

## NEWSLETTER

### A Note from Mr O'Regan

Thank you, the wonderful West St Leonards community for your support during this busy week. Your messages of support and responses for the parent view survey were most welcome. The school had a two day Ofsted Inspection this week– unfortunately the outcome can only be shared with staff, parents and pupils, once the report is released next month. I am very proud of the children and the team.

### Reminder of dates for your diary

Y6 residential week	11.10.2021
Reception: Stay and Learn	12.10.2021
Parent Consultation via TEAMS	20.10.2021 3:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Parent Consultation via TEAMS	21.10.2021 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Last day of term 1	21.10.2021
INSET	22.10.2021
Class resume Term 2	01.11.2021

### Could you be our new school receptionist?

Mrs Stringer will be leaving at the end of the month– we wish her well and thank her for showing her POW values everyday.

This means we are looking for new staff to work in our school office and would like to generate interest in our fantastic school community to see if anyone would be interested. If so, we would love to hear from you. To view information around the role and the application process, please look [here](#) and consider joining the West St Leonards team!

## Golden Bugs

Congratulations to our glittering GOLDEN BUGS this week! Your patience, perseverance and resilience with your reading will help you to make super progress across the CURRICULUM!

**KS1:** Roman R, Isaac, Zainab and Jack

**KS2:** Maisy, Teddy, Nancy and Fraser

This week's overall CHAMPION BUG is Zainab from Warblers who completed 8 books!

Keep reading, keep smiling!



## Year 1 Jaws N Claws

Year 1 have been learning about animals, including humans, in science. For our Fantastic Finish to Term 1, we will be welcoming Phil from Jaws N Claws along with all of his different animals! This is such a brilliant experience for the children to handle a wide range of animals, from giant cockroaches to snakes and tortoises and many many more!

We will be consolidating our knowledge we have learnt over the term about different types of animals, groups of animals, what they eat and the body structure of animals.

This will take place at school in the afternoon on **Tuesday 19th October**. We are asking for a parent contribution of **£3.08** to help support this wonderful event. This can be paid via parentpay by **Monday 11th October** please. We are all extremely excited about our Fantastic Finish and can't wait to share the photos with you!



## Y1 Handwriting Heroes (Week 5)

Well done to everyone who practised their handwriting last week and to **Czarek** (Robins class) and **Tristan** (Blackbirds class) our Handwriting Heroes.

There have been some amazing handwriting heroes this term and you are all showing us your very best work. Year 1 are always trying to strive for excellence, so keep up the great work, stay in the lines and as always, **Strive for Five!**

Year 1 would like to remind you that you can access your online reading books by logging on to Bug Club (ActiveLearn). The secret school code is: wslc

Let's see how many of you are reading with your school books and online books and find out how many super 7 time readers we can get!"

This week the focus is the 'zigzag' letter family (v,w,x and z). You can watch the formation tutorial videos by clicking [here](#).

Please return your handwriting practice on Monday with your name on it.

Good luck heroes!



## IMPORTANT!

Flu vaccinations are planned for **Friday 5 November 2021**. To ensure your child receives their vaccination, please complete the e-consent form by 11am on **Friday 29 October 2021**.

If you need any help at all, please contact the school office.



## Reception- A Little Reminder...

PE days for Duckling class are Wednesday and Friday.



Invicta National Academy is excited to announce that their **FREE** half-term programme is now open for booking.

**25TH - 29TH OCTOBER**

**10AM - MATHS**

**11AM - ENGLISH**

[BOOK NOW](#)

Half term will be here before you know it so don't leave it until the last minute.

Book your child's classes now and help them capitalise on what they've learnt so far this term.



## Politeness Cup

Celebrating our children with impeccable manners who put a smile on our faces. We focus on many POW values each week but we know how politeness can support them all. Well done to **Oakley** (Blackbirds class) and **Ayah** (Cranes class).



Oakley



Ayah

## Dangerous Parking

We do understand that drop off and pick up times are difficult and busy; however, dangerous parking places the lives of our young children at unnecessary risk. Please use the safer parking options available to you.

Thank you for your support in this important issue.



