

## Newsletter #26 8th April 2022

Hello parents and carers

Well we have finally made it to the end of yet another term. It's been a lovely term - full of exciting learning too and all deserve a very well-earned break (with not too many Easter eggs though)! The children have worked hard and made good progress. You would have received your children's reports yesterday. Please use the link in the letter to give us feedback about your child's learning. If you would like to discuss anything further please make an appointment with your child's teacher or one of the senior leaders at school. We will be more than happy to talk to you.

We had a special visitor yesterday, our school Challenge Partner. Her job is exactly that – she challenges us on our work. Her focus was Science yesterday and in Ofsted terms she did a 'deep dive' in Science. What this means is that every aspect of science teaching is scrutinised. I am really happy to say that she was very pleased with the work that we are doing. Our children showed her that they are working and thinking like scientists. While they are on holiday, continue to challenge them with their learning by asking them lots of questions and exposing them to different things around them. Remember Science is all around us! And don't forget about their reading too. Keep that going as well.

Thank you to all the families who went out of their way to create fantastic Easter hats. The children looked beautiful in them, wore it with pride into school and were able to show it off at assembly too. It was absolutely amazing for all staff and children to come together for one big assembly in the hall after almost 2 years. Well done to you for being a sport and taking an active part in your children's master creations.

Finally, I want to thank everyone of you for your support always. I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and enjoy some wonderful family time together. Take care everyone and be safe!  
See you all on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Mrs Powys

## NEXT YEAR'S DATES

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022/23

#### **Term 1**

(7 weeks)

#### **September 2022**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Inset Day (1) (School is Closed)**

**Inset Day (2) (School is closed)**

Term 1 Starts (Autumn Term) - Back to School

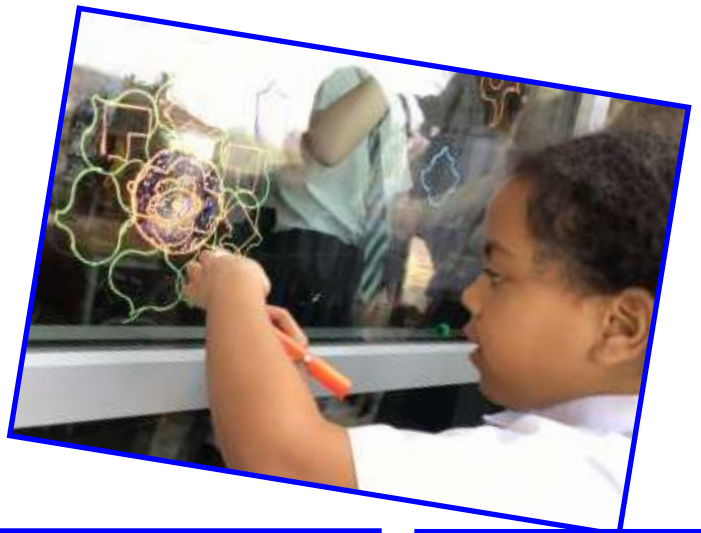
#### **Oct 2022**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> October  
- 28<sup>th</sup> October

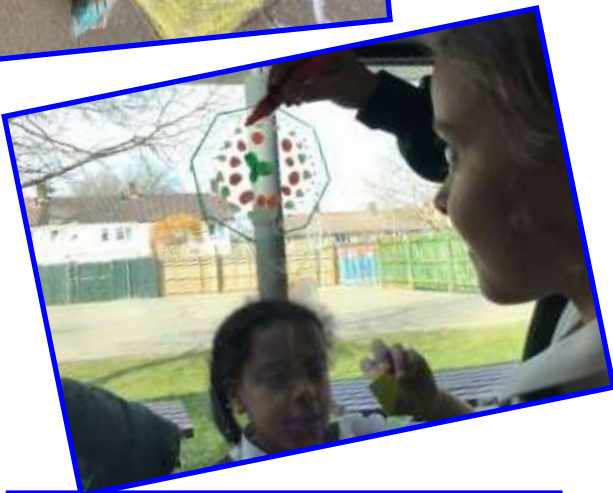
Break up from school (normal time)

**Trust Inset Day (school is closed)**

October Half Term



In Year 4, we have been learning about Art in different religions, last week we created some Rangoli patterns to appreciate how they celebrate in the run up to Diwali. As you can see the children really enjoyed it and created some beautiful patterns.





