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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the highlights of this week in school:

- Mental health is as important as physical health. Caring for our wellbeing should be a daily priority and Children's Mental Health Week offers a timely reminder of that commitment. This week, your children have been very busy carrying out activities that help them focus on their wellbeing. Miss B and her Mental Health Champions made some stress balls for each class and are making Positive Affirmation Message Jars for each class so they can take a message out when they're feeling low and it might just bring a smile to their face! I asked our Champions if they could put a jar together for the staff room - we all need a lift from time to time! Each class have also been taking part in Mental Health Quizzes (all very low stake so no one gets anxious!!!) Miss B and her the school student councillors have been making their voices heard this week (literally!) as they marched around the school carrying out a peaceful (I think that's a misnomer!) march shouting about the importance of good mental health. But we kicked off the week with an assembly in which our HEST Team (Emotional Support Team), Niamh and Natalie, introduced themselves to the children and talked about all the different activities they would be carrying out around the school like workshops and group work around friendships and things that worry us. And don't forget, parents, that we'll be running lots of workshops and groups for *you* as well. Keep your eyes peeled for the flyers coming out!
- Year 1 had a wonderful week this week! As part of their Little Red Riding Hood topic, the children learned about writing letters (an art mostly lost in this modern age!)—so they learn what letters are, why we get them, and how to write them. Y1 parents joined in brilliantly, writing letters to their children with greetings, introductions, conclusions, and sign-offs. To say they were emotional is an understatement—both teachers had to hold back tears as they read lines like, “You, my little person, are my world” and “The day you were born, you made my world complete.” Ms Harding and Ms Goodwin loved discovering the children's nicknames at home—Precious Pumpkin, Little Munchkin Pom-Pom, Little Nugget! Parents - keep an eye on your post; I have a feeling your little Munchkins might be writing back to you! Get your



- tissues ready! Hopefully, you saw many of the letters on display when you came in for Parents' Evening. 📧❤
- Parent's Evenings this week were very busy and there were many smiley mums and dads leaving the school - so I hope there were some good reports being shared! My sincere thanks go to our exceptional prefects, Logan, Daniel C-J, Fraser and Ollie (6A); Rayquan, Amber and Leah (6B), who represented the school superbly as they welcomed and escorted parents around the building. It was wonderful to hear parents remark on their maturity and helpfulness. They were calm, welcoming and thoroughly professional – a real credit to the school.
- This week, we were all looking forward to a storyteller coming in to perform stories to the children. We had a tight timetable to keep to to ensure that every child could witness storytelling at its best starting with Year 6 who waited with baited breath for the arrival of the imaginative weaver of stories only to wait....and wait....and wait! In the end, we gave up and retreated to class very disappointed and convinced we had been the victims of the greatest plot twist of the morning! However, the mystery was soon solved when our storyteller telephoned in a flurry of apologies to explain that his own little subplot had unfolded rather unexpectedly – his son had been taken ill and he had to turn around mid-journey and race back to school to collect him. He sounded rather less like a master of dramatic pause and more like a dad in full emergency mode! We were, of course, completely understanding, and he later emailed with heartfelt apologies and a new date booked in. So, Year 6, – the story is simply to be continued...
- As you know, we were really lucky to have new fencing donated and installed for the back of our Gardening Club area. In response, we agreed to plant a plethora of trees on our site and, this week, 3 councillors came to view the fencing and the trees. They brought a photographer with them and requested a photoshoot with some children and the councillors in the Gardening Club area. It was all very exciting for the selected children but, for me, the most exciting part of the whole shoot was the councillor looking at our run-down shed and saying, "Oh, I'm sure we can get a new one of those donated from someone for you!" Great thanks to Mrs Ellis who continues to make huge improvements to our environment!
- And that's it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

***“When life rewrites the script, always respond with understanding  
– and turn the page together.”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

*Mrs. Searle*

# Stars of the Week



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|--------------|------------|
| R1 Lottie    | 4A Mia     |
| R2 Liyana    | 4B Aria    |
| 1A Tilly-Rae | 5A Jake    |
| 1B Lucas     | 5B Kira    |
| 2A Layla     | 5C Nadiia  |
| 2B Olivia    | 6A David C |
| 3A Nate      | 6B Shayan  |
| 3B Riley     |            |

# Kindness Award

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|-------------|------------|
| R1 Hurain   | 4A Nate    |
| R2 Juwon    | 4B Mithran |
| 1A Chloe    | 5A Roger   |
| 1B Arthur   | 5B Vera    |
| 2A Callum   | 5C Halimat |
| 2B Nectarie | 6A Alex    |
| 3A Alice    | 6B Jacob   |
| 3B Freddy   |            |



