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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and the spring term - although there's nothing spring-like about this wintry weather! Why we don't call it the 'winter term' is beyond me!! Anyway, here are this week's high - lights:



- As you are aware, we started the term with an unpleasant notice about the dogs who live in the house on the corner of Barton Rd next to the school. I was so appreciative of the responses and advice I received about next steps to take and many of you offered to contact the RSPCA, the Council's Dog Warden and the Police and, for that, I am so grateful because I feel the load is being shared which is so helpful. The Police did say to one parent that the more complaints they receive, the more chance there is of something happening so do please send in a complaint about the dogs if you can and do keep contacting the RSPCA and Dog Warden (reachable via the Public Protection team at 01708 432777). Many thanks to all of you who have already made those complaints. Havering Council have a website for reporting anti-social behaviour and this can also be used for reporting concerns about dangerous dogs. One of our parents has made the Havering ASB team aware of the situation concerning the dogs but the ASB haven't received any complaints yet. Once they receive complaints, they can investigate so, if any of you have time to do this for us, I think that would also be helpful. This is the link:

<https://www.havering.gov.uk/community-1/anti-social-behaviour-community>

- More positive news is that, despite the incredibly cold weather, we've had a great start to the term celebrating, in the first instance, all those children who reached 96+% Attendance and those who sustained 100% Attendance in the autumn Term. That's an amazing achievement - well done to everyone.
- 1A had a truly magical return to school after the festive break. Ms Goodwin was aglow with pride as she introduced a writing lesson based on the Little Red Riding Hood story and the children erupted into cheers of unfiltered joy. A teacher dreams of being so inspirational that children cheer at their lessons and Ms Goodwin was no different - if only inspectors could witness such engagement - then she realised that the children were actually cheering the flurry of snow descending from the heavens! That signalled the abandonment of Little Red Riding Hood while they explored the very short-lived dusting of snow!!

- As you know, we have many foxes residing in the areas surrounding the school and, this week, they became very brave and settled themselves in the middle of the KS2 field for a winter siesta. Of course, 2 foxes asleep in the middle of a large field caused major commotion and rumours of injured animals needing immediate care and attention by eager and attentive children!! We decided against that suggestion and let the foxes be - they were gone within 5 minutes!
- As you know, we love drama in school and try to promote it through every lesson where we can. However, much as we love drama, Thursday brought us too *much* of it and drama we could have well done without. We were in the middle of discussing dates for our spring-term fire drill—hoping to schedule it as late as possible for warmer weather—when the fire alarm was actually activated. As usual, the whole school was outside in the freezing cold weather within 3 minutes but, with no clue as to why the alarm had been activated, we had to wait for the Fire-Brigade to turn up to investigate. The Fire-Brigade did a **very** quick scout of the building (well, there were no drapes or beautiful displays to obscure their pathways, were there?????) but they couldn't find the cause of the alarm activation so the search went on... and on... and on. Meanwhile, we had 450 coatless children and staff lined up in the playground with chattering teeth and a rapidly fading appreciation for fire safety procedures! Mrs Waddington came to the rescue with emergency foil blankets which the children received ~~calmly and with no excitement!~~ Sorry, that was wishful thinking!! Of course, there was pandemonium, vigorous foil flapping and collective over-stimulation!! It didn't help that we didn't have enough blankets for one each so two or three children were trying to huddle under one blanket! A huge thank you to the ex-parent who saw what was going on and brought us several blankets from her house to share around the children. Eventually, the alarm trigger was found and, once we had thawed out the snow-children, we were able to return to school and proceed with lunch! I've changed my mind about drama!!!
- On a final note, I'd like to remind you that we have about 50 un-named water bottles and 30 un-named winter coats which will be heading to the charity shop on the 16th January so, if you're missing a coat or are in need of a coat, please head to the Lost Property Box in the Parent Foyer and retrieve what's yours or what you'd like because they won't be there after the 16th January!
- And that's it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a Happy New Year and a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“New Year's Resolution idea:

Be the reason someone feels the year has started well.”

