

# 29.9.23

As we bid farewell to yet another week filled with incredible experiences, growth, and learning, it is with great delight that we share the highlights of the past five days with you in our weekly newsletter. Throughout this week, our remarkable students have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm for learning, their creativity, and their kind-heartedness. From exciting classroom projects to engaging extracurricular activities, it has been a week brimming with accomplishments.

**Weekly Attendance Winners are:**  
EYFS – Year 3 – Olive Class – 98.3%  
KS2 – Hornbeam Class – 98%  
Whole School – 94.3%

**Weekly Smiley Awards**  
EYFS – Year 3 – Apple Class with over 200 smileys  
KS2 – Elder Class with over 300 smileys

## THIS WEEK'S ULTIMATE NINJA

Every week we will be choosing one child in the school who is the 'Ultimate Ninja'. These children are incredible role models and are wonderful representatives for Silverdale. The Ultimate Ninja isn't given for one off brilliance, it is awarded for being a brilliant role model every day. This week we have chosen:



### Luke



He is such a wonderful, kind young man who is so thoughtful and caring to his peers. As soon as he walks into the classroom, he oozes positivity and demonstrates an excellent work ethic! What we love about him most, is his amazing sense of humour, and not forgetting his love and passion for sport!

Luke, you are the Ultimate Role Model for all Silverdale children!

## EYFS 2024



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## TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

It's been great to see so many children using TTRS this week. In 3rd place with 89% children active is Magnolia, in 2nd place with 90% active is Elderflower and in joint 1st place with 100% active is Juniper and Lime. Huge well done to Y4 who take most of the top spots this week! Remember you can improve your scores by logging on at home. Keep Rocking!



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## SILVERDALE RUNNERS TAKE OVER THE CROSS COUNTRY!



Finley & Ruby. Well done Silverdale runners – great job!

On Wednesday 27th September we took a team of runners from Years 3-6 over to St Leonards Academy to take part in the annual Inter-Schools Cross Country. With 50 children taking part, we were by far the most well represented school there! All the children did tremendously, running hard and leaving nothing out there on the course. There were several individual successes, and 6 children progressed through to the next round as a result of finishing in the top 7 in their races: Jacob, Benji, Arthur, Faith,

## PACKED LUNCHES AND SNACKS



Firstly, we would like to remind all parents that we are a nut-free academy. The safety and well-being of our students are of utmost importance, and we must ensure that our school environment is free from allergens that could potentially harm those with nut allergies. It has come to our attention that some lunch boxes have been packed with Nutella, a delicious but nut-based spread. We kindly request that you refrain from including Nutella in your child's lunch to help us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Additionally, we'd like to discuss the inclusion of squash drinks in packed lunches. While squash drinks may be refreshing and enjoyable, they often contain high levels of sugar and artificial additives. As we are committed to promoting healthy eating habits among our students, we therefore request that children bring only water in their bottle.

We understand that packing lunches can be a daily challenge, but we believe that by working together as a school community, we can create a safer and healthier environment for all our students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making our school a nut-free and health-conscious academy.



## SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED!



We are on the lookout for some new School Governors!

Are you interested in making a positive contribution towards our academy?

By volunteering as a Governor, you will be a champion for children's welfare, learning and achievement, play a key role in ensuring that stakeholder views contribute to the work of the academy and ensure that the academy is at the heart of the local community. Becoming a Local Governor is a commitment

and responsibility but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in your community. Click here to find out about these important roles.

For more information and how to apply, please contact Amilia Baitup, Local Governance Manager on [a.baitup@brightonacademiustrust.org.uk](mailto:a.baitup@brightonacademiustrust.org.uk)

## FOREST SCHOOL



As we venture further into the exciting adventures of Forest School this term, we want to ensure the safety and comfort of all our young explorers. With the upcoming focus on fire lighting and outdoor cooking, it is imperative that all children attending Forest School for the remainder of this term come prepared with long trousers and long-sleeved tops. These clothing items are not only essential for safeguarding against potential contact with vegetation but also provide added protection when dealing with open flames and hot surfaces. We believe that learning in a hands-on and immersive environment is an incredible opportunity for our students, and by ensuring they are appropriately dressed, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us provide a memorable and educational Forest School experience for your child.

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## NO SMOKING



As you know we are a no smoking site, this includes vapes. This is in **ALL** areas of the site. Please could we also ask you to refrain from smoking directly outside the school gates. We appreciate that a number of you are having to wait to collect siblings, however, please consider smoking away from the entrance whilst the children and other parents are leaving the site.

