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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the highlights of this week in school:

- This week we learnt about St Patrick and the values he teaches us - namely faith, perseverance and forgiveness. We discussed the symbols associated with St Patrick such as the shamrock, the Celtic cross and wearing green. That evening, the WhatsApp group chats were on fire with parents having been told by their children that they had to wear green on St Patrick's Day! 🧑‍🎓



Emily (2b) showed how she took her lesson's advice to help the planet by litter picking in the community at the weekend. Well done Emily - you are an Eco-warrior in the making! It's always lovely to see when children take their learning home with them and apply it to the real world.

- Spanish Challenge week this week asked the children to use *por favor* and *gracias* in their daily routines - anyone using it at home??
- Stay & Learn this week was the usual pleasure although we did have a few miscommunications where parents thought they had booked but teachers had no confirmation of it. It's never nice to turn parents away so we're going to have another think about the confirmation process to avoid any further disappointments. Stay & Learn is an established tradition at our school now and its success lies in the fact that it allows parents not to judge the lesson or teaching (that's *my* job!), but to see how their child learns within the class and what their experience is like so that discussions with children about their learning make more sense. I hope you all find it valuable in this way.
- 5A & 5B took part in a @Best Buddies' Workshop (5C are scheduled for next week) which helped children to understand what being a good friend actually looks like. Friendships are one of the trickiest parts of growing up that children have to learn to navigate so these workshops provide some really useful tools for them.
- Tuesday saw our teachers back in the classroom—this time as learners—taking part in a Phonics Development Day to keep their teaching bang up to date and ensure every child gets the very best start on their reading journey.

- This week, we hosted an online workshop for parents all about understanding children’s behaviour—and what a gem it was! Those who joined were treated to a wealth of practical tips and “lightbulb moments” about why children behave the way they do and, crucially, how to respond in ways that really work. From the power of praise to the art of giving effective instructions (not always as easy as it sounds!), the session was packed with ideas that can make everyday parenting just that little bit smoother . We’re looking forward to running more sessions like this so do keep an eye out and come along next time if you can!
- As many of you will be aware, our Cycle Awareness Days have been extremely popular and we’ve had to book 2 extra days to accommodate interest so I was really pleased to see that the instructors are running a free family ride this weekend through the countryside. They are carrying out a Family Ride led by the instructor this Saturday, the 21st of March, meeting at Ingrebourne Valley Nature Discovery Centre at 10am - there’s a carpark if you wish to drive to the park - and then there’s a second ride at 11am starting at the Tesco Extra in Rainham. This is a fantastic gentle ride for families; it would be great to see as many families as possible taking part and children will know the instructors if they’ve been on the Bike-ability Courses. You can click on the link below to sign up and see full details of the event.

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/events/9fca3d97-efca-489c-8ac3-cd63fc4d14d4>

- We’ve certainly embraced the spirit of generosity this week! Thursday’s non-uniform day saw a wonderful avalanche of Easter egg donations for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt—although, despite my hopeful glances, not a single one made its way to accompany my morning coffee... yet. I remain optimistic that a few “strays” may need a loving home (my office is always available!). Not content with just one non-uniform day, we followed it swiftly with a sea of red for Red Nose Day. Watching the children stream down the road and part towards their gates was like a perfectly choreographed “Red Sea” moment! Thank you for your kindness and generosity—we raised an impressive £203.15. More importantly, every coin dropped into the bucket was a small but powerful lesson in compassion, reminding us all of the importance of helping others.
- 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:

***“Children are great imitators.....
so give them something great to imitate.”***

With kind regards and best wishes,

Mrs. Searle



Stars of the Week



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| R1 Mariam | 4A Liza |
| R2 Nikolas | 4B Joseph |
| 1A Lenny | 5A Kris |
| 1B Arthur | 5B Kimberley |
| 2A Isa | 5C Jessica |
| 2B Ada | 6A Fraser |
| 3A Affan | 6B Oyinlade |
| 3B Layla | |

Kindness Award

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| R1 Zahra | 4A Kevin |
| R2 Noah | 4B Toby |
| 1A Kiaan | 5A Emma |
| 1B Amanah | 5B Aiza |
| 2A Harley | 5C Ahmad |
| 2B Fletcher | 6A Maya |
| 3A Jessica | 6B Savelly |
| 3B Alice | |



Congratulations to



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| Oren R2 | James 4B |
| Juwon R2 | Amelie 4B |
| James 2B | Shiloh 4B |
| Kevin 3B | Shriyah 5B |

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

Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

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| Nikolas R2 | Nellie 3A |
| James 2B | Affan 3A |
| Olivia 2B | Summer 4A |
| Arisha 2B | Kevin 4A |
| Amelia I 2B | Seth 5A |
| Nectarie 2B | Grace 5C |
| Luna 2B | Shemvel 5C |
| | Feryal 6A |

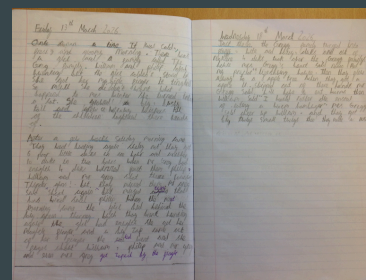


for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge. Well done!

Reaching gold this week

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| Lottie R1 | Cleo 2A | Jessica 3A | James 4B |
| Cooper R1 | Callum 2A | Alice 3A | Seth 5A |
| Greyd R1 | Harper 2A | Nellie 3A | Navaira 5A |
| Kai R1 | Hurmat 2A | Affan 3A | Kara 5A |
| Mikaeel R1 | Wilayate 2A | Musab 3A | Ola 5B |
| Zahra R1 | Zoe 2A | Karley 3A | Kevin 5B |
| Myiah R1 | Jude 2A | Vivaan 3A | Mark 5B |
| Zaina R1 | Nectarie 2B | Ella 3A | Gabriel 5B |
| Oonagh R1 | Sage 2B | Paula 3A | Jibreel 5B |
| Imaani R2 | Amelia I 2B | Nate 3A | Musa 5C |
| Nikolas R2 | Arisha 2B | Franky 3B | Jenson 5C |
| Yaqub R2 | Olivia 2B | Sofia 3B | Drey 5C |
| Amayah R2 | James 2B | Kamilija 3B | Ibrahim 5C |
| Max R2 | Luna 2B | Leandro 3B | Grace 5C |
| Oren R2 | Siyana 2B | Mia 3B | Shemvel 5C |
| Eliza IA | Lola 2B | Logan 3B | Lola 6A |
| Ronnie IA | | Darcy 3B | Louie 6A |
| Madalin IA | | Lauren 3B | Sanuka 6A |
| Adrian IA | | Liza 4A | Alex 6A |
| Tafeef IA | | Elizabeth 4A | Feryal 6A |
| Haleema IB | | Ifraah 4A | Taha 6B |
| Ishmael IB | | Arlo 4A | |
| Isaiah IB | | Teddy 4A | |
| Inaaya IB | | Summer 4A | |
| Kian IB | | Kevin 4A | |
| Yahya IB | | Zaheen 4A | |

Presentation Award



James in 2B



Spring Term Dates

- 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**
- **Wednesday 22nd April - EYFS trip to Marsh Farm**
- **Thursday 23rd April - Class Photos**
- **Thursday 23rd April - Year 3 St George's Day assembly to parents**
- **Friday 24th April -Coffee Morning 9:00 - 10:30**

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Teddy in 1A
India in 4A

Well done!

