



12th September Issue 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to all our new parents whose children began school this week. Here are the week's highlights:

- Of course, our new 4 and 5 year olds starting school with us is the big news this week. There was a balloon arch to welcome them all through the EYFS gate which was a lovely idea until it came to handing the little ones over to mum's and dad's at home time -the balloon arch being just 4.5 feet off the ground meant our teachers were bent double for the 20 mins. of saying farewell!! Perhaps we'll rethink the welcome package for next year!! It was a wonderful first day for everyone and very few tissues were needed. Everyone was on time, even early (although by Friday, the pace had slowed considerably!!)
- These little ones do keep us smiling. When asked to write her name, Juwon (R2) said 'Hold on a minute, let me get my water bottle. It's on there!' - a little problem-solver already! And on being asked if he recognised the number 18, Kai (R2) gave it considerable thought before asking, "Can you give me a hint?" While Stanley (R2) became the ideas man when the ipad lost its battery - "I've got a great idea, Mrs Swain; Go and get another ipad!" And, as if by magic, the problem was solved! We adore our newbies - they make us laugh and they make our hearts melt and when Paige (R2) gave her assessment of the first week today, it made our day - "I just love this school, Mrs Swain!"I feel our job is done!!
- 2A have been learning all about where food comes from in DT- interestingly during their discussions, some of the children thought bees produced beef and chicken nuggets came from plants!! Is that just an excuse for the vegetarians to eat the nuggets????
- And Art Club kicked off with a real surprise! Three girls, Elizabeth 4A, Maia 3B & Evani 3B, who I was certain were all sweetness and light, revealed their secret talent... drawing zombies! Not just any zombies, mind you — ghoulish, creepy ones (that somehow still managed to look rather cute!). Who knew the 'lovely trio' had such spooky imaginations?"



• I received the following pictures via email, the subject line entitled 'Mayhem'! As you can imagine, I was concerned that the Willow Room had descended into uncontrolled chaos but I was wrong! This was our Willow children living their best sensory lives! What a day that was!



- We have some important news regarding Mr Welch, our site manager/ come resident architect and artist / come children's author and best buddy / come path-layer and builder extraordinaire and health and safety guru! Mr Welch has secured a promotion and will be leaving us to join Partnership Learning as one of their Compliance Officers. He will be leaving us on the 25th September and we will be extremely sad to see him go. Mr Welch has worked with us for just under 6 years and has been an incredible asset to us with all his incredible skills. We've always known he was really over-qualified for the site-manager job and anticipated a move but just kept our fingers crossed that it wouldn't come too soon!! We wish him all the best in his new job and it's not actually good-bye because, in his new capacity, he'll still be visiting us from time to time to check that we're doing everything we 'should' be doing - unfortunately, there'll be no escaping his beady eye because he knows all our hiding places and all our darkest secrets!!
- Of course, with an outgoing caretaker, there must be an incoming new broom! And that new broom is in the form of Mr Finch. You may have already seen Mr Finch around the school as Mr Welch has started to train him in the business of keeping the school tidy and safe! If you do see them together, please be sure to say a cheery 'Hello' so that he feels the warmth of our welcome!
- Please do remember to email in some comments regarding any of the productions you have come to see in school (as per the parent mail I sent out). I have only had 1 so far so I'm hoping that you'll all beat a path to your emails over the weekend when you get a bit of time!
- And that's it for the first full week back - it's been a calm, relaxed and very happy week and I wish you all a lovely weekend full of swapping summer clothes for autumn-wear as the nights begin to close in and the boilers begin to fire up and I leave you with this thought:

***"The life you are living now,
is also the dream of millions.
Always be satisfied with your life;
For your complaints are another's
whispered prayers."***

Mrs. Searle



Stars of the Week

1A Eliza
1B Nila
2A Zoe
2B James
3A Alayna
3B Logan

4A Dottie
4B Paisley
5A Emily
5B Ashlyn
5C Jordan
6A Lola
6B Keira

Kindness Award

1A Harrison
1B Rukayah
2A Vadim
2B Olivia
3A Mussab
3B Deivid

4A Aarshy
4B Haakil
5A Emily
5B Irhaa
5C Aleeha
6A Jude
6B Mia



Work on your reading challenges to reach 50 points and use your token to buy a book from the vending machine.

Achiever Badges

Remember to work hard to reach gold. Reaching gold 5 times will result in you being awarded an achiever badge.



Reaching gold this week

Max 1A
Arjen 1A
Alice 1A
Ameila-Rose 1A
Amayah 1A
Amaira 1A
Ronnie 1A
Alfie 1A
Eliza 1A
Finley 1A
Mia 1A
Tommy 1B
Ishmael 1B
Nila 1B
Gracie 1B
Dawud 1B
Alexandra 1B
Rukah-Ya 1B
Zac 1B
Mylo 1B
Samraj 1B
Isaiah 1B
Vadim 2A
Camilla 2A
Parker 2A
Nectarie 2B

Lola 2B
Matei 2B
Ashton 2B
Siraat 2B
Karley 3A
Kaiyaan 3A
Timothy 3A
Alice 3A
Vivaan 3A
Nate 3A
Ruby 3B
Darcy 3B
Isobel 3B
Aarshy 4A
Dali 4A
Dottie 4A
Diyan 4A
Summer 4A
Laura 4A
Aisha 4A
Murtajiz 4A
Elliot 4A
Shannon 4A
Nate 4A
Elizabeth 4A
Ifraah 4A

Maddison 4A
India 4A
Kevin 4A
Thea 4B
Rebecca 4B
James 4B
Milana 4B
Sophia 4B
Sidney 4B
Jibreel 5B
Irhaa 5B
Shriyah 5B
Jessica 5C
Aleeha 5C
Aibinu 5C
Khaleelah 5C
Jenson 5C
Harper 5C
Halimat 5C
Musa 5C
Adam 5C
Jacob 5C
Michaela 6A
Fareedah 6A
Adelaide 6B
Tyler 6B

Presentation Award

Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Let's identify my goals for this year, understand my strengths and abilities about the future and know how to express them.
School
Goal 1: Beat my Sats
Goal 2: Be a prefect or a head girl
Outside School
Goal 1: Win a gold medal in a national sports competition
Goal 2: Move to stage 9 in my swimming lessons.

Michaela in 6A



Autumn 1 Term Dates

- Thursday 18th September - EYFS parent workshop @ 9:00 am
- Friday 19th September - Jeans for Genes Day
- Monday 22nd September - Year 5 & 6 Bikability week
- Thursday 25th September - McMillan Coffee afternoon @ 2:45
- Tuesday 30th September - Flu Immunisations
- Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd October Year 2 Learn to Ride days
- Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th October Year 3 & 4 Bikability
- Monday 20th & Thursday 23rd October - Parent's Evening
- Tuesday 22nd October - Performing Arts trip to see Wicked
- Friday 24th October - Break up for half term

