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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the highlights of this week in school:

- Scooterfit is a fun fitness workshop that uses scooters to get fit (all in the title, really!). Every child was able to take part and they were whizzing around the playground like professionals Scooterman (sorry, I didn't catch his name but that's a fitting title!) was really impressed with how so many of our children were expert at riding 2-wheeled scooters - apparently, it's quite a skill! Children weren't the only ones having a good time. Ms B gave it a go and who should be behind her but Jessica (5A) who exclaimed, "You go, woman! You slay!" There were a few minor injuries along the way, but spirits remained high, scooters kept rolling, and everyone agreed it was a brilliant session!
- On Wednesday, Year 1 hopped into a ~~time-machine~~ coach and travelled all the way back to the late 1800s with a trip to the Victorian Museum in Braintree. The adventure began smoothly as they all boarded the coach and set off... but it wasn't long before a couple of children decided that time travel was a little too exciting for their stomachs. The teachers sprang into action, calmly distributing sick bags and once again proving—just like during the Christmas performance—that no crisis, however messy, is beyond their professional skill. A very special thank-you goes to Finley's mum, who came prepared with industrial-sized wipes - to be honest, those wipes saved the day! Once they arrived, 1A headed straight to the Victorian classroom while 1B set off on a museum trail. In true Victorian style, boys and girls were separated (Victorian rules!), and the children experienced school exactly as it would have been in 1870. They wrote on slates, had their hands and shoes inspected, addressed the teacher as "Ma'am" and, most importantly, no talking or fidgeting. Teddy (1A) particularly embraced the experience when he found himself sitting in the corner wearing a dunce's hat... all because he wrote with his left hand! Victorian teachers clearly had some very strong opinions about handwriting. The children learnt how to chant their times tables and explored lots of fascinating artefacts. Highlights included a carpet beater (which many children confidently identified as a "pizza flipper"), a mouse trap (briefly renamed the "finger chopper off -er"), and an old-fashioned mangle used for washing clothes. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by everyone.



- A huge thank you to all the parent helpers and, once again, the whole year group made us incredibly proud.
- We took part in the Year 2 indoor Athletics competition this week in which we competed against 11 other schools in running, jumping and throwing events. Mr Charlee took an elite group of boys and girls to fly the HLPS flag and they certainly did a good job coming 4th overall and only being beaten by, you know, the posh schools that can spend hours on training with specialist equipment etc (Bitter? Me? Nonsense - just saying it how it is!!!!) 😞 Well done to Y2 children Ada, Layla, Olivia, Kendall, Sehaj, James, Matei, Dexter, Parker and Jude - you served your school well!
- Talking of Kendall, she deserves a big gold star this week for a wonderful display of empathy. After discovering a ladybird that had sadly met its demise, she felt the creature deserved a respectful send-off. With permission from the midday staff, she carefully organised a small burial – a touching moment of kindness in the playground.
- On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of Susan Asser, our Chair of Governors and Nicola Masters, our Trust school improvement partner, come to visit and take a walk around all our classes. It was lovely to see some fantastic science work going on as part of Science week and to see the positive way your children responded to our visitors - they always make me so proud.
- Science Week saw a plethora of experiments and webinars as children discovered the scientific secrets behind natural occurrences. Classrooms buzzed with curiosity as pupils explored everything from chemical reactions and forces to the fascinating processes that shape the natural world around us. There were moments of surprise, the occasional “wow!” as an experiment worked particularly well, and plenty of thoughtful discussion as children tried to predict, test and explain what they were seeing. Through hands-on investigations and expert-led webinars, pupils were able to step into the shoes of real scientists—asking questions, making observations and drawing conclusions. It was a wonderful reminder that science is not just something found in textbooks; it is happening all around us every day, waiting to be noticed, explored and understood.
- The PTA once again hosted their much-loved Mother’s Day gift stall this week, giving every class the opportunity to visit and choose something special for their mums. The tables were brimming with tempting treasures, from chocolates and keyrings to beauty treats and pretty notelets, and the children took their time selecting the perfect surprise for the weekend. A huge thank you goes to the wonderful parents who generously gave their time to run the stall and help the children with their purchases. Your support helped make the experience both exciting and memorable for everyone involved. 🌸
- 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:



“Being a mum means discovering you can function on very little sleep and an extraordinary amount of love!”

