

## NEWSLETTER

### Message from Mr O'Regan

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support with the measures we have kept in place since September. For parents and carers attending the Nativity next week, please may you: take **a COVID test beforehand** and only attend if you are negative, wear a mask, and use the sanitiser on arrival and departure. Please wrap up warm as there is increased ventilation in the school. Mince pies (50p) and warm drinks (£1) will be available. Please note events may be cancelled at short notice.

Alongside this newsletter, I have attached a letter informing you of confirmed cases in the academy– we remain open and children should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Thank you for your continued support with the measures we have in place to reduce the impact on the community. Please note we will not be sharing Christmas cards, so please do not send children in with these.

Thank you to the school council for their feedback– we have listened and have ordered new equipment for play and lunchtimes.

Please note– no dogs are allowed on site.



### Reminder of dates for your diary

Please have a look at the events below for the remainder of term– note that these may be cancelled at short notice.

Reception and Year 1 Nativity	07.12.2021 9:10 A.M. in hall (Reception parents to attend)
Reception and Year 1 Nativity	08.12.2021 9:10 A.M. ( Year 1 parents to attend)
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 2 13.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 3 14.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 4 15.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 5 16.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor carol singing at front of school	Year 6 17.12.2021 2:30 p.m.
Christmas Non Uniform day- Last day of Term	17.12.2021
Classes resume	05.01.2022

## UK Space Agency Logo Competition

The UK Space Agency have launched a logo competition. Click [here](#) to find out more about how your logo could appear on rocket bound for space! The theme of the logo should be centred around the role of small satellites in measuring climate change.



## School Council News

This term, the School Council have been meeting with our safeguarding lead Mrs Scott to discuss the use of worry boxes in class. A worry box is a dedicated box where children can write messages to their teachers and teaching assistants, disclosing any worries or concerns they might have. These can be anonymous or children can include their names if they wish. Teachers then check these boxes regularly to identify any concerns that individuals may have or perhaps note that a number of children feel that they would benefit from talking about the same topic.

The school councillors decided last week to check in their classrooms to find out if everyone knew where the worry box was and understood how to use them. We are proud to know that the children have played a hugely important role in ensuring that every class is equipped with a worry box and understands how these are best used. Well done School Council!

## Purposeful Acts of Kindness

This week marks a shift to our new POW value of Thoughtfulness where Mr Horgan shared a list of tasks which allow us to show our appreciation of others. In sharing this list, children have been asked to think about trying out some of these tasks whilst at home and taking a photo of this to share at our next POW assembly. If you are able to support your child with this, please take a photo of the task being completed and send it to [office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk) with the subject heading 'Kindness' and a short explanation of the image. We look forwards to seeing all of the thoughtfulness that is being shown across the community!

1. Call a relative to say you are thinking of them and ask about their day.
2. Help a family member with a household chore.
3. Give a sincere compliment to five different people.
4. Write to your teacher, telling them why you think he/she/they do a great job.
5. Create Kindness Rocks and place them around your neighbourhood.
6. Pick flowers and give them to someone you love (or make tissue paper flowers).
7. Help a neighbour with an errand/job.
8. Donate items to a clothing, canned food, or toy bank (or to another charitable cause of your choice).
9. Write encouraging pavement chalk messages for your community to enjoy.
10. Pick up litter in your neighbourhood (or throw away litter at home).
11. Make a point of smiling at everyone you see today.
12. Create a piece of art and share it with someone you love.
13. Plant something.
14. Brighten someone's day with a story, song, dance, poem, or other forms of entertainment.
15. Give someone a special handmade gift.
16. Learn something new today, then share it with a friend or family member.
17. Give a thank you note to someone who probably doesn't hear "thank you" often enough.
18. Write kindness notes and leave them in other places where people will find them.



## Breakfast and After school club bookings

Please remember the cut off for booking your child's breakfast and after school club place is Wednesday 23:59 the week before. Children **will not be allowed to attend the club** unless a place has been booked and their name is on the printed register. If you have any queries regarding booking a place for breakfast or after school club please email [finance@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:finance@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk). Staff are not allowed to book on behalf of parent/carers as this has led to debit balances.



## Lunch bookings

Please remember to book lunches for your children. Staff are not allowed to book on behalf of parent/carers as this leads to debit balances.



## Nut Free School

This is just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please make sure that all lunch box items are nut free. Chocolate spread is also not allowed in school as many contain nuts and others cannot guarantee to be nut free.

Please take this into consideration when packing your child's lunch.



## 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: Ivy-Grace, Tula, Reuben, Zelia, Jack**

**KS2: Neyan, Nancy, Summer F/Tamika, Yasra**

This week's overall CHAMPION BUG is **Eluney** who completed 8 books! Well done!

