

# NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

Thank you for the overwhelming support and messages following my appointment as Principal. It has been a pleasure to see the children return this term and come straight back into their learning environments showing their POW values.

Following the announcement from the government last weekend and the subsequent guidance this week, please may I ask all parents and carers to wear a **mask at all times** whilst on the school site, **maintain social distance** and remember to **only have one adult/carers** to drop off and collect to **minimise numbers and time present** on site. This is especially true of when an older sibling is collected as they can sometimes be accompanied by another student which can unwittingly increase numbers. All these measures are to minimise the impact on our community when there are positive cases. The more we adhere to these measures, the less chance a positive case will impact the school community, resulting in less bubbles needing to be sent home and reduced numbers of parents and carers needing to self isolate for 14 days.

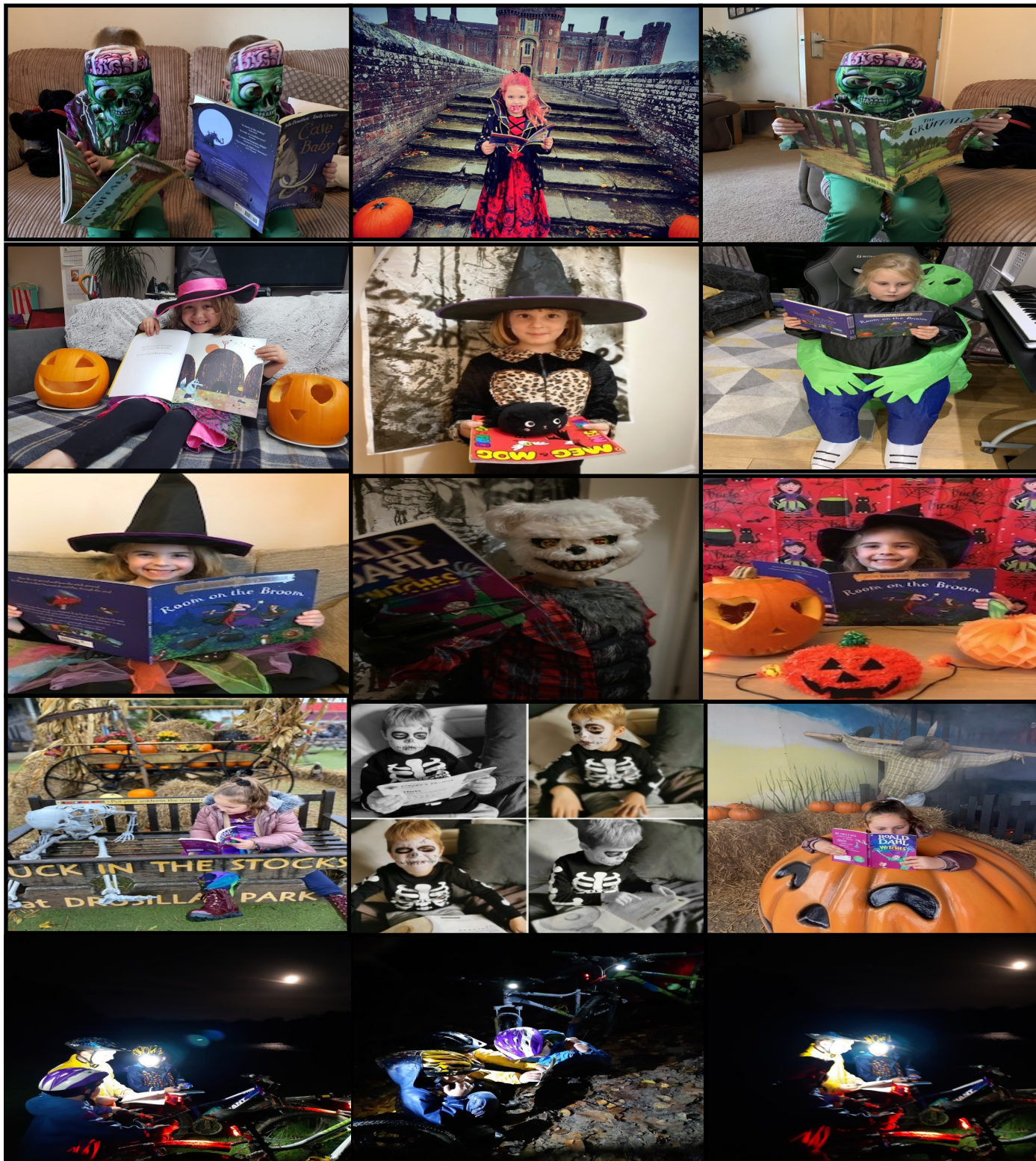
## Supporting the community

Lenny is one of our WSLPA pupils who is a wheelchair user and has little independent mobility. His family are fund raising £25,000 for Just4Children to enable him to have SDR surgery (Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy) at Nottingham children's hospital as he has been accepted there by the surgeon to go on the waiting list. This opportunity to have this surgery will give Lenny a chance to lead a more independent life with more mobility. He will be also pain free and will be able to do so much more.

Any donation would be hugely appreciated– and I know the WSLPA community will be supportive. I ask you to consider making a donation to his ['Just Giving' page](#). Thank you for your support.

# Spooky Spectacular Reader Competition

Well done to all of our wonderfully "Spooky Spectacular Readers". It was great to see these children prioritising their reading amongst all of the Halloween fun during half term.





## And the Winner is...

Huge congratulations to Aimee for reading in such a famously spooky and historical setting. We really hope you have great time spending your £20 book token on some more fantastic books.



## Year 5 Tudor Workshop

We are very excited to announce that Year 5's Stunning Start to their 'Tudors' topic is a Tudor day! We have been lucky enough to secure a workshop from 'Steps in Time' to visit. Children will experience:

- Henry VIII (the beginnings of the Tudor reign, Henry VII & VIII, the six wives, the Church of England, the need for a son).
- Elizabeth (Mary, Edward, difficulties of becoming queen, dancing, dress, not marrying).
