

Gateway Gossip

14th January 2022

Newsletter:15



Good afternoon everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022.

I hope you are all well and had a lovely Christmas and break. It is inevitable that some of you were ill over the festive period as Covid cases rose a lot but hopefully everyone has improved since then and remains well.

We have had a number of absences since we returned; both children and staff but the reducing self isolation period is welcome to assist in getting back to normal as quickly as possible, ensuring learning is as effective as possible. If you wish to look at school's risk assessment for Covid it is on the website and has been updated as we returned on 5th January 2022.

We have had a great return to school; children are happy to be back and all has gone very well with the return. Please remember reading is our big, big priority. We need you to read at home wherever possible and every day at least. I also need you to return reading books so they can be changed and monitored. It is so important that we all engage in this, so please try hard to get books back in and changed.

I ask that all parents can please ensure manners and respect for all staff. There have been some incidents recently at the office that have been upsetting for staff where parents have not been as kind as they could. We may not be able to solve your problem every time but it's important that we work together correctly for the best outcomes; staff are not always to blame and really do want the very best for children, so please bear that in mind and be kind.

We have staggered assemblies this week and it was nice to get back in the hall. The children enjoyed this and hopefully we can keep this going provided Covid rates remain low. Please ensure the Covid rules are maintained so we can be safe in school when mixing year groups.

A reminder that our next INSET day is Friday 11th February, so the children's last day in school will be Thursday 10th February; please add your diaries.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and as always, stay safe!

Best wishes,
Mrs Robinson

Dates To Remember

15th January

Starting school applications closes.

Thursday 10th

February

School closes for 1 week.

Monday 21st

February

School opens at 8.45am

Gateway Extra

We have spaces available in our Breakfast and After School clubs.

For more information or to book, please speak to Miss Thomas or the school office.

Open Monday to Friday

Breakfast Club - 7.45am - 8.45am - £2.50

After School Club - 3.15pm - 5.30pm - £6.50

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



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Let's Celebrate!

Star Award

N - Ella
 RB - TJ
 RG - Skyla
 1B - Danny
 1G - Poppy-Mae
 2B - Caiden
 2G - Daniel
 3B - Khajida
 3G - Karol
 4B - Sienna
 4G - Elisse
 5B - Maisy
 5G - Johnathan
 6B - Summer
 6G - Skye-Rose



Core Award

N - Robert
 RB - Olivia
 RG - Aurora
 1B - Terrence
 1G - Lucy
 2B - Taylor
 2G - Oliver
 3B - Viktoria
 3G - Ethan
 4B - Joshua
 4G - Maisey
 5B - Ebonie
 5G - Jay-Jay
 6B - Susan
 6G - Sara

Reading Award



Class Attendance Winners



Attendance Award

N - Archie
 RB - Jackson
 RG - Macauley
 1B - Melodii
 2B - Maddison
 2G - Kahlan
 3B - Christian
 3G - Rocky
 4B - Matthew
 4G - Riley
 5B - Jacob
 5G - Gracie
 6B - Alicia
 6G - Katie

Well done to all our winners!

House Teams

Winners

Nursery, Reception,
Year 1 & 2

King

68

42

Newton

28

77

Curie

Earheart

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

King

202

220

Newton

259

132

Winners

Curie

Earheart

Overall
Winner

2nd

3rd

4th

270

262

287

209

Gateway Shoutout

Mrs Ferguson

For being super flexible and supporting colleagues.



Miss Makinson

For settling in so well and supporting many children and staff already.



Miss Delaney

For always providing a good listening ear to the children while doing interventions.



Gateway's Amazing Learning!

Nursery and Reception

The children in EYFS have returned fantastically well. They have remembered our routines and have got straight back to learning.

We have begun our half term looking for signs of winter in our environment and we were very excited by the very brief flurry of snow we had!

In Talk for Writing we have been learning 'Stickman' and story maps and text have gone home via Dojo. In maths we continue to investigate length and using key words such as long, longer and longest, and short, shorter and shortest.

Year 1 and 2

What a fantastic first full week in Year 1 and 2. We have been busy with our RWI reading and maths. In Year 1 art, we spoke about mixing colours and the reasons why we liked or disliked the painting we looked at. History in Year 2 this week, we have started learning about Christopher Columbus.
Keep reading!

Year 3 and 4

In Year 3 this week we have been learning about plants in Science. We identified parts of the plant and discussed the requirements for plants to live and grow. We started our investigation and made a prediction. In English, we have been busy learning our new text 'How to Trap a Wolf.' We have made up our own version looking at 'How to Trap a Bear.'

In Year 4 this week we have been investigating the states of matter in Science. In art we have been creatively adding 3D materials to pictures of teachers as part of our 3D art topic.

In English we have been analysing the structure of our text 'The Magician's Shop' to support our writing.

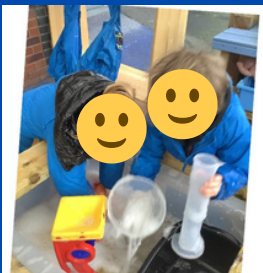
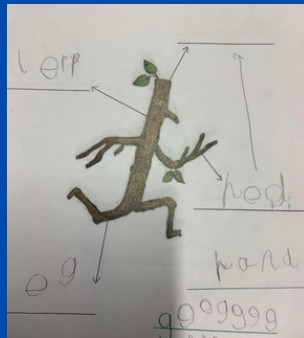
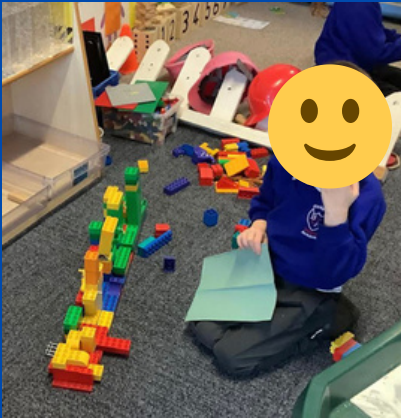
Reminder to Year 4 parents that a Dojo message was sent about the Multiplication check in June.

Year 5 and 6

Our first full week of the year has been an exciting one packed full of new topics and new learning, including electricity, the structure of the Earth and the UK. Year 5 have also resumed swimming and are making good progress, whilst the Year 6 pupils have done a 'mock SATs' paper. More information will be sent out to parents next week regarding this process including top tips on how to support from home.

We've had reading and rugby sessions taking place for some children, lots and lots of story time in school and we will end the week with our regular awards assembly!
Keep reading!

Our week in pictures!



Have a lovely weekend!