



17th October Issue 7



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 7th issue of our newsletter and the real start to the autumn weather. Here are the week's highlights:

- This week children have been celebrating Black History month with a range of activities including learning about famous black movers and shakers that changed the way the world thought to African drumming, dance and costume. You know when a theme has been successful when you have a stream of children lining up outside your door keen to share with you everything they've learned and all the work they've produced from their lessons!
- We had a sneaky peek at what our new website design might look like after Christmas when we move to a new format. We've never been really happy with the website and, although we have to keep to certain design features that sit within the Trust's remit, we **will** get a little more say in the content of the page and it should definitely be easier for parents to navigate and read on their mobile phones. So that was an exciting bit of news this week.
- We are very aware that we need to improve children's verbal communication skills in order to improve their writing so, after much deliberation, we have decided to introduce an Oracy Project across the school which encourages verbal communication in full sentences and with confidence. The project is being headed up by Ms Howard and we've decided to go with a program called 'Tongue-Fu Talking'. Ms Howard led a training session for staff on the program and opened the training by entering the room to the music, 'Kung-Fu Fighting' wearing a bright pink Kung-Fu headband and sporting a fetching black belt! **That's** how a training session should start!!! We're hoping that the delivery of this program will transform the way our children talk and communicate and, as a result of that, their writing will be up-levelled as well. Of course, you know by now that we never manage to achieve anything without **your** contribution to the 3-way education of your children so we'll be sending home some activities for you to carry out at home in order to help your child along the way. So, watch this space for the first child to attain the much-coveted 'Black-Belt' - it could be **your** child!!



- This week the playground has been kept tidy and clean with the help of some of our little workers in KS1. Using their imaginations and being proactive, they decided to use the crates from Opal to collect the rubbish around the field. It wasn't something they'd been asked to do but it was lovely to see them taking care of the school environment. We have no prefects yet so Mr Finch was very grateful for the extra help!!
- OPAL itself continues to be added to. This week, musical instruments appeared which were a most welcome addition to the fun and frivolities of lunchtime play. We also introduced a water play zone and a digging zone, both of which have proved to be really popular with the children. I'm sure they are aiming to dig through to Australia! I'd like to see a return of the bubble makers, personally, before the weather turns really cold but I don't think we have any bubble machines left. Something to add to our Amazon wish-list I think!
- And that's the week that was! It just remains for me to wish you all a beautiful weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***“Your greatest contribution to the universe may not be something you do,
but someone you raise!”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle



Stars of the Week

R1 Myiah
R2 Ollie
1A Soumia
1B Rukah-Ya
2A Parker
2B Ameer
3A Vivaan
3B Jayden

4A India
4B Haakil
5A Jenson
5B Jamie
5C Aqeelah
6A Arham
6B Taha

Kindness Award

R1 Oscar
R2 Noah
1A Finley
1B Nimi
2A Idrees
2B Aarish
3A Shayne
3B George

4A Arlo
4B Mithran
5A Judah
5B Kara
5C Elsie
6A Yaid
6B Shakira



Congratulations to

Laura 5A
Regi 5A

on earning your 50 points to
choose a book from our vending
machine. Well done!

Achiever Badges

Keep working towards
getting 5 golds to earn an
achiever badge!



Reaching gold this week

Aadanan R1
Greyd R1
Harrison R1
Idris R1
Oscar R1
Shaveer R1
Yunus R1
Zahra R1
Ariah R2
Eleora R2
Liyana R2
Nikolas R2
Oliver O R2
Ava 1A
Yeva 1A
Alice 1A
Arjen 1A
Aleena 1A
Ronnie 1A
Teddy 1A
Lennox 1A
Finley 1A
Ana-Maria 1A
Eleanor 1A

Kiaan 1A
Max 1A
Eva 1B
Zac 1B
Alexandra 1B
Kian 1B
Tommy 1B
Niyanshi 1B
Wilayate 2A
Callum 2A
Meltem 2A
Camilla 2A
Darius 2A
Zoe 2A
Archie 2B
Siyana 2B
Aarish B 2B
James 2B
Ada 2B
Karley 3A
Mussab 3A
Alice 3A
Rohan 3A
Alayna 3A

Paula 3A
Oliver G 3A
Isobel 3B
Sofia 3B
Alice 3B
Ruby 3B
Charlie 3B
Franky 3B
Freddy 3B
Maia 3B
Leandro 3B
Darcy 3B
India 4A
Elliot 4A
Murtajiz 4A
Mia 4A
Ashlyn 5B
David 5B
Promesse 5B
Elsie 5B
Jordan 5C
Nadiia 5C
Mujtaba 5C
Tyler 6B

Presentation Award

Tuesday 19th October
My favourite part of the story was when
BUNTING the cat was finding the
lost toy who ran away from the
Museum and my favourite part of
the story was when the toy was
writing a note to BUNTING the cat
when finding the toy at last
the toy's ~~name~~ appeared out.
BUNTING the cat got surprised when
the toy came out.

Alice in 1A



Autumn Term Dates

- Week beginning Monday 20th October - Parents' Evening week and book fair in KS2 hall
- Tuesday 21st October - EYFS harvest assembly @ 9:15 am
- Tuesday 21st October - Year 5 Harvest assembly @ 2:30 pm
- Tuesday 21st October - Year 2 visits to Holy Cross Church
- Wednesday 22nd October - Performing Arts trip to see Wicked
- Friday 24th October - OPAL non-uniform day and break up for half term
- Monday 3rd November back to school
- Monday 3rd November - Individual pupil photos
- Monday 3rd November - PTA Firework Night
- Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Service @ 10:30
- Friday 14th November - Children in Need
- Tuesday 18th November - Flu immunisation catch up day
- Monday 24th November - Stay and Learn week
- Thursday 4th December - Reindeer Run
- Friday 5th December - Whole school trip to the panto @ Queen's Theatre
- Week beginning 8th December - EYFS & KS1 Christmas concerts. Dates and times TBC
- Thursday 11th December - NSPCC Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner
- Friday 12th December - PTA Christmas Bazaar

