



Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

This week we were proud to share with you a pre-launch of News and Views - The Pupil Voice.

We encourage all children to be active citizens within our community and value each and everyone's contributions. Our children are keen to model the Academy values showing mutual respect and courtesy to others. We promote positive learning habits and behaviours for life so our children are built for success now and for their bright futures. Within class settings and the wider community, children fulfil roles and responsibilities with confidence. As part of our democratic processes, children were elected for additional duties across the school.

Our children are determined to help make our Academy be the very best.

Our Junior Governors, Sports Council, Head Boy and Girl, Prefects, Play Leaders and Eco-School will share their work and ideas with us all in the coming special editions. Here's a few messages from members of our pupil voice.:

*Miss Faddy came to our Eco-Schools meeting this week and we were discussing some of the questions that we needed to ask her. We also made posters so we were discussing if we can have parents on our action team. **Madison, Port Jackson class***

*In Eco-Schools we have made posters saying 'parents wanted'. To get our bronze award we need parents to come to our meetings. **Megan, Port Jackson class***

*It is really important to have sports councilors so that we can have a voice and say in what goes on in PE and sport within our school. I am very proud to have been chosen and I am looking forward to the next meeting, finding out what is happening in other schools and sharing ideas with them. **Emily, White Shark class***

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	95.1
JELLYFISH	92.3
SEAHORSE	92.0
STARFISH	95.5
ALBATROSS	96.4
PELICAN	95.8
PUFFIN	96.6
SEAGULL	92.9
CRAB	96.6
LOBSTER	94.9
OYSTER	95.5
SHRIMP	96.8
DUNE	100.0
PEBBLE	83.3
ROCK POOL	95.2
SEASHELL	93.1
PORT JACKSON	96.7
REEF SHARK	95.8
SAND TIGER	96.7
WHITE SHARK	88.7
NEPTUNE	94.9
POSEIDON	94.6
SUSANOO	95.3
TRITON	95.5
BEMBRIDGE	95.5
MAYFLOWER	94.2
WILTON	99.1

Excellent attendance Dune class, well done.

Watch out early bird is coming soon!





I like being a prefect and helping out and seeing Year 5's and getting to know them and now they say hello to me. It is a privilege to be a prefect.
Jack, Prefect in Mayflower class

I enjoyed being a prefect, meeting lots of children I did not know before and the children were nice. It made me feel responsible.
Chloe, previous Prefect in Wilton class

I was happy when I got elected, I always wanted to be head boy as I felt it would set me up for secondary school. It has given me confidence. I am present at lunch, break and assembly times and there is no bad behaviour. Myself and the head girl presented a cyber-bullying presentation in front of the Mayor, I was nervous but once I had done it I felt really good about it.
Matthew Head Boy in Mayflower class

When I first became head girl my confidence grew and it felt easier to speak to everyone. I spoke in an assembly and it felt very good I also spoke about cyber-bullying in front of the Mayor which made me feel proud. When you are head girl everybody knows who you are and I have made more friends.
Lily Head Girl in Wilton class

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

Wed 31 Jan Young Voices (O2)
Wed 31 Jan Year 1 Owl Visit
Mon 12 Feb - Fri 16 Feb February Half Term
Thu 01 Mar World Book Day Dress as your favourite character from a book
Mon 12 Mar Infant Music Festival



News

EYFS

This week's topic in **Nursery** has been 'A Bugs Life' and we have embraced all things creepy crawly!! The children loved getting covered in red and green paint while decorating their caterpillars on Wednesday. Unfortunately, outdoor learning was a wind and wash out with the strong winds and rain, but the paint made up for it!

We have been looking at camouflage and how it's often difficult to see bugs unless you hunt for them and have been having conversations about where to look. Please look in some plants/under some stones at the weekend, you never know what you might find!

We are trying to encourage the children to speak Spanish outside of the classroom so if you (as parents) hear me saying Buenos dias (good morning) or Buenas tardes (good afternoon) on the gate, please try to answer (saying the same back) to encourage the children more. If you are too shy, a reply of good morning/afternoon shows a reply in English, so that's amazing too!

Thank you for your continued support and care for our new additions to nursery who are settling in beautifully, we are very proud! **Miss Gue, Tiddlers**

Reception have been thinking about animals that people have as pets this week. Jenson, our school dog came to visit us with Mrs Johnson to learn about how to keep pets healthy. Today we have enjoyed our outdoor learning day. It was great fun! Miss Wise has been busy sorting out our outdoor area, including the addition of a new shed as well as some new activities. **Mrs Dennis and Miss Slade, Starfish class**

*I like the vets surgery, I enjoy playing in our outdoor roleplay. **Rayyan, Starfish class***

*I enjoyed visiting the vets surgery during outdoor learning and listening to the children's ideas to help make sad Sam the parrot feel better. **Mrs Nicholls, Principal***

KS1

Pelican class are enjoying learning about the artist Van Gogh. We are studying his artwork and finding out about the life he led. The children have created their own picture of the painting 'A Starry Night' by using coloured pencils to draw dashes and spiral patterns. Next, the children will use paint to create another version. **Miss Carey, Pelican class**

*I liked the stars in the picture. I liked the blue sky. **Victoria, Pelican class***



This week in **year two** we have been learning about lots of different vehicles and how they travel. We are all very excited to make our very own vehicles soon! We have also learned about shapes and how we can spot lines of symmetry in any shape we see. We have all been spotting shapes in everyday objects we use or see! We all loved looking at Quentin Blake's art work and trying his sketching style out ourselves. **Miss Chaplin, Oyster class**



KS2

In **year 3** in maths we are learning to tell the time. This is really important because if you want to meet a friend I will know the time and won't be late! **Zuzanna, Seashell class**

In Spanish club we have been learning about masculine and feminine words! I'm finding Spanish inspiring because I am able to learn a new language. I hope to go to Spain and practice what I have learnt! **Ruben, Reef Shark class**

This week in **year 4** we have been learning about Mexico and about their culture. We all enjoyed the celebrations. We learnt about day of the dead. They had sugar skulls and dressed up as nightmarish skeletons and think about their loved ones. Mexico is located in the heart of North America. The flag has different aspects:

Olive - Hope

Blank white - Unity

Blood red - Blood of heroes

In the centre there is a chocolate brown bird holding a garter snake. **Jack, Port Jackson class**

Year 4 have really enjoyed learning about the country Mexico and the history of the Aztecs which links in well with our topic of chocolate. The children have found it all really enjoyable. **Mrs Powell, Port Jackson class**

Alice Auditions

Please note that letters regarding the Alice production will be going home to ALL auditionees w/c 5th February. Rehearsals will commence after half term. If your child is being considered for a lead part following our first round of auditions a letter will be sent home w/c 28th January. **Mrs Havis, Specialist Music Teacher**

Allergies

Parent reminder, in the school we have some children with severe nut allergies, we would like to remind parents that for safety reasons no food containing nuts or nut products should be included in pack lunches.

Hair accessories

Parent reminder, hair accessories should be small and discreet and purely in our school colours.

Keeping us safe

Miss Wise and Mrs Nicholls discussed with some Reception children this week how we stay safe during outdoor learning. They openly spoke about stranger danger leading to a discussion about how we recognise staff and visitors in our school and what to do if they see someone they don't recognise.