



Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a rather exciting week this week! We have had a lot of science and topic extravaganzas.

The children have certainly said 'wow' a number of times which is exactly what we are looking for. Our year 2 children were treated to the delicious delights of creepy crawly biscuits decorated with crickets and mealworms - yum! Having tried the mealworms I can confirm they are an acquired taste - a little dusty tasting!

Year 6 have had an equally exciting time learning about the heart and dissecting hearts to see how they work. The Daily Mile that has been introduced this week will help our own hearts stay strong and healthy.

Many children have been making use of our excellent outdoor space, both in lessons and out. Gigantic number lines have helped year 3 learn about counting and multiples and the children are still loving the 3G pitch.

Years 5 and 6 have had a wonderful time at the Victory Academy learning about what life is like in Key Stage 3.

May I take this opportunity to ask you to chat to your children about Buster's Book Club? We've had some mammoth reading minutes from some children and I know when these are collected the classes are very proud of these children.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and the warmer weather continues.

Mrs J Murphy, Headteacher

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Please take note that New Horizon's new contact number is 03333602115. Please delete the old number.
- **Year 5** - Astrodome Workshop in school on Thursday 4th Oct. Payment of £3.50 is now overdue, please make this payment if you haven't already done so.
- **Year 6** - Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 10th October. Payment of £9.00 is to be made by Wednesday 3rd October. **All payments need to be paid via ParentPay.**
- Payments for After School Clubs are now overdue, if you haven't already paid please make sure you do so via ParentPay.
- We have had a few parents this week bringing dogs into the school grounds when collecting their children please take this as a polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds.
- Please ensure you are supporting your child at home with their Pixl Timetable challenge. This is just a reminder as last academic year children were achieving very high scores which subsequently helped them with their Maths work in class. The top three children each week will receive a certificate in Monday's assembly.

Nursery

In Nursery we have been doing a lot of work around shape, we have created our own shape pictures.



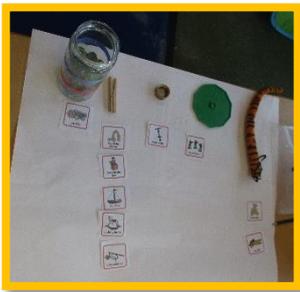
Reception

In Reception we have been reading an extract from Roald Dahl's 'Twits', linking with this we have created self-portraits.



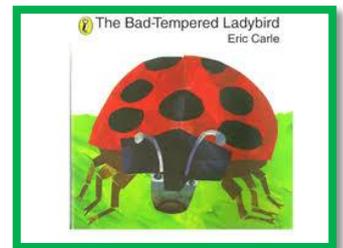
Year 1

We have been exploring different texts this week in Guided Reading, we are enjoying independently choosing a book from our school library. In our outdoor learning area we have been investigating one more and less to support our Maths lessons. In History we have been exploring old toys and discovering what they are made from.



Year 2

Year 2 have been busy reading the story of 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' and using the main character as a starting point to help us write diaries. In Maths we have been consolidating our work on 2D and 3D shapes and ensuring that we are able to name them and describe them, thinking about their features. We were very lucky to have a Bug Biscuit activity from Chartwells. We discussed what healthy foods were and the importance of these and then came the bugs! We used fruits and vegetables to make our own mini-beasts and were introduced to bugs that people eat around the world and some of us even tried bug biscuits! They had a very mixed response.



Year 3

In our Maths lesson, we went out onto the playground with chalk and drew our own number lines. We then tried to plot different 3 digit numbers on our line to understand where numbers sit in relation to other numbers.

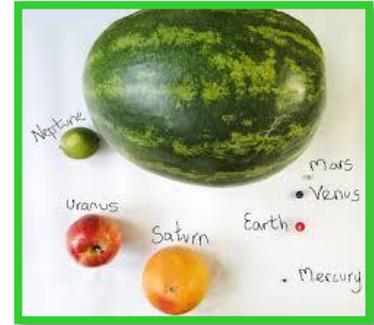


Year 4

	100's	10's	1's
	2	9	3
+	1	4	6

In Maths this week we have been learning how to solve word problems using the column methods for addition and subtraction. For our writing task, we have finished and improved our newspaper report detailing the Roman invasion of Britain. In science, we investigated the different instruments of an orchestra and why they make different pitches.

