



8th February 2019

Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week children in Year 2 have enjoyed making a tasty energy bar as part of their 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic. They were very impressed with their creations which, they reported, were made out of 'birdseed'! We had Safer Internet day where children could go and write their thoughts and feelings in our 'Diary Room'. A big well done to Year 6 who have been doing some Mock SATs this week - they all worked incredibly hard and it is great to see them having such dedication to their work.

A couple of quick reminders. The start of the day is a very busy time for teachers as they make sure they have everything ready to greet the children from 8.30am. Because of this, it is very difficult for teachers to meet parents before school unless this is pre-arranged in advance. If you have something you need to discuss urgently, please let the office know and a member of staff will ring when they are not in class teaching.

If anyone has any P.E. kit that has been borrowed, please could this be returned, we are running rather low! An updated copy of the School's SENDIA Action Plan is available on the school website for you to view should you wish.

Mrs J Murphy
Executive Headteacher

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- **Year 4 and Year 6** - Residential Trip reminder – Please ensure your payments are up to date.
- **Year 3** - Temper Temper Chocolate Workshop - Tuesday 12th February. Please ensure you have made your payment of £12.00 via ParentPay as this was due by Thursday 7th February.
- Payments for clubs are now overdue. Please ensure you have paid for your child's club via ParentPay.
- A reminder that every Tuesday morning 'Book Club' is held for Years 1 – 6. Don't forget to send your child's money into school in a clearly named envelope.
- Please ensure if you have any outstanding debts for your child's school dinners or Breakfast club this is paid as soon as possible.
- Teacher run clubs for the W/C – 11th February 2019 have been cancelled due to parents evening, a My Ed message has been sent highlighting the cancelled clubs.
- As part of TSAT's commitment to wellness and well-being, we at New Horizons have decided to work closely with Thinking Fitness to provide a fun fitness opportunity for you and your family. As well as parent/child Zumba classes at New Horizons, Thinking Fitness will be hosting a half an hour circuits class for you and your children at 5.00pm on Thursdays, starting on 28th February. These classes will be focused on improving fitness as well as providing a valuable bonding opportunity. The class will be £3.00 for New Horizon's parents but free for any Thinking Fitness members.



Nursery

In Nursery this week we have made our own ice lollies and then had the opportunity to eat them! We thought they were very yummy and really enjoyed them! We have also been exploring different types of media such as water beads and wet sand as well as practicing our name writing!



Reception

This week in Reception we have been continuing to learn about dinosaurs. In Literacy we have been using a picture to think of a fact and independently write sentences. We have also been using dinosaurs in the provision to make up our own stories. Throughout the week we have



been sharing our home learning projects explaining to our friends how we made it and any facts we may have learnt about our dinosaur.

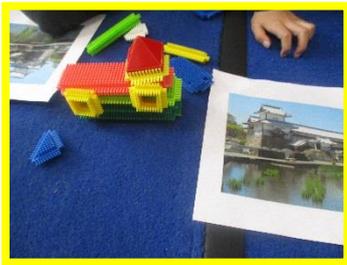


Year 1

In English, we collaboratively worked together using the alphabet key to write adjectives to describe superheroes. We have been using these adjectives all week to help us write acrostic poems. In Maths, we have continued with counting in 2's, 5's

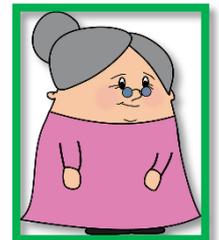


and 10's, focusing on key language (groups, lots of, multiplied by, times). In topic, we predicted what different drinks (coke, water and orange juice) would do to an egg when left for a day; this is due to the egg shell being made from calcium. We discovered that Japan also have castles and we compared the castles from the UK with those in Japan. We continued to explore Jesus' healing miracles, created our own comic strips in Art using Roy Lichtenstein's style and edited and re-saved our characters drawn on paint.

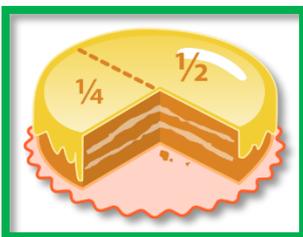


Year 2

This week we have been writing character descriptions about Grandma from our class text. We have used a range of adjectives to describe her and tried to use evidence from the text to justify our ideas. We have focused on



fractions this week in Maths. We looked at $1/2$, $1/4$, $1/3$ and $3/4$ of shapes and numbers.



Thinking task of the week - Each week we will focus on a different Habit of Mind. These Habits are used for reasons to award pupils the Golden Tie.

This week is Taking Responsible Risks.