## Congratulations to

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|------------|-------------|
| Jax R1     | Camilla 2A  |
| Luca R1    | Parker 2A   |
| Dev R1     | Maddison 4A |
| Greyson R2 | Kevin 5B    |
| Danyil R2  | Ashlyn 5B   |
| Ava 1A     | Ayanah 5B   |
| Sophia 2B  | Jibreel 5B  |

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



# Achiever Badges

## Congratulation to

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|-------------|-------------|
| Myiah R1    | Aarish B 2B |
| Ollie R2    | Vinnie 2B   |
| Oliver R2   | Aaron 3A    |
| Noah R2     | Leandro 3B  |
| Isaiah R2   | Amelie 4B   |
| Alex R2     | Finn 4B     |
| Jacob R2    | Nala 4B     |
| Haleema 1B  | Elsie 5B    |
| Joshua 1B   | Kevin 5B    |
| Miyanshi 1B | Reggie 5C   |
|             | Joel 5C     |

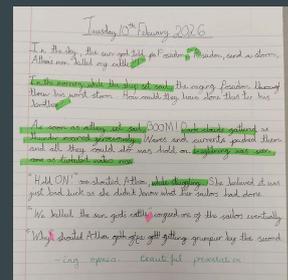


for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!

# Reaching gold this week

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|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Harrison R1 | Ebube 1B    | Dollie 3B    | Finn 4B      |
| Myiah R1    | Nila 1B     | Kamilijia 3B | Nala 4B      |
| Shahveer R1 | Joshua 1B   | Raahim 3B    | Kal-el 4B    |
| Nevaeh R1   | Inaaya 1B   | Leandro 3B   | Rebecca 4B   |
| Vasyl R1    | Ismael 1B   | Ameer 3B     | Toby 4B      |
| Zahra R1    | Nimi 1B     | Lauren 3B    | Vlad 5A      |
| Lottie R1   | Camilla 2A  | Teddy 4A     | Jamie 5A     |
| Cooper R1   | Parker 2A   | Summer 4A    | Mahilan 5A   |
| Jax R1      | Niyanshi 1B | India 4A     | Elsie 5B     |
| Mariam R1   | Aarish B 2B | Laura 4A     | Kevin 5B     |
| Denys R1    | Amelia G 2B | Kevin 4A     | Kimberley 5B |
| Ollie R2    | James 2B    | Aarshy 4A    | Murtuza 5B   |
| Noah R2     | Sofia 2B    | Elizabeth 4A | Tade 5B      |
| Rayaan R2   | Vinnie 2B   | Dalia 4A     | Adam 5C      |
| Isaiah R2   | Ashton 2B   | Arlo 4A      | Joshua 5C    |
| Alex R2     | Emily 2B    | Laura 4A     | Khaleelah 5C |
| Aaliyah R2  | Kendall 2B  | Aisha 4A     | Jacob 5C     |
| Jacob R2    | Aaron 3A    | Thea 4B      | Jessica 5C   |
| Oliver R2   | Affan 3A    | Shiloh 4B    | Harper 5C    |
| Lennox 1A   | Kai 3A      | Heidi 4B     | Reggie 5C    |
| Mia 1A      | Zayna 3A    | Sophia 4B    | Halimat 5C   |
| Max 1A      | Zaryab 3A   | Rebecca 4B   | Joel 5C      |
| Ronnie 1A   | Shayne 3A   | Idris 4B     | Leah 6B      |
| Amanah 1B   | Alice 3B    | James 4B     | Adelaide 6B  |
| Samraj 1B   | Layla 3B    | Sidney 4B    | Henry 6B     |
| Haleema 1B  | Isobel 3B   | Ardion 4B    | Wendell 6B   |
| Yahya 1B    | Yaqab 3B    | Haakil 4B    | Mia 6B       |
|             | Evani 3B    | Amelie 4B    |              |

# Presentation Award



Emma in 5A



# Spring Term Dates

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Return back to school
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Choir singing at the O2
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - EYFS Travelling Arts workshops
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 Harry Potter World Trip
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 5 trip to the British Museum
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book day
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 Victorian trip to Braintree Museum
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - PTA Mother's Day stalls
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Stay and Learn week - (not 3A)
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - EYFS Cycle Awareness day
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 Victorian Assemblies to parents
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Easter Play to parents
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 trip to Ingrebourne Country Park
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Bonnet Parade and break up at 1:30 for Easter

## Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

**Musa in 2A**  
**Halimat in 5C**

Well done!