Year 5



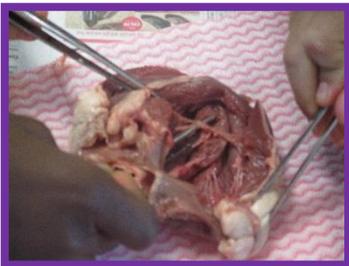
Science this week was all about fruit, how different fruit could represent the planets and give us a better understanding of their sizes. Can your child remember what we used to represent Earth? In English the school was attacked by giant alien toads, leaving the school covered in green slime. Our next challenge is to create rockets to fly to the moon. If you have any junk modelling material, would you please send it in to school on Tuesday (especially 2 litre plastic bottles).



Year 6



This week, Year 6 enjoyed a WOW moment learning about the heart. We had Deirdre from 'Hands on Science' come in



and teach us about healthy eating. We got to participate in exciting experiments, such as finding out how much fat is in a Pringle and how much sugar in a can of Coke! Then, Deirdre showed us an Ox's heart and showed us the different parts of the heart. Did you know that there are 4 chambers in the heart? Year 6 can name them all! Then it was on to the most exciting part of the workshop - dissecting lambs hearts! The children worked in groups to investigate the different parts of the heart and wow it was fascinating! What a great day!

Thinking task of the week

Discuss this question:
Predict what jobs will be available in 20 years' time.



Next week's Think...

If you hit someone who is hitting you are you making the wrong choice? What should you do?



YOU can make a difference by helping feed homeless people. Caring Hands needs tins and packets of the following foods – if you have a tin or two to spare at home, please bring them to our school **HARVEST COLLECTION** by **08.10.2018**

Tinned Items

Dry Items

Baked Beans	Pasta
Soups – any flavours	Ketchup, ground salt and black pepper
Tuna	Rice
Vegetables – any variety	Smash
Tomatoes	Tea and Coffee
Spaghetti/Ravioli	Sugar
Hot Dogs	Powdered Milk
Potatoes	Noodles
Fruit – any variety	Savoury Rice
Rice Pudding	Various cooking sauces (jar or packet)
Custard – tinned and powdered	Pasta Sachets (e.g. mug shots)