Wishing all our wonderful mums and carers a very happy Mother’s Day this Sunday. 🌸

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle

Stars of the Week



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| R1 Denys | 4A Zaheen |
| R2 Micah | 4B Shiloh |
| 1A Eleanor | 5A Dima |
| 1B Amelia | 5B Murtuza |
| 2A Wilayate | 5C Loris |
| 2B Ashton | 6A Olivia |
| 3A Zayna | 6B Cody |
| 3B Evani | |

Kindness Award

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| R1 Vasyi | 4A Aarshy |
| R2 Haniya | 4B Thea |
| 1A Soumia | 5A Reyan |
| 1B Shalom | 5B Marco |
| 2A Billie | 5C Reggie |
| 2B Kendall | 6A Lola |
| 3A Alayna | 6B Tyler |
| 3B Ameer | |



Congratulations to

- Ariyan R2
Miko R2
Elizabeth 4A
Azaan 5B

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



Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

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| Aadanan R1 | Ashton 2B |
| Edua R1 | Bella 2B |
| Micah R2 | Fletcher 2B |
| Yaqub R2 | Freddy 3B |
| N'Myah 1B | Nate 4A |
| Camilla 2A | Azaan 5B |
| Amelia G 2B | Jimmy 5C |
| Sofia 2B | Adelaide 6B |

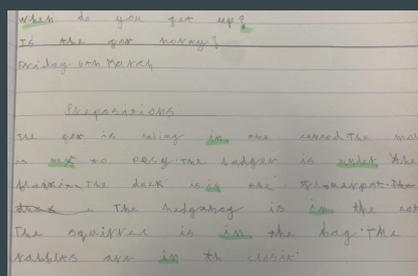
for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!



Reaching gold this week

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| Thomas R1 | Arthur 1B | Jessica 5A |
| Jax R1 | Zac 1B | Kristupus 5A |
| Mariam R1 | Aidan 2B | Promesse 5B |
| Aadanan R1 | Amelia G 2B | David 5B |
| Hurain R1 | Sofia 2B | Jibreel 5B |
| Bonnie R1 | Ashton 2B | Elsie 5B |
| Edua R1 | Bella 2B | Ashlyn 5B |
| Nikolas R2 | Fletcher 2B | Irhaa 5B |
| Micah R2 | Ada 2B | Azaan 5B |
| Miko R2 | Ella 3A | Toby 5C |
| Ariah R2 | Alice 3A | Jenson 5C |
| Liyana R2 | Freddy 3B | Mason 5C |
| Yaqub R2 | Riley 3B | Jimmy 5C |
| Lenny 1A | Sofia 3B | Loris 5C |
| Kiaan 1A | Ruby 3B | Ahmad 5C |
| Amaira 1A | Nate 4A | Shemuel 5C |
| Mabel 1A | Aisha 4A | Rhea 5C |
| Leo 1B | Elliot 4A | Polly 5C |
| Alexandra 1B | Isa 4A | Zoey 5C |
| N'myah 1B | Dima 5A | Feryal 6A |
| Ebube 1B | Emma 5A | Adelaide 6B |
| | | Harrison 6B |

Presentation Award



Mabel in 1B



Spring Term Dates

- Monday 16th March - Stay and Learn week - (not 3A)
- Thursday 19th March - PTA Non-uniform day - bring an Easter egg!
- Monday 23rd March - Year 1 Cycle Awareness day
- Tuesday 24th March - Year 1 Victorian Assemblies to parents 1A - 9:30 1B- 2:30
- Wednesday 25th March - Year 4 Easter Play to parents (time tbc)
- Thursday 26th March - Year 2 trip to Ingrebourne Country Park
- Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade and PTA Easter egg hunt
- **Friday 27th March break up at 1:30 for Easter**
- **Tuesday 14th April - Return to school**

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Michael in 2A
Shayan in 6B



Well done!