In Year 2 we have been reading *The Robot* and *The Bluebird* by David Lucas. We learnt lots about bluebirds and this week we made bird feeders which we will be taking home! We had lots of fun!



Year 3 have been learning about the lever mechanism. They were challenged to watch the process and then construct their lever as independently as possible. After taking it on and showing lots of resilience, they had an end product that they could then design a moving Easter card onto.

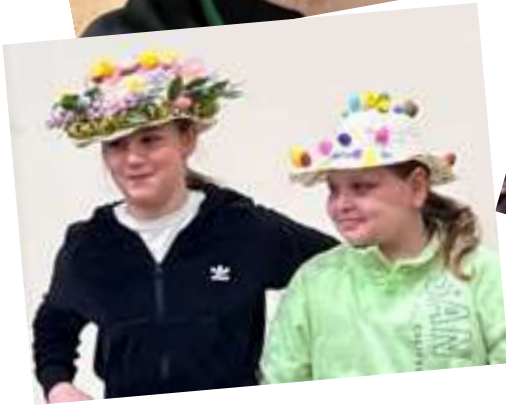


Great engineering work there our young scientists!



# Easter Hat Parade & Assembly





### Easter Collection for FreeShop, Crawley

Thank you so much for all the donations for Freeshop—they were so amazed by your generosity, even more so when they learnt that some of our children gave up Easter presents themselves to make the donations. They have asked us to give you their huge thanks. Have an amazing Easter everyone.