Stay golden!



## Y1 Handwriting Heroes

Well done to everyone who practised their handwriting last week and a big shout out to **Tristan** (Blackbirds) and **Imogen** (Robins) who are our Handwriting Heroes.

Our next focus is part two of the "Down and Retrace" family. Click [here](#) for videos to support the correct formation.

Please return your handwriting practice on Monday with your name on it. Good luck heroes!

Year 1 would also like to remind parents and students to bring in pupils' reading records, reading books, phonics books and reading for pleasure books each week to ensure that these are regularly changed. Please keep phonics books and reading books inside the reading record so they are always together.

Phonics books and reading for pleasure books are changed each week, whereas the children's reading books are changed daily.





## Year 6 Bedgebury Trip

This week Year 6 went to the stunning Bedgebury Pinetum to where they used their map skills to navigate their way around. Children created 'journey sticks' - similar to those used by Native American and Aboriginal cultures - to map their route and see if they could use them to find their way back to base. They also honed their orienteering skills whilst finding out lots of cool facts about the beautiful trees there. Thank you to our parent helpers who made the trip possible!



## Young Writer's Competition

Are you looking for something to do in the evenings or weekends? Do you have a love for writing? If so, please enter the following competition.

The Rotary Club are running a national writing competition for young writers (7-11 years old) based on the theme the '**Environment**'. Children are invited to write either a fiction or non-fiction piece (a maximum of 550 words) or a poem (maximum 40 lines) linked to this theme. Entries can be typed or written.

To enter, you need to collect a form and information pack from your class teacher, complete it and attach it to your entry. Please return your entries to the school office by **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Prizes:** At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation along with a brand-new reading book!



## 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 **Sabah** and **Evie** for always being polite across the week and showing others how to remain positive about their learning!

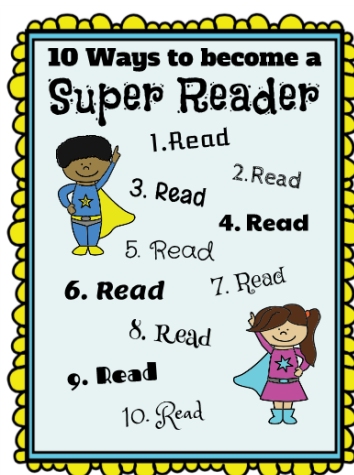
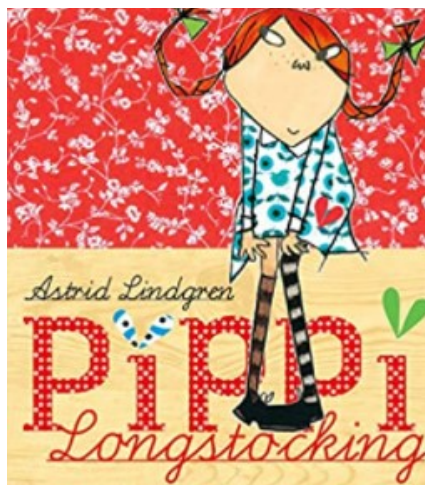


## Recommended Read

### Pippi Longstocking: Author—Astrid Lindgren

Pippi is red-haired, freckled, unconventional and superhumanly strong – able to lift her horse one-handed. She is playful and unpredictable. She often makes fun of unreasonable adults, especially if they are pompous and condescending. Her anger comes out in extreme cases, such as when a man mistreats his horse. Pippi, like Peter Pan, does not want to grow up. She is the daughter of a buccaneer captain and has adventure stories to tell about that too. Her four best friends are her horse and monkey, and the neighbours' children, Tommy and Annika.

**Pippi Longstocking** (Swedish: *Pippi Långstrump*) is the fictional main character in a series of children's books by Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. Pippi was named by Lindgren's daughter Karin, who asked her mother for a get-well story when she was off school.





## Upcoming Workshops

Year 6 will be participating in a World War 2 Workshop on **14 January 2022**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£4.85** to be made on Parentpay by **17 December 2021** to support this exciting event.

Year 4 will be participating in a Roman Workshop on **21 January 2022**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£5.02** to be made on Parentpay by **17 December 2021** to support this exciting event.

Voluntary contributions are sought from parents/carers based on the total cost of the trip. Parents are asked only to contribute to the 'per head' of their child's participation. Should the academy receive insufficient contributions, the trip risks cancellation.