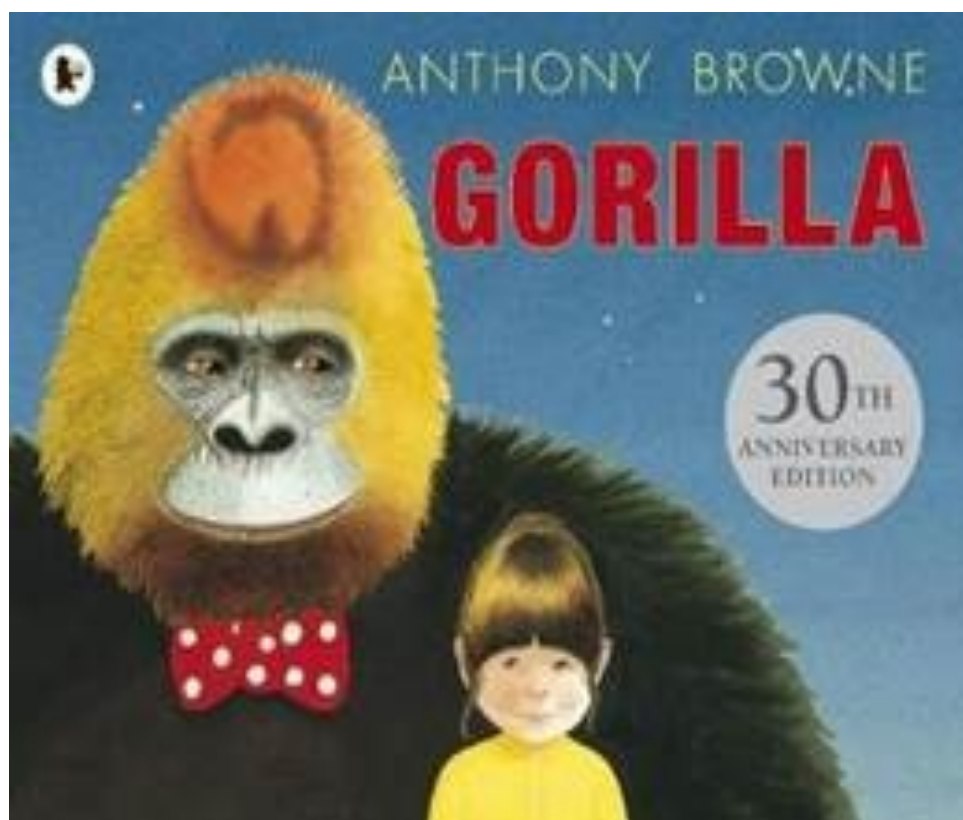


## Recommended Read (Reception)

### **Gorilla | Author: Anthony Browne**

Hannah's favourite animals in the whole world are gorillas; she reads about them, watches programmes about them, and draws pictures of them. But all she really wants to do is see a gorilla in real life. Hannah's dad is always too busy to take her to the zoo, so on her birthday, Hannah decides to ask for a gorilla of her own.

This fantastical picture book from 2009-2011 Children's Laureate and Hans Christian Andersen Award winner Anthony Browne is a warm and sensitive story. With its beautiful, slightly surreal illustrations, it is a magical story to treasure and share again and again.

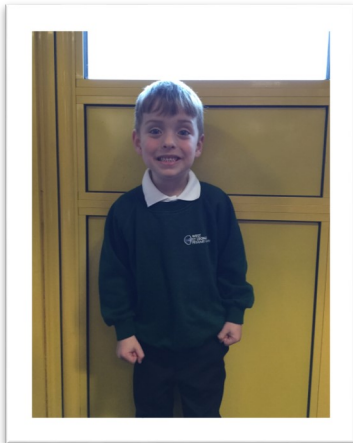


## Parent Consultations

A Parentmail will go out in the coming week to provide further information around booking your virtual parent consultation on either the 20th October (15:30 to 17:30) or 21st October (16:00 to 18:30). The links to join the meetings themselves will be found in our next newsletter.

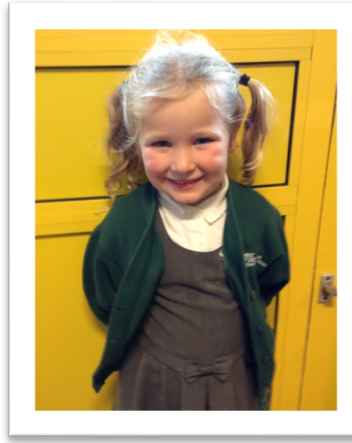
## Gold Awards

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.