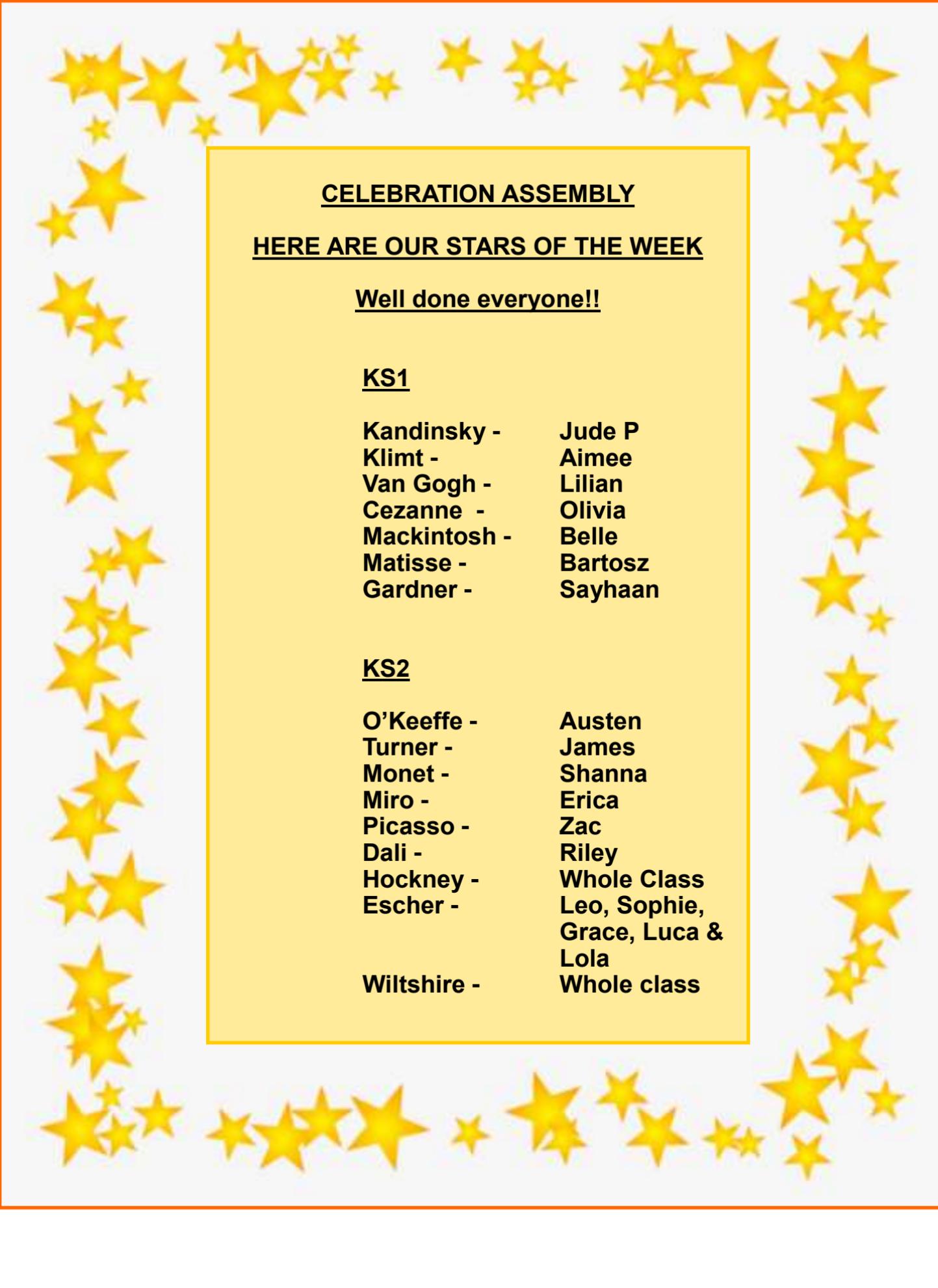




This half term in Year 3, we have explored the performance side of music and focused in on the xylophone and keyboard for some hands-on learning. The children have really enjoyed learning about the pentatonic scale, and keeping a self-composed melody set to memory which they performed to a backing track for their peers to enjoy. Any combination of the notes we were working with would sound wonderful.

We have been very impressed with some natural musicians in the year group, and a lot of concentration and evidence of practise was on show. They sounded great! Let's hope it's the same when we switch our focus to singing next half term..... I'm sorry in advance for all those at home!





**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

**HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK**

**Well done everyone!!**

**KS1**

Kandinsky -	Jude P
Klimt -	Aimee
Van Gogh -	Lilian
Cezanne -	Olivia
Mackintosh -	Belle
Matisse -	Bartosz
Gardner -	Sayhaan

**KS2**

O'Keeffe -	Austen
Turner -	James
Monet -	Shanna
Miro -	Erica
Picasso -	Zac
Dali -	Riley
Hockney -	Whole Class
Escher -	Leo, Sophie, Grace, Luca & Lola
Wiltshire -	Whole class

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022**

### **Term 4**

#### **Apr 2022**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
11th Apr -22<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Break Up from school at **1.30 pm** for Easter Holidays  
Easter Holidays

### **Term 5** (5 weeks)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Inset Day (School is closed)  
**Term 5 starts (Summer Term) - Back to School**

#### **May 2022**

Mon 2nd May  
Wed 4th May  
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Thurs 5th May  
Mon 9th May  
Tues 24th May  
Thurs 26th May  
Friday 27th May

Bank Holiday – School closed  
Young Voices Trip to O2  
Year 3 trip to Wakehurst Place  
Year 4 & SSC Trip to Wakehurst Place  
KS2 SATs week starts  
Reception Trip to Washbrooks Farm  
Year 6 Trip to Wakehurst Place  
Queen's Jubilee Picnic ( more info to follow)  
Break up from school – normal time

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Tues 14th June

May Half term Holiday  
Year 5 Trip to Wakehurst Place

### **Term 6**

#### **June 2022**

(7 weeks)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 6 starts (Summer Term) - Back to school**

#### **July 2022**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Break up from School at **1.30 pm**

## **Communication with Staff**

If you would like to request a meeting or communication with a staff member, you can call the school office on 01293 525596 or alternatively fill in our [Contact Form](#) and a member of staff will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your understanding during these changes.

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