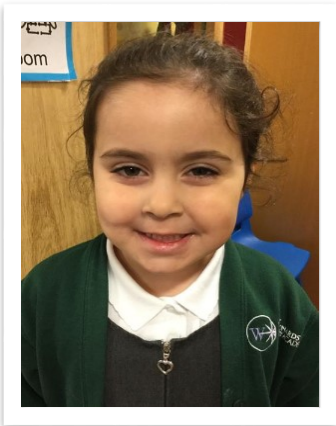
## Year 5 Tudor Day

Year 5 will be having a Tudor day on Wednesday 15th December. Pupils may dress up in a Tudor outfit if they wish to. During the day there will be Tudor themed core learning and throughout the day they will be exploring life as someone from the Tudor period.



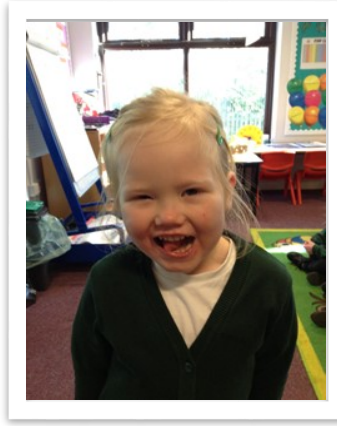
## Gold Awards

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- Zilan*

*For all your efforts in Phonics. You are making good progress-keep it up!*



*Ducklings - Misty*

*For her effort in our nativity practices where she has been joining in wonderfully with all the actions and singing along. Well done Misty!*



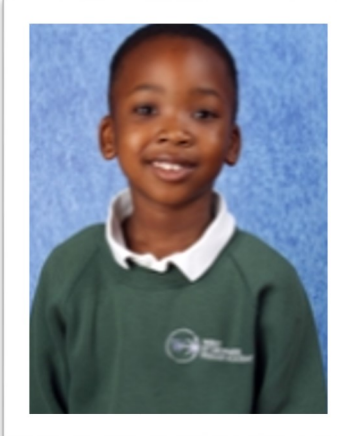
*Robins - Oliver*

*For his participation and contribution during caret time. He is always listening and engaging with what other children are saying. Well done Oliver!*



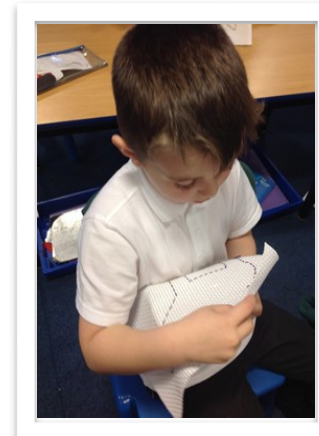
*Blackbirds - Ava*

*For being more confident in class and in singing for the nativity. Ava is beginning to initiate conversations with peers and staff to discuss a variety of topics.*



*Warblers - Andrew*

*For being such a good role model with his excellent behaviour choices and consistent effort applied in all lessons. Well done Andrew.*



*Kingfishers - Albie*

*This week you have mastered a new skill-the running stitch! You have shown dedication to your learning and you should be very proud of what you have achieved.*





*Nightingales - Lilliana*

*For her fantastic work in maths this week Lilliana has been working hard to calculate the perimeters of different shapes using mixed units. Well done!*



*Sandmartins- Olivia*

*For always using her empathy, kindness and for being helpful in the classroom environment.*



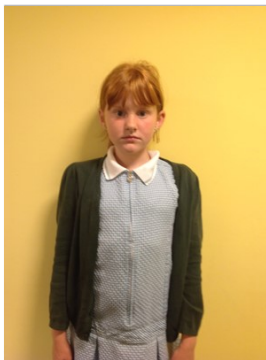
*Avocets - Erin*

*For consistently being a fantastic role model to her peers. Erin regularly shows her thoughtfulness when others are in need of help and is continuously setting high expectations for herself.*



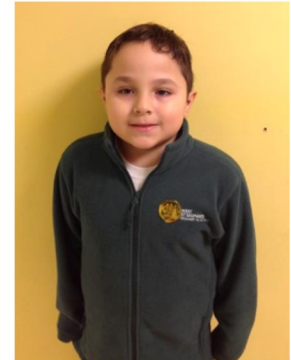
*Oystercatchers - Amelia-Lily*

*For trying really hard in her writing and using really creative adjectives to innovate her writing along! Well done Amelia-Lily!*



*Herons - Willow*

*For showing her POW value of empathy in the classroom and for persevering with her handwriting - you can do it Willow!*



*Cranes - Bailey*

*For his excellent attitude towards learning. Bailey has settled into Cranes wonderfully. We are all very pleased to have such a kind, creative and resilient learner.*



*Razorbills - Charlie*

*For always showing great politeness to everyone and for participating in maths groups well to support in learning.*



*Swifts - Isabella*

*For always making excellent contributions to class discussions and asking thoughtful questions.*



*Doves- Maddison*

*Maddison continues to be a wonderful role model to her peers, demonstrating her POW values at all times. Well done Maddison and keep up the great work!*



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