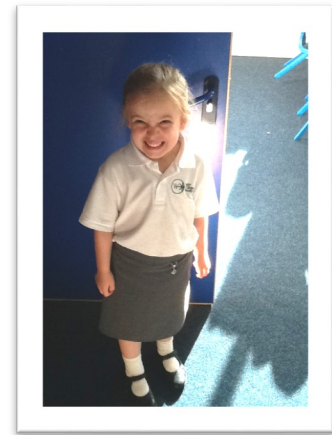
**Puffins - Tamlin**

*Well done for your fantastic story mountain Tamlin. You even retold your story using your storytelling voice. Well done.*



**Ducklings - Anastasia**

*Anastasia has worked hard at school this week and has been showing her POW values. She is always polite, thoughtful, helping other children and making sure everyone is included. Well done Anastasia!*



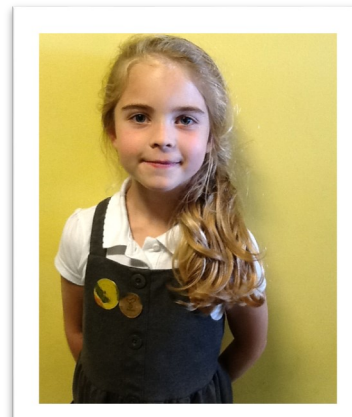
**Robins - Lily**

*Lily has impressed us this week with her fantastic handwriting every morning. She has developed a wonderful attitude to completing her tasks independently and with dedication. Well done Lily!*



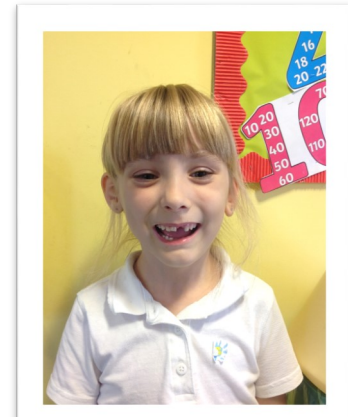
**Blackbirds - Evie**

*Evie for her fantastic optimism and engagement in her learning, especially in her writing. "This is the most I've ever, ever written." Keep up that amazing love of learning Evie.*



**Warblers - Zeliha**

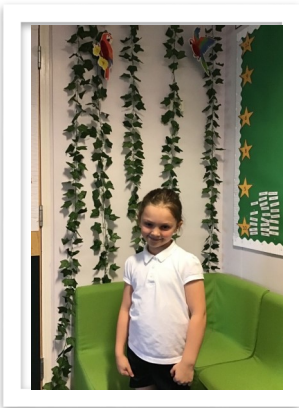
*Zeliha has contributed really confidently during Wider Curriculum lessons and was able to explain to visitors how microplastics are altering ocean food chains, using scientific vocabulary. Super effort, Zeli. Keep up the hard work!*



**Kingfishers - Frankie**

*Frankie continues to show her dedication to her learning. Everyday she puts in a fantastic effort with her reading and is always focused on making improvements in her handwriting and presentation. Well done Frankie!*





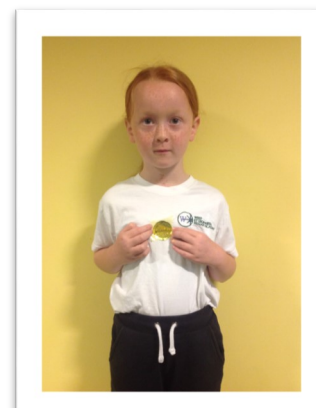
**Nightingales - Amelie**

Amelie for consistently showing her POW values and for her fantastic contributions to class discussions this week. Well done at sharing your knowledge, Amelie!