## YEAR GROUP UPDATES

This week in Early Years, the children have enjoyed 'Funnybones' by the Ahlbergs. This story is about some skeletons who live in a cellar and go on a night time walk. The story has encouraged the children to join in with the repeated parts in the story, as well as learn about their skeleton structures. The children have learned new vocabulary such as 'skull,' 'joints' and 'ribcage'. They have enjoyed some songs linked to the story, such as 'Dem Bones' and 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes'. They have also been exploring pattern, counting and quantity in maths. Next week we will be exploring our senses, taking one sense each day, (hearing, smelling, touching/feeling different materials, tasting and sight) with a range of fun activities to develop vocabulary and understanding. Have a lovely weekend.

What an exciting week! Thank you to everyone that helped with our trip to Asda this week. The children all behaved exceptionally and we were super proud of the inquisitive questions they asked! The next step to our learning will be designing and making fruit kebabs! In Maths this week we have continued to look at place value and the word 'exchanging'. In English we have continued to look at speech sounds and link them to drawing and writing. In PE we have been experts in moving in a range of ways such as skipping, side-stepping, jumping and crawling! Next week, in Science, we will be looking at the seasons and more specifically 'Autumn'.

If you have a chance to watch 'Autumn Watch' with your children at the weekend, please do, as this will be a great start to their learning. Happy weekend.

In Year 2 we have had another busy and brilliant week! In English we have been writing instructions for making marmalade sandwiches. The children made these on Friday and impressed us by remembering all the steps that were involved. The children loved using their knowledge of bossy verbs to make instructions clear and they presented these beautifully in their books. In Maths we have continued to look at place value, the children used their knowledge of coin values to be able to represent given amounts in a place value grid, including hundreds. We really had our maths brains switched on for those! In History we have looked at the different people who were aboard the Titanic and their role in its history. We discussed how we knew this information from so many years ago and wrote our favourite facts that we had learned during the session. We have continued to explore different materials in Science. This week, we looked at how cardboard and paper are made and what properties make them special for the different jobs they do. Have a lovely weekend!

The children in year 3 loved starting their new class text: How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth. We had so many laughs as the main character was enticed into the bath with cake, and had its hair styled into a mullet and a wonderful quiff labelled 'the king.' Our genre focus is instructions and the children began by following instructions for drawing a woolly mammoth. They were incredible! Throughout the week they have written instructions on how to wash the mammoth; next week they will write instructions on how to exercise a woolly mammoth – we can't wait to hear what ideas the children come up with! In maths, as part of our place value focus, the children have been measuring using metres, centimetres and millimetres. Next week we will move on to measuring mass and capacity. In computing, we have continued with our theme of online safety. Our spelling patterns next week will continue with the long /a/ sound spelled ei, eigh, ey, focussing on words such as grey, prey, osprey. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

This week, year 4 have finished reading their year group text 'The Mousehole Cat'. In English, the children have been looking at features of persuasive texts, this has included rhetorical questions and imperative verbs. Next week they will be writing to persuade people to go on holiday to Mousehole. In maths this, we have been continuing with converting units of measure - focusing on mass. Earlier in the week, the children really enjoyed a practical maths lesson involving estimating, weighing and converting measurements of objects within their classrooms. In other subjects, the children have continued with their work linked to classifying animals. They have discovered the characteristics of warm blooded and cold blooded animals. In art, over the last couple of weeks they have been creating some beautiful coastal inspired art. The children have used a variety of mediums including pastels and watercolours. In music the children have been learning about body percussion and finding out how we can make different sounds with parts of our body. They have learnt some body percussion to 'The Wellerman' which they may be able to include in their PE dance routine. **Date for your diary** - On

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Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, we will be hosting a quick parents meet about the statutory Times Table assessment that your child will complete at the end of the academic year. The meeting will be held at the end of the school day, please meet us on the KS1 playground at 3.20 (or once you have collected your child/children).

Wow! What a week Year 5 have had! On Tuesday, the children embarked on their own evacuation experience, which was amazing! We learnt about wartime food, who the 'spiv' was and got to go on a steam train! While the children were on the train, they heard from people who were evacuated during WWII. One woman even bought the doll she took with her. She was evacuated three times. The whole experience was brilliant and the children learnt so much. In English, this week, we have been planning and rewriting a part of 'The Lion and The Unicorn'. In maths, we have been ordering and comparing numbers and measurements. In science, we have been looking at air resistance. In computing, we have been discussing online bullying. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend. See you Monday!

