



## Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

To all our families and friends,

We have had a very busy first full week of the summer term. The after school enrichment clubs have now commenced and as always, these have been very popular. A huge thank you to all of the staff who run these clubs either at lunchtime or after school.

In last week's newsletter, I informed you that we had been identifying children across the school who would benefit from some additional support with their learning or emotional needs. Teachers have been sending these intervention letters home this week so please check your child's school bags to see if they have one to share with you. Please contact the teachers if you would like any further information about the additional support being provided.

On Tuesday this week, we had a whole school safeguarding audit which enabled us to reflect on our current safeguarding practices. It was led by a consultant who supports the school to drive improvements by working in partnership with the whole school team. The outcome of the safeguarding audit was very positive and there were no safeguarding concerns for us to address.

With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee approaching, we have decided to involve every child with planting a special 'seed ball' to create miniature class wildflower gardens around the perimeter of the school. The children really enjoyed their class gardens last year and so we have decided to keep this as an annual event. Most classes have been busy planting these this week and further planting will take place next week too.

We wish everyone a lovely bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple

This Monday, Year 4 visited the Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple in Watford. It was an exciting day full of a variety of activities. On arrival we were greeted by Alison who was our guide for the day. She spoke about how different Hindus worship and the importance of Hare Krishna who is their Supreme Being. During our visit, we went on a cart ride, fed huge oxen, dressed in saris and turbans, had our face painted and watched a prayer ritual in the temple. Let us not forget the souvenir shop, where some of the children bought flutes. I am sure they serenaded their parents later that night! The atmosphere was electric with singing, drums as well as the Arti flame being walked around the shrine and flowers being handed out. For lunch, we ate Paneer Curry which was delicious and some of us even had seconds (teachers had thirds!). Please see the photo gallery at the end of the newsletter,

### Sponsored Bounce Money

Thank you to everyone who has returned their sponsorship money to school this week. We are aware that some people may need a little longer to collect this money from the sponsors but we would really appreciate all monies being sent into school by the end of next week so that we can announce our winners from each Key Stage as well as our overall total.

Thank again for your support in raising these additional funds.

### This Weeks attendance %

Donaldson class (R)	87.9%
Kerr Class(1)	96.1%
Murphy class (2)	98.6%
Lewis Class (3)	95.9%
Dahl Class (4)	98.3%
MacKenzie Class (5)	97.5%
Blackman Class (6)	94.9%
Horowitz Class (6)	96.3%

Whole School Attendance this Week 95.6%  
Whole School Attendance this Term 94.4%

### Half Term Holiday Club

Super Star Sports will be running a sports camp on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 9am - 3pm. The cost of a single day is £22. More detailed information was sent to you earlier in this week. Even though the camp is run by a sporting company, not all of the activities each day are sporting related but they are activities which will keep the children active. Like all other holiday clubs, there will need to be a minimum number of children attending each day to make this a financially viable event for the organisers to run. If you would like to book your child in for a day or more, then please go to the communication sent home this week which has the link directly to their website. Unfortunately, this provider doesn't accept childcare vouchers.

### Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Isabelle G - 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Jethro B - 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Jacob S - 27<sup>th</sup> April  
Isabella L - 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Theo DS - 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Lillie C - 29<sup>th</sup> April

### Inspirational People linked to the curriculum this term

**Pre School** - The Queen - linked to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Nursery** - Florence Nightingale - Linked to our topic all about Superheroes!

**Reception** - James Wong - He is an Ethnobotanist which links to our topic about growing this half term.

**Year 1** - Gunta Stölzl.

A textile artist and an incredibly creative and skilful woman. This links to our art topic - paper weaving.

**Year 2** - Wangari Maathai

She was the founder of the Green Belt Movement and planted millions of trees in Kenya. She was the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner for her contribution to sustainability.

**Year 3** - Mary Anning - linked to their history, geography and science topics.

**Year 4** - Seirian Sumner.

Linked to our science topic. She completed research about the evolution of insect social behaviour.

**Year 5** - Jane Goodall - linked to our science topic this half term

**Year 6** - Charles Darwin - linked to our science of evolution and inheritance

## Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<b>Tiora B</b> has been a superstar. We have been impressed by her newfound confidence and amazing personality.	<b>Lola H</b> has wowed us, making steps to achieving a personal challenge, keep it up. <b>William H</b> has amazed us with his fantastic maths skills.
Nur	<b>Lilian F</b> - for settling in beautifully since starting in Nursery this week and making lots of new friends.	<b>Gianni M</b> - for always showing a love of learning and using his phonic knowledge to make a 'wanted poster' this week.
Rec	<b>Jethro B</b> - for showing determination and a love of learning this week. He knew what he wanted to write and did not give up until he succeeded.	<b>Jasper G-O</b> - for being aware of what needed to be done around the classroom - e.g. he tidied the wellies without being asked. He is always polite, he is always friendly to the other children and he is always a pleasure to have in class
Year 1	<b>Logan</b> - Showing a love of learning in all areas and working to the best of his ability.	<b>Eleanor</b> - Constantly making the right choices and showing impeccable behaviour outside lessons.
Year 2	<b>Leo T</b> - for showing perseverance and working to the best of his ability in maths. <b>Martha</b> - for impeccable manners and always having such a positive attitude.	<b>Chloe BM</b> - for being a fantastic role model to others by working so hard to improve her handwriting. <b>Dylan</b> - for showing a love for learning and creativity whilst writing about The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.
Year 3	<b>Lexie B</b> - for working to the best of her ability especially in maths. <b>Christian M</b> - for working to the best to his ability and challenging himself.	<b>Noah HJ</b> - for being an outstanding role model and showing his love for learning.
Year 4	<b>Harley D</b> - For demonstrating a love of learning. This week, Harley has been particularly keen to improve and secure her skills in maths. Well done Harley.	<b>Megan M</b> - For being an outstanding role model outside of lessons. Megan represented our school brilliantly when we visited the Hindu temple this week. Well done Megan.
Year 5	<b>Lucy G</b> - for working to the best of her ability.	<b>Shannon P</b> - for being an outstanding role model to the class.
Year 6B	<b>Charlie C</b> - love of learning, enquiry and respectful questioning in our new topic of Slavery. <b>Matilda F</b> - for always working to the best of her ability in every lesson and for being kinds and considerate.	<b>James P</b> - for working to the best of his ability and trying hard to reach his potential.
Year 6H	<b>Harry O'B</b> - love of learning - thoughtful and considered questions in our new topic of slavery.	<b>Ava H</b> - always working to the best of my ability - excellent work in reasoning in maths this week