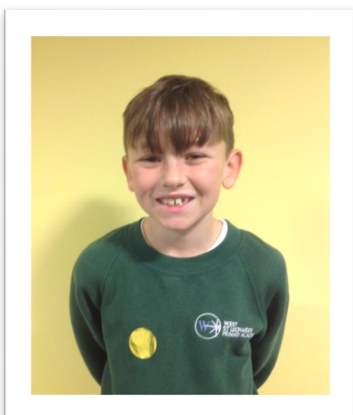
**Sandmartins - Emery**

Emery for supporting his independent learning in class by drawing on previous knowledge. He was able to use Year 2 learning to support our Maths and our Science this week.



**Avocets - Evie-May**

Evie-May for her fantastic participation in class this week. Evie-May has worked so hard and has been very resilient.



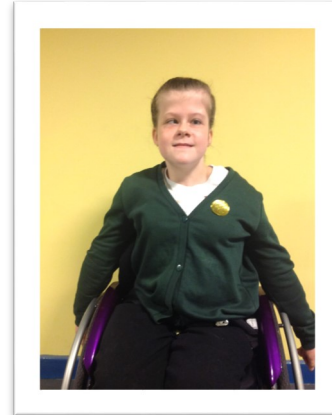
**Oystercatchers - Stanley**

Stanley for always making insightful contributions to class, due to his increasing confidence in and his constant hard work within his Writing and Maths work! Well done Stanley!



**Heron - Sabah**

Sabah for producing high quality Science work this week and for using her POW values in the classroom and at PE. Well done Sabah!



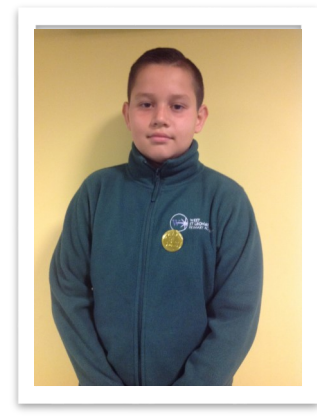
**Cranes - Summer**

Summer for being so inspirational during our Archery workshop. Summer was feeling nervous to join in but she used her POW value of resilience which resulted in Summer being able to confidently secure the arrow onto the bow and hit the target! You are amazing Summer.



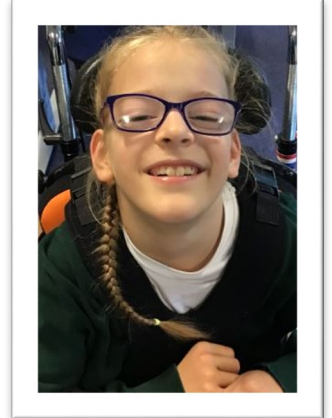
**Razorbills - Poppy F**

Poppy for improving her confidence in Maths lessons by raising her hand to participate in the lesson.



**Swifts - Koshan**

Koshan for always showing self-control, thoughtfulness towards others, always working hard and generally being an exemplary member of Year 6! Well done Koshan!



**Doves - Maddison**

For such positivity in her learning and for showing her POW values this week, the gold award goes to Maddison. Well done!



STORIES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

16–24 OCT 2021

# Hastings Storytelling Festival

The Venus Bushfires  
Old Time Sailors  
AFLO. the Poet  
Kure Kure  
Children's Day  
& much more!

HELEN EPEGA  
& VENUS  
BUSHFIRES



FREE  
Events for  
Under-10s

PLUS  
Many more  
events



OLD TIME SAILORS

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FESTIVAL PATRON: SIR QUENTIN BLAKE



[www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk](http://www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk)

MON 18 OCT

ANNA  
MUDEKA:  
KURE KURE  
SUSSEX HALL  
WHITE ROCK THEATRE  
7PM £5



TUE 19

AFLO.  
THE POET  
ELECTRIC PALACE  
High Street TN34 3ER  
7pm  
FREE/pay what you can



WED 20

LUKE  
WRIGHT

ROYAL STANDARD TN34 3DW  
7pm  
FREE/pay what you can



THU 21

LETTER  
TO MY  
LITTLE  
QUEER SELF

CACTUS HOUND  
WESTERN RD, ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA  
7.30pm / £5



SAT 23

GODDESSES  
& HEROINES

STADE HALL & THE STADE  
EVENTS FROM 2–9pm  
URUCUM: £5 OTHER EVENTS FREE



SUN 24 OCT

CHILDREN'S  
DAY &  
PARADE

THE STADE TN34 3FJ  
12–4PM  
FREE



# st michael's hospice



## PUMPKIN TRAIL



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**10am – midday**

**St Michael's Hospice, Upper Maze Hill,  
St Leonards on Sea**

Follow the Witch's cats and mice around the trail. Search for pumpkin pails and collect tokens in exchange for some wicked treats!



