



Swimmers who took part in the charity swimarathon last Sunday raising money for Maidenhead Lions and Wessex

Dear Parents and Carers



This term is certainly flying by as we come to the end of our second week out of six. This week has allowed for everyone to concentrate on key learning and ensure that everyone is enjoying their new books in English lessons and their new units in the foundation subjects - geography, music etc.

Do you know your pelican crossings from your puffin or toucan crossings? Year 4 certainly do! It was their turn to take part in a road safety workshop this week. We are very lucky that there are road safety officers who work closely with schools to help deliver this essential life skill. The relationship between the school and the road safety officers is already excellent given the fact that we have our School Street. As ever, the children were a receptive audience, answering questions well and listening intently. Year 5 will be having a refresher session in their classrooms to remind them of the learning they took part in during Year 3 and Year 4.

The focus on raising pupil attendance is still strong. The week before Christmas saw our lowest attendance rate for some time of just 87% with around 25 children missing at least three days of school that week. We are pleased to see that attendance last week had increased to 94% but we aim for 97% each week as a minimum. Still, there are too many children who are off for a day here and there with illness symptoms of feeling poorly, a cough, or sore throat. You are more than welcome to bring in your child late that day rather than them missing a whole day of school or give them some paracetamol or ibuprofen and send them in. We will contact you if they are not coping in school. Also, we still see too many absences for being tired or not getting to sleep early enough. Again, it is vital that children attend school so that it does not impact their education.



Pelican



Puffin



Toucan

Research shows that pupils who have a day off here and there find it harder than those who have an extended absence. We have started rewarding the class with the highest attendance each week with an extra playtime as an incentive for them to come to school. We look forward to seeing the impact of this this term.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

Taking part in the swimarathon

"I'm so proud of swimming 9 lengths" Vincent, Year 1

"I liked how I just got on with swimming and I managed 7 lengths" Harry, Year 1

"I really am good at front crawl after swimming 11 lengths" Luka, Year 2

"It was really fun and you get a lot of turns. I swam 5 lengths" Xanthe, Year 3

"I liked it. I did 23 lengths and I had a lot of fun" Nola, Year 3

"I was really fun. My whole team did 47 laps, 2 lengths was 1 lap" Amy, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Tuesday 21st January
Young Voices choir at the O2

Thursday 6th February
Share your learning session – Year 1–6 2:45pm

Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February
Chestnut Class performing at RBWM Dance Festival. Braywick Leisure Centre 1:00pm–2:30pm

17th February – 21st February – Half term

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Muhumed and Ivy Blue

Year 1: Hugo and George PW

Year 2: Kaysen and Inaaya

Year 3: Ellis and Imogen A

Year 4: Ellie and Olivia S

Year 5: Ashton and Abigail K

Year 6: Evie C and Tylar

Attendance

Lower School: Ash, Alder & Birch winners with 100%

Upper School: Holly Winners with 99%

School attendance this week

95.7%



Last week = 94.3%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



We looked at the Rule of Law in assembly this week as one of the British Values. We found out that there are rules in everything that we do. We learnt that laws are to keep everyone safe and to be fair to everyone too. This was linked to our school behaviour expectations too.

Swimming success

Twenty pupils from Years 1–6 took to Braywick Leisure Centre last Sunday as part of the Maidenhead Lions Swimathon event. The pupils took turns to complete lengths of the pool – a magnificent 102 lengths in total, in order to raise money for the Lions club and school. So far, the total is approaching a whopping £850 – well done, everyone!

Should you wish to donate, you can do so by following the link to the [Just Giving page](#).

Provision plans

Staff have been reviewing provision plans this past week and so if your child has one, expect to receive an update soon. If you wish to discuss this in any way, please arrange to do so with your child's teacher.

Online safety updates

Many children buy things online without permission from their parents and some children run up huge debts. Some children fall for scams or sign up to a service that they don't want or need. There is a really good [three minute read](#) on parentzone's website with advice for this.

If your child plays online games of any sort, Internet Matters are holding a free webinar in the evening of 29th January aimed at parents and carers of neurodivergent children. Registration is required for this event which many parents will find useful in how to support children when they are playing online. Book a space via their [webpage](#).

Character Curriculum

This week's character curriculum focus was about what to do when you and someone else want different things. We discussed how we have not been on the playground much recently due to the icy weather and Christmas holidays so reiterated how to compromise, discuss sensibly and solve any problems together.

What to do if someone doesn't want the same as you



- Stay calm
- Accept differences
- Find a solution
- Agree to disagree
- Compromise
- Talk through concerns and hear each other's views
- Get someone else to help solve the problem



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

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