



Weekly Newsletter- Autumn Edition 2

Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another super week in school. FS 2 and Year 1 enjoyed their outdoor afternoon exploring shaving foam and water. Science lessons started for Years 3-6 and I have heard many children counting to 10 in French- parfait! I am pleased to tell you that we have been awarded a small grant from the Learning Through Landscapes charity which will help us to develop our outdoor areas. This also includes a training session for all staff and volunteers which will take place in December.

Reading Challenge.

Each Thursday children will add a star to the Golden Book, be recognised in our special assembly and have their name added to the prize draw. At the end of each term we will pull out 2 names so the more you read the more chance you have of winning!

This week's total- we have 44 stars in our book which means that 32% of children recorded that they had read 4 times this week. You all earn a Team Point.

Attendance

Well done Puma class for the best attendance this week. A fantastic 5/6 classes got to school on time every day!

Overall attendance is 93%. This is a decrease on last week's figure. Our target is 97%

Remember- any class managing 100% attendance all week will be able to have a non-uniform day on the Friday of that week. We are also holding a 100% attendance tea party at the end of each full term.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Ann-Marie Mason

Principal

French of the week.

In our French lesson this week KS 2 children have been practising counting to 12 and recognising the written form of the number. We also talked about the French map. Ask your child if they can remember the name of the capital city

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/numbers/videos/>

PTA News

The PTA met this week to talk about funding priorities for this year. Some of the areas we will be targeting are supporting the development of outdoor learning, Golden Time and further developing the library.

It would be lovely to see more of you getting involved- either by attending meetings or helping out at our various events. Meetings dates are on the reverse of the newsletter so pop along if you can. Events planned for this term are- Halloween disco, Harvest Festival and the Christmas Fair.

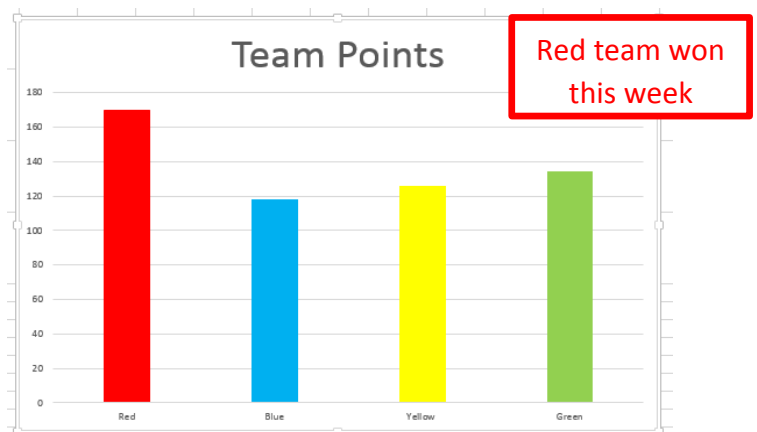


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The children are now in their 4 teams. At Team Point assembly this week we discussed and agreed how children could earn a team point. Here is what we have decided so far:

1. For being kind and helpful.
2. For working in a team.
3. For 100% attendance each week.
4. For reading 4 x each week.

Year 6 Team Captains are asking children to choose a name for their team this week.



Red team won this week

Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in assembly this week.

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Darcie Carter	Showing enthusiasm and being a great role model to others. Showing super listening skills and being a great role model to others.
Tigers	Macie Miles	For being an excellent role model to other children. For always doing the correct thing and showing resilience when he finds something difficult
Leopards	Erin Xane	Excellent attitude to improving her Work A Brilliant attitude and effort in reading
Jaguars	Olivia Max	For being really helpful and focusing on improving her work. For showing resilience when tackling tricky work.
Cougars	Ethan Bethany	For displaying exemplary behaviour and fantastic work ethic throughout the curriculum. For being a resilient learner.
Pumas	Oliver E Lewis	For being an enthusiastic and confident learner. For contributing positively to class discussions.



Golden Time

Below is a breakdown of how many children earned the full 50 minutes last week.

Thank you for maintaining your support of the strategy.

Week	Lynx	Tigers	Leopards	Jaguars	Cougars	Pumas	School Total
10 th September	100%	91%	86%	67%	93%	85%	86%

Don't forget the 100% challenge!

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

Tuesday 25th September- Individual and family photos.

Thursday 4th October School Census day- please make sure your child attends on this day. Our school funding is based upon numbers of children. This will be an American Themed day with chances to win! – More to follow.

The children have asked for a non- uniform day so Thursday October 4th will be a chance to wear something different- you could see if you have anything in red, white or blue!

Thursday October 25th Halloween Disco- tickets available soon

Monday 22nd Tuesday 23rd October- Parents meetings. The PTA will be organising refreshments for a small donation.

Advance warning

Friday 26th October School closes for the half term.

School reopens on Monday 5th November.

Wednesday 14th November 5pm PTA meeting - new members welcome.

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Letters this week.
You should have received:
Census meal choices
Parents evening letters

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