This week has flown by! We're very proud of the Year Sixes this week, they sat a tricky SATS maths paper from 2022, which we will use to inform our future maths planning to prepare for the SATS 2024. They tried very hard and faced it with maturity and positivity. This week we've also been researching the 12 Ancient Greek Gods - a huge well done for those pupils who did some extra God research at home for their homework, they have been using their notes to add to their research ready for their Non-Chronological report. We've also been busy making some Christmas card designs (Yes – you heard that right!) as well as designing our Greek Vases ready to make them out of clay soon! Our computing lessons have continued to focus on being safe on the internet, this week we discussed how to create a positive online reputation. This week in RE we discussed how different types of Christian have different beliefs, and looked at a case study about a scientist who believes in God and how she believes that it's ok to believe in both science and creation and God. We had some very interesting discussions! Next week we look forward to writing our Non-Chronological reports on Gods and learning more about the Ancient Greeks' daily lives and the Olympics, as well as continuing our science topic on light. Have a great weekend!

#### PTA UPDATE

All parents and carers are welcome along to our AGM welcome drink and snacks provided at 7pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at The Parish Rooms on Wishing Tree Road. If you feel you can contribute at all with our PTA events, helping to make them happen for our Silverdale community this will be much appreciated, our events help us to support our Silverdale pupils with some lovely things and experiences. From printing, to running a stall or helping build a bonfire! Every little really does help - we look forward to seeing anyone that can come along and support us. Thankyou!



On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, from 5:30-7:30, our wonderful PTA will be staging the legendary Silverdale Bonfire and Fireworks night. Every penny earned goes back into providing fantastic experiences and facilities for your children at Silverdale. For the event to go ahead and be successful we NEED volunteers to help run the stalls and also to help with setting up on the day and some prep the day before. If you can help in anyway, please sign-up below and we will be in touch. Everything will be provided to make it easy, so please do sign-up if you can!

<https://forms.office.com/e/pVVLc3WE8R>

Bonfire & fireworks night

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 till 7.30

Fireworks are 7pm (weather permitting)

Entry £4 adults £2 children under 5's free

This year includes; DJ Fran from wriggles and giggles, BBQ, Refreshments, Characters, Silverdale PTA sweet stall, candy floss, marshmallows & toffee apples, Stall of witchcraft and wizardry (make a wand and potion) & more

Have great weekend, the nights are drawing in so fingers crossed for good weather so that we can all take advantage.

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team

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# Dates for your diary 2023-24

- 4.10.2023 – Year 6 Parents meeting – Fundraising & organising Year 6 leavers Party 2.00pm (Academy Library)  
10.10.2023 - Fundraising & organising Year 6 leavers Party 6.30pm (The Welcome Stranger, Silverhill)  
11.10.2023 – Tempest Photos – Individuals and Siblings  
17.10.2023 - PTA AGM 7pm the Parish Rooms (Wishing Tree Road)  
20.10.2023 – INSET  
3.11.2023 – PTA Mufti (Information to follow)  
4.11.2023 – PTA #legendary Silverdale Bonfire and Fireworks (Times TBC)  
9.11.2023 – Holly Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
9.11.2023 - All years - Influenza Nasal Spray programme – Information to follow.  
10.11.2023 – Cedar Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
16.11.2023 – Elm Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
17.11.2023 Beech Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
21.11.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 10.00am - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>  
23.11.2023 – Rowan Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
24.11.2023 Juniper Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
28.11.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 2.00pm - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>  
30.11.2023 – Pine Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
1.12.2023 – Magnolia Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
6.12.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 4.00pm - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>  
7.12.2023 – Whitebeam Class Assembly (9.00am start)  
2.1.2024 – INSET  
9.2.2024 - INSET  
28.3.2024 – INSET  
22.7.2024 – INSET  
23.7.2024 - INSET

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### Open Event Dates:

Mon 25th September  
Tues 26th September  
Wed 27th September  
Thurs 28th September  
Fri 29th September  
Tues 3rd October  
Thurs 5th October  
Tues 10th October  
Tues 17th October



### Open Event Dates:

Tues 3rd October  
Fri 6th October  
Wed 11th October  
Fri 13th October



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