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle



Stars of the Week

R1 Bonnie
R2 Aaliyah
1A Amaira
1B Eva
2A Rocko
2B Vinnie
3A Alice
3B Binuli

4A Laura
4B Serena
5A Seth
5B Marco
5C Musa
6A Fareedah
6B Harrison
Willow Seb

Kindness Award

R1 Zaina
R2 Paige
1A Kiaan
1B Alice
2A Fola
2B Lola
3A Henry
3B Sofia

4A Dottie
4B Paisley
5A Navaira
5B Olamide
5C Jessica
6A Fraser
6B Taha



Congratulations to

Lottie R1 Dominic 5A
Alice 3A Olamide 5B
Karley 3A Mia 6B
Dollie 3B

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



Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Greyson R2
Ariyan R2
Amaira 1A
Aleena 1A
Chloe 1A
Soumia 1A
Yeva 1A
Mylo 1B
Tommy 1B

Isaiah 1B
Mussab 3A
Ameer 3B
Ruby 3B
Elliot 4A
Elizabeth 4A
Rebecca 4B
Adam 5C
Halimat 5C



for reaching gold 5 times and
earning an achiever badge.
Well done!

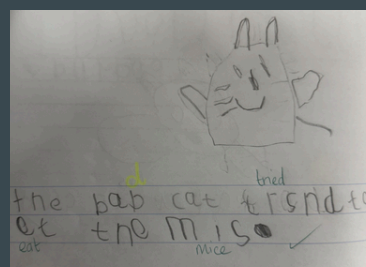
Reaching gold this week

Dior R1
Shahveer R1
Yunus R1
Oscar R1
Idris R1
Greyson R2
Ariyan R2
Alexander R2
Haniya R2
Noah R2
Oliver R2
Amaya R2
Amaira 1A
Amayah 1A
Aleena 1A
Adrain 1A
Eliza 1A
Chloe 1A
Franco 1A
Ruby 1A
Soumia 1A
Yeva 1A
Mylo 1B
Tommy 1B
Isaiah 1B
Eva 1B
Amelia G 2B
Amelia I 2B

Ashton 2B
Kendall 2B
Luna 2B
Aariish A 2B
Aarish B 2B
Ada 2B
Aaron 3A
Mussab 3A
Alicia 3A
Affan 3A
Evani 3B
Isobel 3B
Ameer 3B
Charlie 3B
Raahim 3B
Ruby 3B
Nate 4A
Dottie 4A
Ifraah 4A
India 4A
Teddy 4A
Aarshy 4A
Aisha 4A
Shannon 4A
Dalia 4A
Elliot 4A
Laura 4A
Murtaiz 4A

Elizabeth 4A
Mia 4A
Sidney 4B
James 4B
Idris 4B
Rebecca 4B
Harley 4B
Kal-el 4B
Finn 4B
Seth 5A
Roger 5A
Emily 5A
Isla 5A
Mahilan 5A
Regi 5A
Kimberley 5B
Adam 5C
Loris 5C
Halimat 5C
Khaleelah 5C
Aiden 6B
Wendell 6B
Mia 6B
Keira 6B
Cody 6B

Presentation Award



Lottie in R1



Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL
play this week goes to:



Amelia in 1A
Jake in 5A

Well done!



Spring Term Dates

- Thursday 15th January - Year 1-4 Road Safety Shows
- Tuesday 20th January - Year 6 Parent's Evening
- Wednesday 21st January - Year 6 Parent's Evening
- Thursday 22nd January - Year 5 Road Safety Show
- Friday 30th January - Spanish Day
- Thursday 5th February - School Council trip to the Mayor's Parlour
- Monday 9th February - Parent's Evening (not Year 6)
- Wednesday 11th February - Parent's Evening (not Year 6)
- Friday 13th February - Break up for half term