Meet the Pumpkin Witch in the Creepy Wood and ask her cat's name (if you dare!) to enter our competition

- Creepy craft activity
- Games to play, prizes to be won
- Refreshments

Be in with a chance to win a terrible toy by correctly guessing the name

### ENTRY

Children £3.50 includes trail, craft activity, competition and refreshments

Adults: £1.50 for refreshments



For further information contact Fundraising on **01424 456396** or email **[fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com](mailto:fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com)**

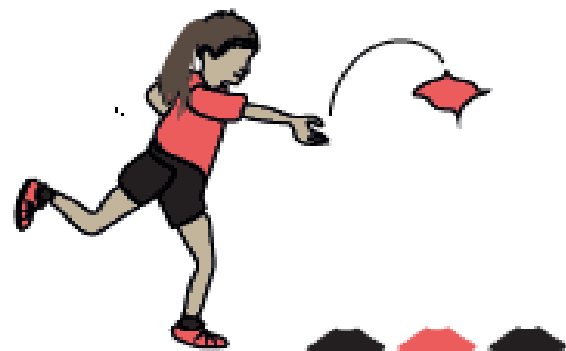




## Climb the Ladder PE Home Learning

### Time to Learn:

- Place three targets on the floor in a line, one step away from each other.
- Using a small object can you throw the object and hit the first target.
- When you have hit the first target, only then can you move onto the next target.
- How many throws does it take to hit all three targets?
- If you are playing against a partner, the first player to hit all three targets is the winner.



Can you be honest and only try and hit target two once you've hit target one?



Place the target marker closer to you. Only move it further away when you feel confident.



**Playing against someone.**  
You have to hit the targets in reverse order, starting with the target furthest away!



**Have a competition.**  
Create a league table and play against different family members.

### Top Tips

#### Throwing Underarm

- Step forwards with one foot, releasing the ball from low to high using your opposite hand.



### Let's Reflect

What did you learn after each throw to adapt for the next?

How did you keep focused?



**Complete P.E.**  
ASPIRE LEARN SUCCEED



**YOUTH  
SPORT  
TRUST**



# FIND YOUR CALLING: VOLUNTEER WITH FAMILIES!

**100%**  
**REWARDING**

**To volunteer with us we offer a FREE 6 session on-line induction course**

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about how the Early Help 0-19 Service help local families, together with finding out what it takes to be a volunteer and give something back to your community

## **FANCY IT?**

**CALL: Bindi on 07545 200943 or  
Lesley on 07557 748620**

**EMAIL: [EHVolunteers@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:EHVolunteers@eastsussex.gov.uk)**



**Or SCAN QR code to  
access enquiry form**

## **Opportunities for our volunteers include:**

- Youth volunteering
- Buggy Walks
- Running a group for families in their local area
- Supporting staff in crèches
- Supporting Health Visitors during the Child Health Clinics
- Administrative roles
- Gain a Level 1 qualification in employability
- And importantly - have a ton of fun!!

**LEARN NEW SKILLS \* ONGOING SUPPORT \* PATHWAY BACK TO WORK \* GAIN OPPORTUNITIES**

**Early Help 0-19**  
Respect | Partnership | Strength



**East Sussex Healthcare** **NHS**  
NHS Trust



## **VOLUNTEER INDUCTION COURSE - Session subjects**

Please note: All sessions must be completed before you can volunteer with us

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SESSION</b>
Session 1	Introduction to Volunteering
Session 2	Health and Safety in the Workplace
Session 3	Equality and Diversity
Session 4	Safeguarding
Session 5	Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI)
Session 6	Rights & Responsibilities of a Volunteer

### **NEXT COURSE DATES FOR WINTER 2021:**

**Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th November**

**Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th November**

**Tuesday 30th November & Wednesday 1st December**

**7:30 - 9PM**

**Application deadline: Monday 8th November 2021**