- Sir Francis Drake & sailing (exploring, hygiene, food, navigation, punishments, dangers, the Spanish, treasure and spoils).

This workshop will take place on **Friday 20th November 2020** in the school hall to support social distancing.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5.85 via ParentPay to cover the cost of this exciting event. We appreciate these are challenging times but would love to make learning as fun and engaging as possible whilst the children are in school. The school tries to make up any shortfall in contributions received so that trips/activities can go ahead, but should this not be possible the trip/activity will be cancelled.



## Y3 Circus Workshop

Year 3 had an amazing circus workshop exploring the history and culture of the circus alongside learning many circus skills. This included juggling, Chinese ribbons, plate spinning and tight rope walking just to mention a few. They looked at using coordination and teamwork to achieve things that they have maybe never had the experience of attempting before, including how to stilt walk.



## School Lunch Menu

Please be aware that on occasion puddings may vary from the published menu. All dietary needs will be catered for.

## School Photographs

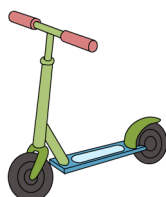
As you know, Van Cols will be visiting our school on **Monday 16 November 2020** for the school photographs. Sadly due to bubble restrictions, only individual photos can be taken this year.

## Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination

Flu vaccinations are planned for **Friday 25 November 2020** and are being offered to all children in year groups Reception to Year 6.

## Scooters

While we love to see the children riding their scooters, please make sure they are not ridden on the school grounds to keep our school a safe place.



## Guidance on School Attendance During Lockdown

The government has provided the following advice:

*Guidance on the [new national restrictions](#) makes it clear the government is continuing to prioritise the long term future of children and young people therefore early years settings, schools, colleges and universities will remain open.*

*It is very important for children and young people to attend their education setting for their wellbeing and long-term development.*

*School attendance continues to be mandatory although the expectations have changed for children who have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable.*

## Parent Consultations

As you will have seen, the bookings for parent consultations have begun through Parentmail. As these start soon, we wanted to outline some of the key points to help you better understand the format to this amended system:

