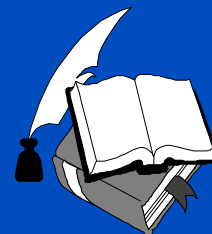


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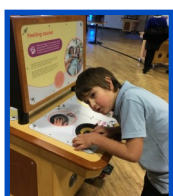
7th February 2025



Dear Families,

This week has been Mental Health Week and we have been thinking about some of the different ways to look after our mental health using the [5 steps to mental wellbeing](#). One way is to stop, and pay attention. We spoke about how nature can be calming and how green spaces and fresh air outdoors can be great for our physical and mental health. As part of our 'paying attention' the children have been challenged to take part in a school bird watch. Noticing what birds we see in our school. There are some things that can also be done at home and we would welcome notes about what birds you see in your garden, bird photography or artwork. These can be brought into school as part of this wider project. Some more tips to improve mental wellbeing can be found [here](#). Remember that wellbeing is always high on our agenda at school. If you have any concerns about issues relating to your child's mental health, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. You can also get information [here](#).

Shamrock class had a class trip to the Cambridge Science Centre to be electrical engineers exploring circuits and a range of exhibits. Throughout, they were able to ask questions and test their theories collaboratively.



Finally, we had maths day this week. Classes joined in a range of mathematical challenges. Mrs Mulford visited some maths sessions this week to see what everyone is learning. She will be visiting more next week!

We finished the week with a sad goodbye to Mrs Kilby. We will miss her lots but wish her all the very best—and a good rest!

Next Week:

Thursday 13th February: Family Reading 2:30 and family assembly at 2:45pm

Thursday 13th February: Valentines Disco



**Thistle Class made
gingerbread men**

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 92.7%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 94.5%**

Staff Information

Class 1—R/1 Thistle Class
Teacher: Ms Harrison
Support: Mrs Wainwright,
Mrs Jameson and
Mrs Oledale

Class 2—1/2 Rose Class
Teacher Mrs Wardill
Support: Mrs Allen and Miss
Whitmore

Class 3—3/4 Shamrock Class
Teacher: Mr Turner
Support: Miss Godwin and
Miss Hazzard

Class 4—5/6 Daffodil Class
Teacher: Mrs Topping
Support: Miss Ewing

Celebration Assembly

Year 6 Weekly Roundup

Thistle Class have been reading The Ginger bread man for Literacy they also wrote wanted posters and made gingerbread men. In maths they were using a ten frame to count one less and one more Lastly they did an science experiment.

Rose Class wrote a diary entry about a person riding on a dragon In maths they were counting in 2 or 3 and subtracting in 2s or 3s. They have been making wooden frames for beach huts and in ICT they were creating and planning b-bots. They have learned about personal safety and boundaries in PSHE.

Shamrock Class enjoyed throwing and catching a rugby ball in teams. In maths they enjoyed learning about proper and improper fractions. In literacy they were writing poems about the seasons. They went on a STEM trip this week

Daffodil Class enjoyed tag rugby in PE. In ICT we looked at games that include coding. In literacy they are writing a newspaper report about Shackleton Journey and in maths they have been learning about fractions and decimals and how to convert these.

Special Mention

In Family Assembly, children are nominated for a Golden Award which is linked to our 5 Fabulous Foundations. Special mentions relate to any other aspect of school and learning



Golden Award

Klay: Always sharing ideas and offering explanations during learning time

Belle: Enthusiasm and willingness to share ideas

Amie: :Writing a seasons poem using rhyming

Henry: Developing his writing through editing

Special Mentions

Zachary: Fantastic drawing of a fox for a wanted poster based on The Gingerbread Man

Tula: Perseverance in using pictorial methods to solve subtraction problems

Gabriella: Finding fractions of amounts

Lily-Mae: Perseverance in maths to improve

VALENTINE'S DISCO

Thursday 13th February 2025

KS1 - 4 - 5pm

KS2 - 5.15pm - 6.30pm

In the School Hall

KS1 tickets are £2.50 each

KS2 tickets are £3 each

Payment upon entry