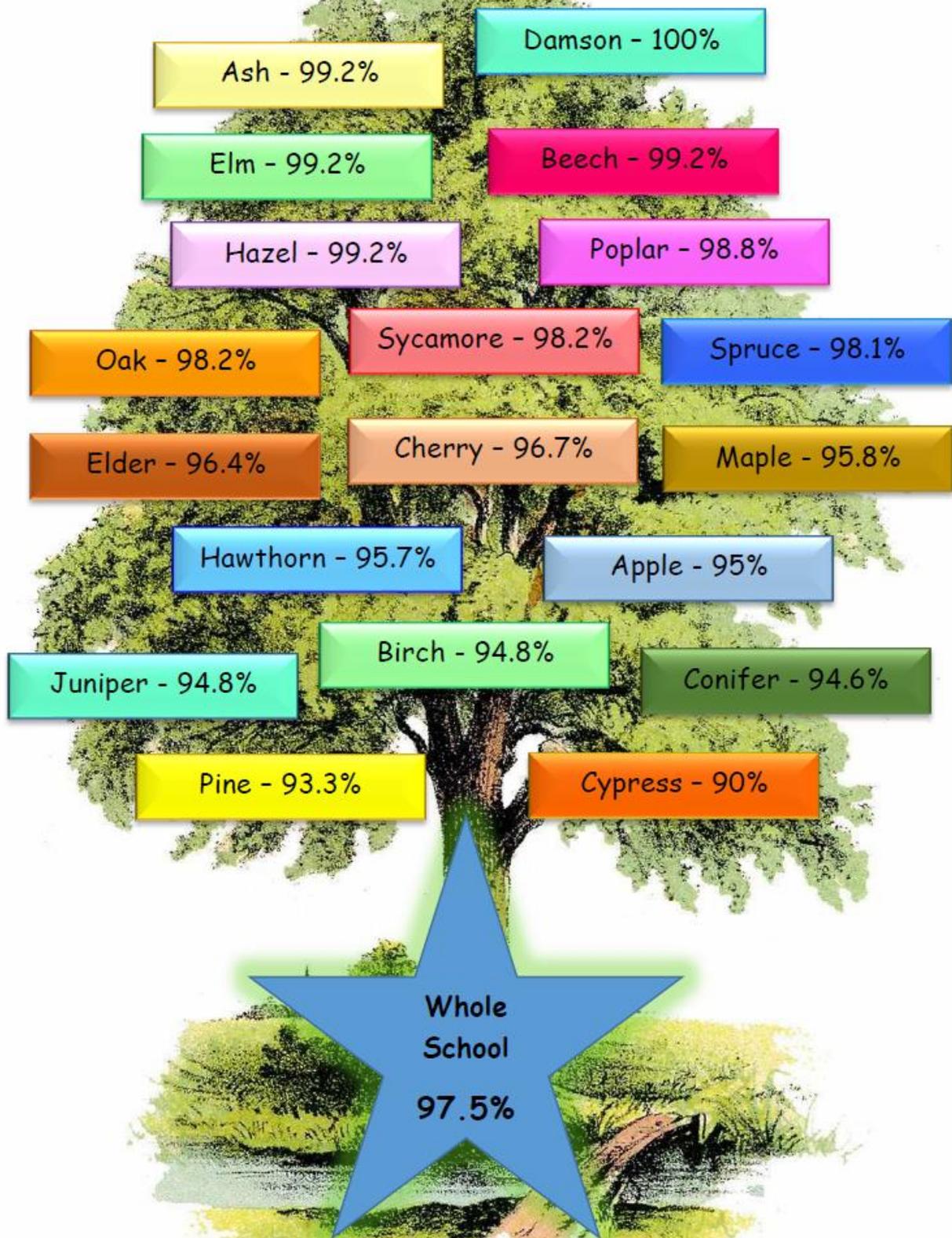
Buster's Book Club

This week's winning class for the most number of children meeting their weekly target is **Beech**. Well done to all of **Beech** class.

Their high number of readers this week means that they are currently the class that holds the most number of readers reading at home on a Wednesday for this term! Can they be beaten next week? Remember Wednesday is our Reading challenge night and make sure you get an adult to sign your bookmark.

Thank you to all the children who read at home on Wednesday evening.

Attendance Matters!



Can we please remind you that the school gates open at 8:30am and will shut at 8.40am. Registers open at 8:40am, pupils arriving between 8:40am - 8:50am will be marked as late using an L code. Any child arriving after 8:50am will be marked as an unauthorised late using a U code. An unauthorised late equals to a missed morning session, which will subsequently affect your child's attendance.

Dates for your Diary - Term 1

Tuesday 2nd October - Year 3 - Trip to Weald
 Thursday 4th October - Year 5 - Astrodome Workshop in School
 Thursday 4th October - Year R - 2:30 -2:55 - Parent Phonics Workshop
 Monday 8th October - Year 6 - Bikeability
 Tuesday 9th October - Bikeability
 Wednesday 10th October - Year 6 - Primary Proms - Royal Albert Hall
 Thursday 11th October - Individual School Photos
 Thursday 11th October - Year R - 2:30-2:55 - Parent Maths Workshop
 Tuesday 16th October - Year 2 - Creepy Claws Workshop in School
 Tuesday 16th October - Parents Evening - Whole School - 4:00-7:30
 Wednesday 17th October - Parents Evening - Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 - 4:00-6:00
 Thursday 18th October - Parents Evening - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6- 4:00-6:00
 (You will receive information regarding times nearer to the date)

TEAM POINTS

This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to Brook.

Attendance Ace	Damson with 100% Well Done!	
Punctuality Penny	Damson and Oak with 0 lates!	
Golden Tie	Congratulations to:	
	Beech - Jack	Damson - William
	Hazel - Ashley	Conifer - Sofia
	Maple - Dylan	Hawthorn - Gordon
	Birch - Sylvie	Poplar - Trey
	Pine - Viktorija	Juniper - James
	Spruce - Lewis	Sycamore - Isabella
	Apple - Ethan	Cypress - Sadie
	Cherry - Kaden	Elder - Holly
Achievement Alley	Beech - Michael	Conifer - Isabella
	Hazel - Lucy	Hawthorn - Mophet
	Maple - Riley	Poplar - Chloe
	Birch - Maxim	Juniper - Kaden
	Pine - Alfie	Sycamore - Hayley
	Spruce - Simione	Cypress - James
	Apple - Daisy	Elder - Tyler
	Cherry - Ekisha	
	Damson - Samuel	