1. Meetings will remain at ten minutes long as they have done in the past. Please be mindful of this when talking to your child's teacher as others will be awaiting their calls at the allotted time and it may cause a delay to all subsequent phone calls if this is not adhered to.
2. In the event that you are not able to pick up your call, a voicemail will be left by the teacher to specify the time that they will call you back. Please do not return the call yourself as this will cause disruption to the outgoing calls occurring on that day.
3. Teachers will be focusing primarily on discussing the learning in class during these meetings to ensure they can be timely for each parent or carer. If you wish to discuss anything further with the teacher, please allow them to arrange a separate phone call at a later date.
4. As the volume of outgoing calls will be very high during these weeks, it may mean that other communications with parents may be delayed as we will be using all phone lines for the purposes of the consultations. For example, if you have asked to speak to a teacher over the phone for a different reason, please be aware that they may not be able to do this straight away when a number of other teachers are completing the consultations.

Thank you for your understanding. We have no doubt that this amended format of the consultations during these unprecedented times will allow you to gain a useful insight into your child's learning.





# Gold Awards

We continue to award children each week for showing their POW values and showing Excellent Learning and Friendship. Here are the gold awards for this week.



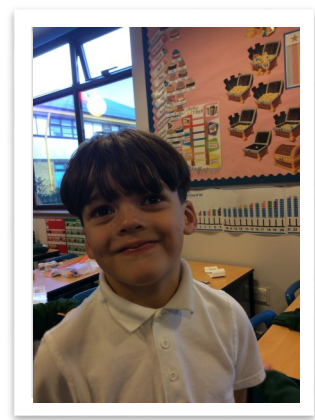
**Puffins - Grayson Y**

Grayson has shown great perseverance in his writing. Well done!



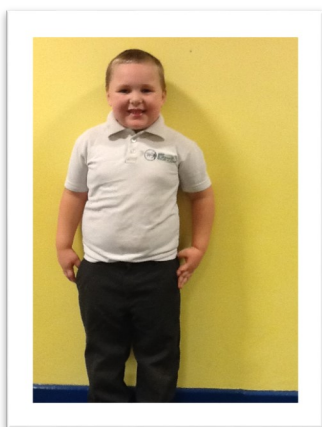
**Ducklings - Oliver HK**

Oliver has worked really hard this week and we can see he has worked really hard on his phonics over half term.



**Robins - Rocco R**

Rocco for working exceptionally hard on his phonics and handwriting work during interventions. He has consistently been trying his best to form his letters and has a positive attitude.



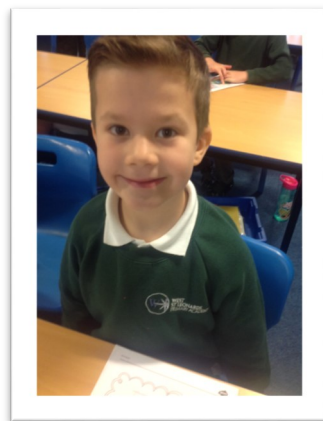
**Blackbirds - Noah C**

Noah has been working exceptionally well as part of Blackbirds class, following instructions and participating in lots of lessons and learning. We are all so proud of Noah.



**Warblers - Bethany H**

A huge well done to Bethany for joining her handwriting in independent writing! Mrs Williams is incredibly excited about this! Now let's keep 'Striving for Five' on our journey to a prestigious pen licence!



**Kingfishers - Teddy B**

Teddy for great focus and behaviour for learning.





**Nightingales - Ronnie M**

Ronnie for showing his excellent learning in all subjects. Ronnie consistently shows his POW values and is a role model for his peers. Well done Ronnie!



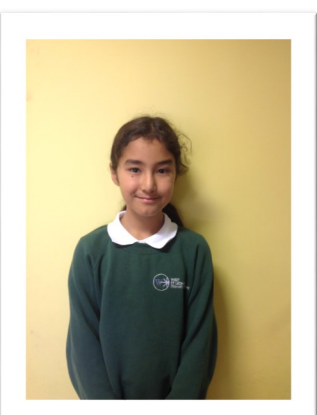
**Sandmartins - Valentine J**

Valentine for showing her POW values and striving for a five in all areas of school life.



**Avocets - Alex N**

Alex for his excellent participation and focus during drumming this week. Keep up the hard work Alex!



