



Spring Term Newsletter No.9 (13.3.20)

Despite the challenges around dealing with the Coronavirus, we have been business as normal in classes this week.

On Monday, we started our Science Week with an experiment in assembly to make elephant's toothpaste by separating the hydrogen and oxygen elements found in peroxide. Have a look in the [Science Blog](#) to find out more. On Tuesday we were joined by *Sanska UK*, a civil engineering company, who took their work into Y4, Y5 and Y6 to give them a taste for science in the real world. On Wednesday, children brought in their Science homework projects to share with our friends from Dunboyne Court. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the visit from our friends to avoid any risk of them catching the virus. Luckily, we were just concluding a meeting of Heads so we were able to join the children to celebrate their projects and see the whizzing and pops. Have a look on the blog to see the photos. Check out [Year 1's plant work](#) as well, following on from last week. Thank you to Mrs Chivers, our Science Lead, for organising the gadget sale. I hope your children have been inspired by the week to explore and take a further interest in this fascinating subject.

One of our new school governors, Simon Kane, who works for *Skanska* and organised their visit, also spent time in school working with our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) team of school leaders to support improvements in Science, Design Technology and Computing in the school. Thank you to him for this time and expertise. The governors' finance committee met on Wednesday evening to look at our school budget, make sure we are meeting our statutory commitments and to challenge our spending to make sure we are prioritising correctly for continued school improvement.

Catch up on other curriculum news—There's lots of new news in the [Sports Blog](#). Have a read to find out about swimming success at County level, Quicksticks winners in Torbay and Sportshall athletics success. Look in the SMSC Blog to see how Year 6 got on in their [recent activity week](#) when they were out and about in the bay around school. In our [History Blog](#) you can find out about a Tudor murder mystery in Year 3 and Year 4. Look in the Writing Blog to see our latest [Handwriting Heroes](#), Year 3's [biography writing](#), and Miss Pritchard's launch of a [creative writing competition](#). Look in the [Religion Blog](#) to find out about Year 1's study of Judaism. Check out the [Maths Blog](#) for a 9xtable trick. Catch up with [World Book Day](#) with some of the photos in the Reading Blog. A big thanks to Miss Palfrey for organising all the creative potatoes, the story teller and the book fair.

As you know we have our fantastic chickens in the school which help enhance our school curriculum. I would like to say a big thanks to Judith and Lisa, two of our amazing support staff who volunteer their time each week to do the dirty work and keep the coop clean; all for the benefit of your children. Many thanks.

Request for Parents Volunteers to Listen to Readers Thank you to those parents who have come forward already. If there is anybody else interested with helping children develop their core skills, please do get in touch. If you have even 30 minutes spare (e.g. after drop-off in the morning or just before pick-up) and would be willing to help, please let the office know. Or you might know a willing grandparent who would love to help. If so, please ask them to contact school also. Many thanks.

Good Quality Books Needed!! We would be very grateful if you could have a rummage at home for pre-loved good condition children's books that might be cluttering up your home if you are ready for a spring clean. If you have any we would be very grateful if you can bring them to the office so we can look through to see which we can add to our library. Many thanks to Mrs Ross-Hamilton for this excellent suggestion to help us replenish our stocks.

Volunteer Enforcement Officer Needed—We are still looking for our own volunteer enforcement officer who can issue parking penalty charge notices. The Council will provide the necessary training, as this has to be in line with the Traffic Management Act 2004. If you are able to volunteer at the beginning and the end of the school day, please can you let the office know. Many thanks.

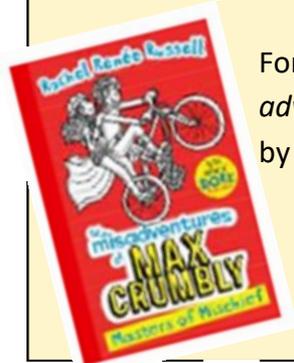
Update on Coronavirus—follow [this link](#) for the most recent guidance to schools

For the most recent update from school, please see the letter dated 13th March. This letter, the previous one and other helpful resources can now be found on the website under *Well-being in Action*—[Coronavirus Updates and Guidance](#). As the government moves into the delay phase, the guidance is now as follows:

If you have a new continuous cough and / or a high temperature (37.8 degrees or over) self-isolate for 7 days. You don't need to call NHS 111 unless your symptoms worsen or don't improve after 7 days.

The DfE helpline is now open weekends: Phone: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



For our older readers: *The Misadventures of Max Crumbly*
by Rachel Ren Russell

For our younger readers:
Supertato by Sue Hendry



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to
xxx Class for
winning the School
Attendance Award with xxx
attendance. School target: 96%
The whole school achieved
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Stars of the Week

Ash	Penny and Evelyn you have both been super authors this week and we have all thoroughly enjoyed listening to your stories! A fantastic effort from both of you using your sounds and remembering to write a beginning, middle and end in your story!
Elm	Joshua - You have been using your imagination brilliantly in your learning this week. We loved your super Minecraft drawing and writing. Felix - What a brilliant SuperHero book you made this week and you used your sounds brilliantly to write their names. Well done! Lola - We are so proud of you for being such an amazing Try-a-tops in your learning this week, joining in with real confidence.
Beech	Elyce for completing all your work every day this week. You have had a go at everything and taken such pride in your work - a real superstar!
Pine	Rico for working really hard on all his learning activities. He shows a desire to learn new things and always puts a super effort into any task given to him. Well done Rico.
Oak	Sophia- for showing resilience in all areas of her learning. Well done for not giving up and for trying your best to see a task through Sophia!
Apple	Alexa for having a great attitude towards her written work. Her work had lovely adjectives and she really tried hard with her punctuation - well done.
Rowan	Isla - for having such a positive attitude to your learning! Thanks for always coming into school with a big smile on your face! Your maths, science, writing and art show such progress!
Cherry	Lilly - for showing kindness and being an amazing friend. What a lovely quality to have. Thank you Lilly!
Maple	Elsie and Evelyn - for writing exceptional biographies about Henry VIII where they have really thought about presenting their facts to the reader in an engaging way.
Holly	Amy - for being such an excellent role model of all of our school core values. She is a kind friend who works hard and always does her best. She has settled in so well to her new school. Well done Amy!
Year 6	Ryan - for phenomenal progress in maths! You have listened brilliantly to advice and practised hard to improve your speed, accuracy and understanding of tricky arithmetic skills. I'm so impressed Ryan

Diary Dates

Thursday 26.3.20	PTA Disco—CANCELLED
Tuesday 28.4.20	R, Y1 and Y2 PTA film night—CANCELLED

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION