to support young people with mental health needs, Young Minds provides a free phone line support service for parents and people working with children and young adults which can be accessed through [this link](#).

If you have concerns about the emotional and mental health of a family member then this organization may prove to be very useful to you.

### **Safety**

Two quick notes regarding pupil safety.

First to highlight that the weather next week promises to really improve. It was noticeable today that the children were already coming off the playground, very warm and in some cases with the sun impacting their skin.

With the weather getting warmer, please consider what your child needs to keep themselves safe. A bottle of water in school is always useful. If their skin is sensitive to the sun, please make sure they apply sun cream before attending school and then have some in their school bag to reapply later in the day if they need to. And also consider whether a cap might be helpful, to cover their heads when they are outside playing.

The children need a break and they need the chance to have fresh air and run around, however we want them to be able to do this safely. Thank you again for your support.

Secondly, please can I also remind you that to protect our children we are a **Nut free** school. Please make sure any pack lunches or snacks that the children bring in are free from nuts.

And I close this week acknowledging that next week, the Year 6 children will sit their SATs exams. They are the first cohort for three years to do it. I know that you will be praying for them as indeed, so will we. I hope they rest well, stay well hydrated and nourished, as well as safe, so that when they come in each day next week, they feel ready to work hard and feel the impact of their studies all year. A warm very big luck to Year 6 next week.

With best wishes to you all for a lovely weekend, Rebecca Abrahams

## Class catch-up

In Oak class we have been exploring the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. We used different techniques to create artwork in her style. We printed, painted, collaged and used pens to make different polka dot designs.