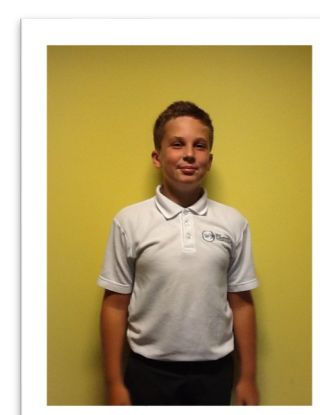
**Oystercatchers - Sabah A**

Sabah for going above and beyond in her home learning. Sabah has been doing extra pieces this week to continue her learning of homophones. She is an exceptional role model. Well done Sabah!



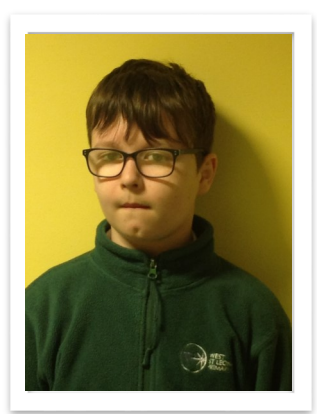
**Hérons - Evan T**

Evan for always being ready to learn and getting on with his work so well. Additionally, he is putting his hand up more and engaging in discussions with the class. Keep it up Evan!



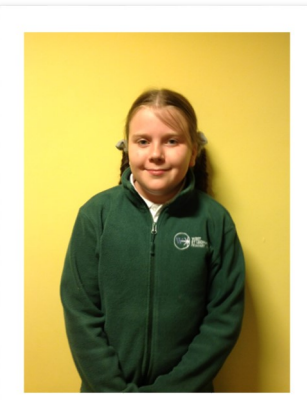
**Cranes - Charlie S**

Charlie for always working hard to show his POW values, being a great listener in class and trying his hardest. Well done Charlie!



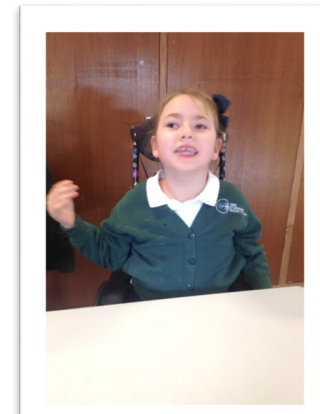
**Razorbills - Elliot J**

Elliot for engaging more in his maths lessons this term and showing enthusiasm to raise his hand and participate.



**Swifts - Cerys B**

Cerys for always being a beacon of positivity in Swifts! She has taken to the new SATs homework enthusiastically, always contributes in class discussions, works well with her talk partner and has a growth mindset.



**Doves - Aleshia CP**

Aleshia has returned to school ready to learn with a happy smile on her face. She has worked really hard on her learning this week, especially with her reading, where she is able to track words with her finger as they are read. Well done, Aleshia!



## Start and Finish Times Reminder

Class	In/Out	Door
R - Puffins	8:30am - 2:50pm	Aviary playground door
R - Ducklings	8:30am - 2:50pm	Reception cloakroom door
Y1 - Robins	8:40am – 3:00pm	KS1 entrance door (garage side)
Y1 - Blackbirds	8:40am – 3:00pm	Blackbirds entrance door
Y2 - Kingfishers	8:40am – 3:00pm	KS1 playground door
Y2 - Warblers	8:40am – 3:00pm	KS1 playground door
Y3 - Nightingales	8:50am - 3:15pm	KS2 playground door
Y3 - Sandmartins	8:50am - 3:15pm	KS1 playground door
Y4 - Avocets	8:30am – 2:50pm	KS1 playground door
Y4 - Oystercatchers	8:30am – 2:50pm	KS2 playground door
Y5 - Herons	8:50am - 3:15pm	Staff entrance door
Y5 - Cranes	8:50am - 3:15pm	Staff entrance door
Y6 - Razorbills	8:40am – 3:00pm	Staff entrance door
Y6 - Swifts	8:40am – 3:00pm	Staff entrance door

Our expectation is that there are no late children as we do not want any child to miss out on early morning learning.