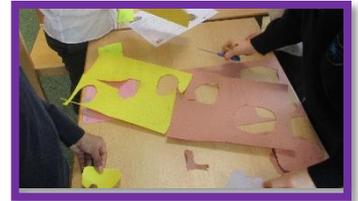
Reflect on a risk you have taken in your learning this week. Did you have the 'wobble moment'? Think about a risk you may take next week with your learning.

Next week's Think is... Do fish hold their breath when they are out of water?



Year 3

Our topic this term is all about chocolate. This week, we have looked at the role of Fairtrade in developing countries and in the chocolate industry. We played a trade game which



simulated the chocolate industry. Each group was allocated a different role- from cocoa farmer to large chocolate company. We then had to work together to produce and manufacture as many paper 'beans' as possible. This gave a real insight into the challenges facing different people in the chocolate making process as well as giving us some information about trade.

Year 4

This week we have been looking at conjunctions, prefixes and suffixes and then using them to write a creative piece about an explorer on his journey of discovery through a forbidden forest. In Maths we are persisting with word problems and have now moved on to two step problems working on our 4, 6 and 7 times tables. In science, we enjoyed an experiment about melting temperatures and in art we have started to create potion bottles by paper-macheing plastic bottles. We are excited to use them to hold our potions made at next week's potion workshop. We have also enjoyed learning about the diseases throughout our history through time project and used our creativity skills to create new cures for them.



Year 5



In science we have had great fun creating our own hypothesis to the question: Is there a relationship between the mass of an adult animal and the length of the gestation period? We used maths skills by creating graphs and tables to collate the information, along with English skills to read, discuss and write

up our hypothesis. It was great fun creating huge graphs and tables with our peers. In topic work we have been learning all about Internet safety, with a focus on understanding what 'permission' means in the world of social media. Do you know how old you need to be before giving permission to use your personal information when online? We do! This was a great link to use <https://www.saferinternetday.org/> but there are many more out there.

Year 6

On Friday, Year 6 enjoyed an excellent Burnet News Club live day. During this day they debated many topical issues such as freedom of speech, censorship and legitimacy. We took part in a live vote at the end of the day and spent the day discussing our opinions. We had such an excellent day! This week Year



6 have been doing their assessments to see how much progress they have made. Year 6 have been working really hard and we are really proud of them. Thank you to all who supported at the bake sale.



This Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day. As well as having discussions in class about the online world and how to stay safe on it, the school celebrated by opening up our very own diary room. The children used the thinking hats to come and share their opinions on the Internet and discuss any joys or concerns they had. It was great to see such a range of responses from all the children.

Well done to the following top 3 classes who gained the most units on Lexia last week:



Birch, Elder and Spruce



Valentine's Day

Thursday 14 February 2019



Menu:

