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Dear Parents and Carers,

- Here are the highlights of the week:
- Well, of course, the biggest story of the week has been our Yr 6 SATs tests. After months of hard work, revision sessions and that final determined push towards the finish line, the moment finally arrived. The hall fell into an almost reverential silence: rows upon rows of carefully spaced tables, sharpened pencils lined up beside rulers and rubbers, and the bent heads of children deep in concentration, each one quietly determined to give nothing less than their very best. I'm so proud of each and every one of them - it's a daunting process but they all took it very seriously and did their absolute best. My verdict - very hard this year but it was very clear that those children who consistently completed their homework and Doodle maths found the tests far easier than those who didn't. Year 5 parents - take note!!!
- EYFS & Year 1 had their third Cycle Awareness Day this week. These sessions have been so popular this year and for good reason - several children came away from the sessions being able to ride a bike which is amazing and their happy faces told the story of pride and confidence.
- EYFS were further treated to a demonstration of teeth cleaning and healthy eating. I heard a few groans coming from the classroom and noticed that the nurses were showing the children photographs of children who hadn't paid heed to regular brushing and dental visits! 😞
- Year 4 embarked on their annual Chase River Trip this week — although this year's adventure was less “sun-dappled, nature walk” and more “survival expedition!” Armed with waterproofs, wellies and a great deal of determination, the children splashed through muddy woodland trails and braved the drizzle to examine the features of a river. Despite the soggy conditions, spirits remained high and the children embraced every slippery, squelchy moment with enthusiasm and laughter. Thank you to all the volunteer helpers especially those who we needed to step in at the very last minute!
- Year 1 has fully embraced their garden renovation project and several children have brought in wonderful hanging baskets made from wellington boots, watering cans and even old milk cartons. It's truly amazing to see how much effort and creativity the Year 1 parents have put into enhancing the Year 1 garden. Kiaan (1A) went the extra mile with his fantastic watering can creation while Jude (1B) received invaluable help from



- his great Nanny Pat! Together, they chose the most incredible planter—a beautiful parrot planter that now takes pride of place in the garden. The children absolutely love it!



- Bird Baths have been purchased with some of the money donated for the Year 1 garden and visitors have already been seen taking advantage of the bathing facilities much to the delight of Year 1!
- EYFS raised a grand total of £652 with their sponsored marathon run last week - what a fantastic library corner that's going to furbish. Thank you all so much for your generous donations - what a difference it's going to make!
- Speaking of donations, we launched our annual Coloured Hampers Raffle this week with a draw for the year group colours. These hampers are always so popular at the summer fete and the friendly, year-group rivalry that they spark is always a joy to behold - a palpable source of excitement, laughter and fierce competition! See below for each year group's colour and let the hunting begin!
- And that's it for news this week - it just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend and I leave you with this thought:

“A school is a wonderful place when hard work, muddy adventures, creativity and kindness can all exist in the very same week.”

With kind regards and best wishes,



Mrs. Searle



Stars of the Week

R1 Kai	4A Teddy
R2 Amaya	4B Sophia
1A Ava	5A Harvey
1B Nimi	5B Vivien
2A Hurmat	5C Toby
2B Siraat	6A Kyle
3A Raihan	6B Leah
3B Alice	

Kindness Award

R1 Denys	4A Elizabeth
R2 Ariyan	4B Shiloh
1A Ronnie	5A Ismail
1B Niyanshi	5B Ayanah
2A Parker	5C Grace
2B Aarish B	6A Louie
3A Nate	6B Martynas
3B Yaqub	

Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Madalin 1A	Yaqub 3B
Ronnie 1A	Darcy 3B
Isaiah 1B	Elizabeth 4A
Raihan 3A	Aisha 4A
Vivaan 3A	Harry 5A
Raahim 3B	Toby 5C

for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge.
Well done!