## Headteacher's Awards

### Reception class

Charlie C - for his amazing use of vocabulary in his Busy Finger writing - he wrote curious! He also showed Ayaz great kindness when he came into school very sad!

Freya B - for beginning to write words independently and being so pleased at the results

Beatrice W - for her independent writing during Busy Fingers and her smile when she'd done it.

### Year 1

Izzy G, Grace F, Rafe B and Ffion G for working well with others in an English lesson.

Logan T - for having high aspirations and completing lots of additional work during the Easter holiday.

### Year 2

Bobby B for being respectful at all times to everyone.

### Year 3

Erin H for having high aspirations, working independently and taking risks in her learning.

### Year 4

Robson for showing independence in his maths, using sentence stems to answer questions and for having a 'have a go' attitude.

### Year 5

Charlie R for having high aspirations and resilience in all of his lessons today.

## First Aid

We have recently made a change to our first aid practice. Whereas previously, we have sent home an injury form with the children at the end of the day (for minor injuries), we are now requesting that all injury forms are signed by the parent to acknowledge that they are aware that the injury has occurred. We will then keep the signed copy with our first aid records in school. For most children, the class teacher or TA will speak to you at the end of the day for an immediate signature. However, if your child is in Year 6 and walks to and from school on their own, then we will send you a Marvellous Me message informing you that an injury form is coming home with your child and that we would request that you sign and return to school the following day. For children who attend after school club, then the accident forms will be shared with you at the point of collection by the clubs staff and again, we will ask for a signature at this point in time.

## Year 2 Marvellous Middle



Yesterday Year 2 had their 'Marvellous Middle' to this half term's topic - a picnic lunch to celebrate our learning about The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. Today, they wrote a recount about the experience.



## Beane Valley Family Centre

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service supports families with children up to 11 years old to have the very best start in life, develop well and thrive, with lots happening at Beane Valley Family Centre. We offer families a wide range of information and support on key areas relating to family life and we also have sessions for you and your children to come along to.

If your child is 18 months or older, come along to our free, drop in active Physical Fun session on Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 - 2.30 pm where you can meet other local families and enjoy activities to support your child's physical development.

For children from 6-18 months we are running an Active Rhyme Time at Beane Valley Family Centre on a Wednesday from 10.30 - 11.15 am. This session includes fun, active rhymes and songs for babies and toddlers which support your child's speech and language development. There is no charge for the session and no need to book.

We also offer an afterschool Family Fun session on a Tuesday from 3.30 - 5 pm with a range of activities for families with children 3-7 years old. Come along to have fun and socialise with other parents, carers and children.

To find out more please go to [www.hertsfamilycentres.org](http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org) or give us a call on 0300 123 7572.



## April is Autism Acceptance Month

What do Albert Einstein, Bill Gates and Charles Darwin all have in common? Every one of them is or was on the autistic spectrum. This week, all phases in the school have taken part in an assembly with the focus on deepening awareness and acceptance of autism. The number of people now being diagnosed with autism is now at an all time high - possibly due to greater awareness and understanding.



## Photo Gallery - Year 4 Trip to the Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple



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## Friends of Watton Update

Thank you very much to all who attended the quiz last Friday - we made a fantastic £805, which will hopefully be doubled by the charity match scheme to an amazing profit of £1610. It was a great night and lots of fun as always!

If you're doing any shopping online, booking holidays, paying for insurance etc don't forget that you can donate to us with no cost to you - just go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and search for Friends of Watton At Stone school, then look for participating retailers. You can choose to add a donation reminder for whenever you're shopping online if you would like a reminder, these contributions can make a massive difference and are at no cost to you or extra effort.

## Dates for your diary

### Diary dates in red - new dates added this week

#### May

Throughout May - KS1 SAT's

2<sup>nd</sup> - school closed Bank holiday Monday

4<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 individual photos and team photos

9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> - KS2 SAT's

16<sup>th</sup> - Walk to School Week

16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

16<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day

23<sup>rd</sup> - Queens Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee week

26<sup>th</sup> - Family picnic (from 12pm). Times to be confirmed

26<sup>th</sup> - Last day of half term

27<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Half Term (including an extra day for the Queen's Jubilee)

#### June

6<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day 5

7<sup>th</sup> - Children return

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics screening check

Throughout June - Year 4 multiplication check

13<sup>th</sup> - Health and Fitness week

14<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day 1

15<sup>th</sup> - Whole school pupil parliament meeting

17<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day 2 (Reserve)

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23<sup>rd</sup> - Full Governing Body meeting

28<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

29<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day

### **July**

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Assessment week

14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 transition day to secondary schools

18<sup>th</sup> - Reports to parents

22<sup>nd</sup> - Feel Good Friday

22<sup>nd</sup> - End of Term 2.15pm

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