

Despite the dreadful weather this week, we have had a very positive week in school. There has been pleasing progress in the decreasing rates of positive Covid cases and attendance figures are rising. We are seeing fewer positive cases in staff also, so lots to celebrate even if perhaps some of the national picture may not be so good.

Thank you for your assistance in helping maintain the rules. A few reminders that masks are requested on the playground and certainly when talking to any staff. In addition they are compulsory when coming into the office, along with a negative lateral flow test for everyone and sadly entry will be refused if you cannot comply with this and you will be asked to communicate by Parent App or telephone as an alternative. This is to help maintain lower Covid issues and protect my staff. I would like to add that the office staff have recently been experiencing less than acceptable behaviour from some parents so I remind all to approach staff with utmost respect and understand that they are following guidelines from the government, public health along with some instructions I have imposed. Please treat them as you would like to be treated yourself.

We continue to develop our reading journey and rewards, as we near the end of term, will be given out soon. Keep up the great work and please help your child achieve by reading at home every evening - it really makes a difference. Thanks to all who visited the Book Fair and spent so much money - we will earn some commission from this money back to plough into our growing library so thank you.

This week we have seen Blackpool Football Club safely visit the front of school and issue Year 2 with football shirts! A great win! Year 3 have been practising their musical talents and will feature in FCAT's Christmas virtual event. They sounded fabulous when being filmed.

As we near the end of term, we are looking to reward some great attendance achievements . Mrs Riley is busy making hampers as prizes. Make sure all children are in school all next week and on the last two days of term to be in with a chance of winning one of the great hampers and spot prizes that will be up for grabs.

I look forward to next week where some Christmas activities start to include Christmas dinner on Friday 17th December which includes 'Christmas Jumper Day' so dust off those fabulous jumpers for the children. I am sure they will have an amazing time.

In the meantime, I hope you have a lovely weekend. Please take very good care and again keep testing every day, so we can help everyone stay safe.

> With my very best wishes, **Mrs Robinson**

#### Dates To Remember

**Monday 13th December Christmas book swap. Wednesday 15th December Early Years Trip** Friday 17th December **Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day** 

**Monday 20th December Christmas party day** 

**Tuesday 21st December Break up for Christmas** at 1.30pm

**Early Years Parents/Carers** Due to COVID restrictions, we can't have you in for our Christmas Singalong. Please look out for our special Christmas Singalong video

If you are yet to connect on ClassDojo, please speak to a member of EY team.

on Friday 17th December.

Please check ParentApp and return the form for who can pick up your child. Thank you.



Be in with a chance to win a Christmas Hamper. See below for details. Good luck everyone!



#### **Starting school 2022** Scan the QR for your Reception school application form. Closing date 15th January 2022.



### Let's Celebrate!



N - Layilah-Jo

RB - Evie

RG - Liliana

1B - Miray

1G - Cole

2B - Kurtiss

2G - Libby

3B - Adam

3G - Ethan

4B - Krystal

4G - Darla

5B - Alex

5G - Oliver

6B - Madison

6G - Kelsey

Archie Layla Devon Alannah Maily

> Codie-Wade Mila Amelia Amy

> > Headteacher award



N - Sophie

RB - Nazira

RG - Tyla-Tai

1B - Michal

1G - Mateusz

2B - Nancy

2G - Molly-Rae

3B - Tilly-May

3G - Rico

4B - Wa'izah

4G - Kacey

5B - Eivie

5G - Johnathan

6B - Maisie

6G - Skye-Rose

#### **Reading Award**



Class

<u>Attendance</u>

**Winners** 

1**G** 

**3G** 

100%

Att<mark>endance Award</mark>

N- Noah RB - TJ

RG - Sacha

1B - Libby-Mae

1G - Hafeez'ur

2B - Amelia

2G - Lucas

3B - Casey-Leigh

3G - Kieran

4B - Saffron-Eva

4G - Theo

5B - Isla-Grace

5G - Kaleb

6B - Manahill

6G - Jibran

Well done to all our winners!

#### **House Teams** Nursery, Reception, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 **Year 1 & 2** 202 68 Newton **Newton** King King 259 132 28 Winners Curie **Earheart** Curie **Earheart**

Overall Winner

2nd

3rd

4th





## Gateway Shoutout

#### Miss Frankland

Going above and beyond for the pupils of Gateway every day!



Just being brilliant every day all day! You have been fantastic taking a lead on things in Mr Walch's absence and providing lots of cover!

**Mrs Jackson** 

#### Mrs Eddisford

For being an amazing support and championing RWINC throughout school and raising standards in reading!





# Gateway's Amazing Learning! Nursery and Reception Year 3 and 4

This week in EYFS we have been super busy! In Reception children have become little elves and have been wrapping lots of presents to help. Our Naughty Elf has been living up to his name this week and even managed to tie up our RWI Fred to the board in RG!

In Nursery the children have been learning a poem called 'I'm a Little Reindeer' - we are sure you have been hearing it lots at home too!

All the children have begun to make their Christmas crafts and I am sure they will have pride of place in your homes over the Christmas period.

As ever, any queries/questions please do not hesitate to speak to a memeber of the EYFS team. Have a lovely and safe weekend.

#### In Year 3 this week the children have worked very hard in small groups to develop a poster about the Bronze Age. The children then stood at the front of the class and told the children about their poster. We have been challenging ourselves with column method multiplication in maths. In Year 4 Science this week we have been investigating the properties of electrical conductors and insulators and tested various items around the classroom with a simple circuit and in PE we have been developing our gymnastic

#### Year 1 and 2

This week in KS1 the children have completed their independent writes and have been trying very hard at showing their teacher what they have learnt. Year 2 loved completing their Science investigation going searching for minibeasts and their microhabitats. Year 1 have loved writing all about robins and loved using their Art skills to create a robin. Keep up the hard work - Well done KS1!

#### Year 5 and 6

performances.

This week, Year 5 and 6 have been looking at instruction texts; exploring features of writing and different linguistic devices. Year 5 and 6 have carried on with their enthusiasm for reading by using our new e-book library and discussing a range of books from different genres. In Upper Key Stage 2, we are looking at the Vikings and the Anglo Saxon era; focusing on their daily lives and the justice system. In true Christmas spirit we have continued to learn some traditional Christmas songs and explored the events in the Christmas story. Pupils and staff alike are very excited for Christmas and we hope that you are too!

### Our week in pictures!

























Have a lovely weekend!