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## Dear Parents and Carers,

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



- 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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	4A Laura
R2 Aaliyah	4B Serena
1A Amaira	5A Seth
1B Eva	5B Marco
2A Rocko	5C Musa
2B Vinnie	6A Fareedah
3A Alice	6B Harrison
3B Binuli	Willow Seb

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!

# Kindness Award

R1 Zaina	4A Dottie
R2 Paige	4B Paisley
1A Kiaan	5A Navaira
1B Alice	5B Olamide
2A Fola	5C Jessica
2B Lola	6A Fraser
3A Henry	6B Taha
3B Sofia	



# Achiever Badges

Congratulations to

Greyson R2	Isaiah 1B
Ariyan R2	Mussab 3A
Amaira 1A	Ameer 3B
Aleena 1A	Ruby 3B
Chloe 1A	Elliot 4A
Soumia 1A	Elizabeth 4A
Yeva 1A	Rebecca 4B
Mylo 1B	Adam 5C
Tommy 1B	Halimat 5C

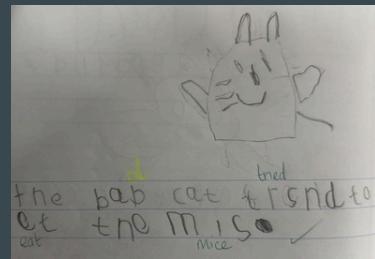


for reaching gold 5 times and  
earning an achiever badge.  
Well done!

# Reaching gold this week

Dior R1	Ashton 2B	Elizabeth 4A
Shahveer R1	Kendall 2B	Mia 4A
Yunus R1	Luna 2B	Sidney 4B
Oscar R1	Aariish A 2B	James 4B
Idris R1	Aarish B 2B	Idris 4B
Greyson R2	Ada 2B	Rebecca 4B
Ariyan R2	Aaron 3A	Harley 4B
Alexander R2	Mussab 3A	Kal-el 4B
Haniya R2	Alicia 3A	Finn 4B
Noah R2	Affan 3A	Seth 5A
Oliver R2	Evani 3B	Roger 5A
Amaya R2	Isobel 3B	Emily 5A
Amaira 1A	Ameer 3B	Isla 5A
Amayah 1A	Charlie 3B	Mahilan 5A
Aleena 1A	Raahim 3B	Regi 5A
Adrain 1A	Ruby 3B	Kimberley 5B
Eliza 1A	Nate 4A	Adam 5C
Chloe 1A	Dottie 4A	Loris 5C
Franco 1A	Ifraah 4A	Halimat 5C
Ruby 1A	India 4A	Khaleelah 5C
Soumia 1A	Teddy 4A	Aiden 6B
Yeva 1A	Aarshy 4A	Wendell 6B
Mylo 1B	Aisha 4A	Mia 6B
Tommy 1B	Shannon 4A	Keira 6B
Isaiah 1B	Dalia 4A	Cody 6B
Eva 1B	Elliot 4A	
Amelia G 2B	Laura 4A	
Amelia I 2B	Murtajiz 4A	

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