BBQ-Kissed Chicken with Rice

Cupid's Cheesy Pasta Bake

Sweetheart Corn

Mixed Salad

Lemon Love Cake

Fresh Fruit

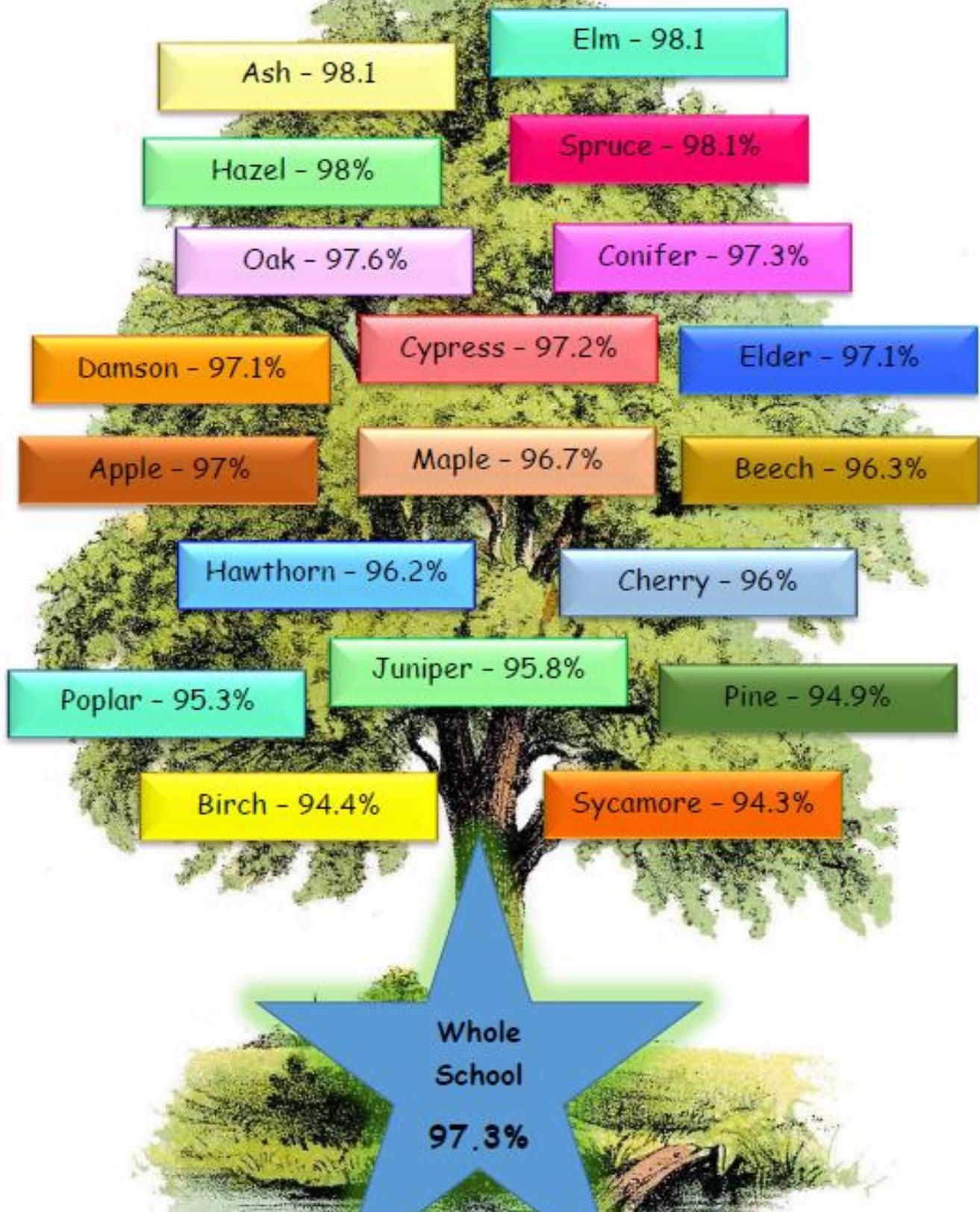


Free of charge to Pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2!

Usual Meal Price Applies for Key Stage 2



Attendance Matters!



Please be aware that we have had a high number of confirmed cases of Chicken Pox this week. If you think your child may have Chicken Pox please get them checked by your GP/Pharmacist before sending them to school. If your child is diagnosed with Chicken Pox they will be unable to attend school until the last spot has scabbed over/dried out.

Dates for your Diary - Term 3

Monday 11th February - YR, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - 4:00 - 7:30 - Parents Evening
 Tuesday 12th February - Year 3 - Temper Temper Chocolate Workshop
 Tuesday 12th February - YR, 1, 2, 3 - 4:00 - 6:00 - Parents Evening
 Wednesday 13th February - Y4, 5 - 4:00 - 6:00 - Parents Evening
 Wednesday 13th February - Year 6 - 9:00 - 4:00 - Parent meetings
 Wednesday 13th February - Year 4 - 9:45 - 10:45 - Making Potions Parent Workshop
 Thursday - 14th February - Year 6 - 9:15 - 4:00 - Parent meetings
 Friday 15th February - Year 6 - 9:15 - 2:30 - Parent meetings
Last day of term 3 - Friday 15th February

Buster's Book Club



This week's winning class were Damson, with a massive 27 children reading and meeting their target also!

Well done to all children who met their reading target this week.

Happy Reading!

TEAM POINTS	
This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to Brook.	
Attendance Ace	Elm with 98.3%
Punctuality Penny	Apple and Pine with 0 lates!
Golden Tie	Congratulations to: Ash - Aiden Elm - Arina Oak - Ruth Beech - Dollie-Ann Hazel -Riley Maple - Peyton Birch - Maci Pine - George Spruce - Oliver Apple - Melissa Cherry - Jenaé Damson - Nife Conifer - Tati Hawthorn - Frank Poplar - Kairan Juniper - Jack A Sycamore - Eghosa Cypress - Daniels Elder - Alex T
Achievement Alley	Ash - Tyler Elm - Tymon -Texas Oak -Hollie Beech - Rayyan Hazel - Jack Maple - Tristan Birch - Joshua Pine - Thomas Spruce - Theo Apple - Kenneth Cherry - Scarlett Damson - Evie Conifer - JT Hawthorn - Miley Poplar - Yani Juniper - Nathan Sycamore - Cindy Cypress - double award next week Elder - double award next week