Congratulations to

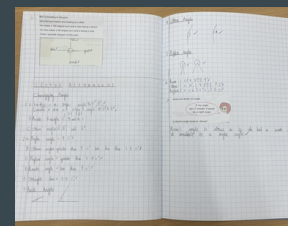
Zaina R1	Alicia 3A	Jamie 5A
Yaqub R2	Paula 3A	Aqeelah 5B
Ollie R2	Darcy 3B	Ola 5B
Ada 2B	Rebecca 4B	Sanuka 6A
Dexter 2B	Mithran 4B	Michaela 6A
Danielius 2B	Henry 5A	

on earning your 50 points to choose a book from our vending machine. Well done!

Reaching gold this week

Lottie R1	Amelia 1B	Alicia 3A	Harry 5A
Jax R1	Zac 1B	Ismael 3A	Emma 5A
Mariam R1	Isaiah 1B	Alayna 3A	Ismail 5A
Thomas R1	Layla 2A	Henry 3A	Aadam 5A
Kai R1	Hallie 2A	Ella 3A	Mason 5A
Daisy R1	Levi 2A	George 3B	Roger 5A
Myiah R1	Sehaj 2A	Evani 3B	Dima 5A
Harrison R1	Hurmat 2A	Isobel 3B	Regi 5A
Alex R2	Harley 2A	Hugo 3B	Marco 5B
Freddie R2	Callum 2A	Raahim 3B	Toby 5C
Juwon R2	Musa 2A	Yaqub 3B	Harper 5C
Haniya R2	Parker 2A	Majus 3B	Aleeha 5C
Harper R2	Darius 2A	Maia 3B	Polly 5C
Aleena 1A	Idrees 2A	Freddy 3B	Logan 6A
Amaira 1A	Zoe 2A	Darcy 3B	Lola 6A
Eleanor 1A	Danielius 2B	Aarshy 4A	David C 6A
Kiaan 1A	Kendall 2B	Elizabeth 4A	Sanuka 6A
Harrison 1A	Matei 2B	Summer 4A	Shayan 6B
Madalin 1A	Siyana 2B	Aisha 4A	Freddie 6B
Ronnie 1A	Archie 2B	India 4A	
Yeva 1A	Aarish B 2B	Diyana 4A	
Alfie 1A	Nectarie 2B	Zaydon 4A	
Amanah 1B	Raihan 3A	Elliot 4A	
Mylo 1B	Vivaan 3A	Arlo 4A	
Lucas 1B		Nate 4A	

Presentation Award



Jessica in 5C



Summer Term Dates

- Monday 18th May - Year 6 Library Visit
- Thursday 21st May - Wear purple for stroke awareness month
- 18th - 22nd May - Stay and Learn Week
- 25th - 29th May - Half Term
- 1st June - return to school
- Week beginning 1st June - Year 4 Multiplication check week
- Tuesday 2nd June - PTA meeting after school
- Wednesday 3rd June - 6:00 pm New EYFS meeting
- Thursday 4th June - 6A trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome
- Thursday 4th June - PTA colour run after school
- Friday 5th June - 6B trip to Hornchurch Aerodrome
- Week beginning 8th June - Year 1 Phonic screening week
- Thursday 11th June - Pyjama day - raising OPAL funds
- Tuesday 16th June - KS1 sports day in the afternoon
- Wednesday 17th June - Year 5 and 6 puberty talks with the school nurse
- Thursday 18th June - KS2 sports day in the morning
- Friday 19th June - Father's Day stalls
- Friday 19th June - Music Showcase pm
- Tuesday 23rd June - Year 2 trip to Clacton
- Thursday 25th June - Year 3 trip to the Saatchi Gallery
- Monday 29th June - Culture Day
- GFriday 3rd July - Wear green for gardening club and bring a donation
- Friday 3rd July - Performing Arts Wicked showcase
- Saturday 4th July - PTA Summer fair

Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

Michael in 2A

Mia in 3B

Well done!

