

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 110

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic week at school, with Year 4 enjoying an exciting visit to **Dinton Pastures** as part of our *11 before 11* promises. For those unfamiliar with this initiative, every REACH2 school organises *11 before 11* promises to take our children beyond the classroom. This opens up opportunities that inspire and empower them to navigate their own life's adventure.

These *11 before 11* promises are designed to ensure that by the time our children leave us for secondary school at age 11, they will have had a series of memorable and formative experiences. These experiences are aimed at putting our children in the driving seat of their lives, developing their independence, resilience, and curiosity.

We are ambitious for our children, encouraging broad horizons and high aspirations. Our goal is to inspire and challenge them so that each child can reach their full, unique potential. Please see our *11 before 11* promises below.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards




Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher

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11b411 Promise	Activity	Year Group
Hiking Heroes	Year 4 go on a hike around the local lake reservoir in the Autumn term, exploring changes in seasons and using senses to support writing	Year 4
Perfect a pitch	Using the leadership for change programme Year 5 will be taking part in the discussions around leadership and sharing their opinions in the online lesson. This will result in them writing a pitch to submit to the competition.	Year 5
Ride a large Animal	All children in Year 3 visit the local stables and ride a horse. They learn how to look after a horse and care for it.	Year 3
Culture Vulture	West End show in London- travelling to London by bus, train and tube. Experiencing West End Theatre.	Year 6
Sleepover under the stars	A sleepover in the school or the science museum (depending on numbers interested) under the stars projector/stars planetarium. Encouraging independence and resilience.	Year 5
Seeds to Supper	Planting carrot seeds to have as part of their lunch in the school dining hall after they have grown.	Year 2
Messing about on water	The Year 1 trip to the beach involves them experimenting and paddling in the water.	Year 1
Create something amazing	A whole school talent show. Audition rounds so all children can showcase a talent	Whole School
10 good deeds in 10 days	Children in Reception and Nursery complete 10 good deeds within the school community and for their families	Reception and Nursery
Wildlife Warriors	Creating bug hotels as part of their mini beast topic for the area and creating bird feeders to encourage the bird life.	Year 1
Shake it up Shakespeare	A Shakespeare workshop using different drama and expression to bring to life a Shakespeare story	Year 4

Reminders and Information for Parents

PE DAYS	
CLASS	DAYS
RECEPTION	MONDAY
YEAR 1	MONDAY and WEDNESDAY
YEAR 2	TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
YEAR 3	MONDAY and THURSDAY
YEAR 4	TUESDAY and THURSDAY
YEAR 5	WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY (for next 10 weeks- Swimming)
YEAR 6	MONDAY and FRIDAY

Important dates

22nd October Reception trip to Ella's Kitchen

21st October Yr 6 Residential trip

24th October Yr 3 Gurdwara trip

24th October end of term

4th November Start of term

6th November School Photographer

Parking

A friendly reminder to please refrain from parking on double yellow lines or zig zag markings. Doing so poses a danger to our children as they enter and leave the school premises. Additionally, we kindly ask that disabled badge holders avoid parking in these restricted areas. If you hold a disabled badge and require proximity to the school for accessibility reasons, please reach out to our office. We're here to support you in finding suitable parking arrangements.

Uniform

Could we please ask Parents/Carers to make sure all uniforms are clearly labelled. Nearly all the uniform emptied from the lost property bins is unnamed, making it impossible to return to the rightful owners.

School lunches

Parents are now able to cancel and book school dinners up to 9am in the morning. Please remember to order for your child before this time and cancel any meals not required should your child be absent for the day, you will still be charged if meals aren't cancelled. Meals should only be ordered by the school office on the rare occasion that you may have forgotten to order. We are still experiencing a high number of pupils every day that have no school dinner ordered – if this continues we will phone parents to bring in a packed lunch so could you ensure you have

booked for the week ahead. Please speak to the school office if you need a reminder of how to order through Parent Pay.

From 4th November 2024 Meal prices are changing to £2.57- Please see new menu attached – commencing 4th November.

School Photographer

All children in Nursery through to Year 6 will have their photo taken in school on Wednesday 6th November.

As these photos are for parental use only, we will assume all children have consent to have their photo taken. If you DO NOT wish for your child's photo to be taken, please call the office to let us know.

Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform on this day (including school jumper/cardigan) so that they will be ready for their photograph.

Children will be given a sheet to bring home on the day with instructions on how to register. Please check your child's bag as these are unique to your child and cannot be reproduced if lost. Once registered, you will receive an email direct from SBS Digital (the photography company) with further instructions on how to view and order photos. Anyone who does not register will receive a proof sheet as normal.

Please note that sibling photographs WILL NOT be taken in school.

Letter from Kendrick School

Dear Parent/carer

KENDRICK SCHOOL – WIDENING HORIZONS

We are writing to you as a parent/carer of a girl in school Years 3, 4 or 5, who is in receipt of pupil premium (free school meals or who has received free school meals in the last six years), service premium or is in care or has previously been in care, and who lives within our designated area.

We would like to invite you to our **Information Evening on Tuesday 26th November 2024 from 4.15pm – 5.30pm to explain what Widening Horizons at Kendrick School is, and for you to find out how we can help to support your child on their academic journey, and the opportunities that are available to them at Kendrick School during School Years 3,4 & 5, completely free of charge.**

These opportunities are to enrich the academic lives and learning of any girls who fall within this category, and not just for those who are considering Kendrick as a secondary school, (although these students would be accepted with a lower score and be provided with free practice papers, an online learning programme and a test familiarisation day in the summer holidays, should they decide in due course to sit our Admissions Test.)

We are also delighted to inform you that Kendrick School has been awarded the Sutton Trust Fair School Admissions Award at **Gold** level. The top **Gold** level is awarded to schools who have made significant changes to their admissions policies to ensure that there is fair access to all pupils regardless of socio-economic background. Kendrick was recognised for the multiple systems we have in place to support access for children eligible for pupil premium funding within our Widening Horizons project.

The programme for the **Information Evening on Tuesday 26th November** is as follows:

- 4.15pm Registration
- 4.30-4.45pm Welcome and introduction from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher
- 4.45-5.30pm Activities for children, Tour of the School and Q & A/refreshments for parents

If you would like to attend this event, then please email Mrs Nicholson at GNicholson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk who will register you for the event and answer any questions you may have.

We do hope you will come along to find out what a friendly and welcoming school we are and how we can support you and your child on their learning journey.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

Good afternoon,

My name is Gavin Harper from the Safer Public Realm Team at Reading Borough Council. The SPR Team look at ways to resolve Anti-Social Behaviour and related issues that are caused, enabled or exacerbated by a common factor rather than an individual perpetrator. We work closely with TVP, support services, local businesses and residents to try and resolve or reduce these issues.

While responding to a complaint regarding noise and dropped litter in the area of the shops shown below, on Northumberland Avenue, a number of residents stated that they have seen school children dropping litter outside the shops.

While no child or school has been identified and I am fully aware that you have no responsibility for what a child does outside the school, I thought it worth me sending an email so that you are aware of the possibility.

I wondered if at all possible, you may be able to reiterate the importance of putting litter in the bin to those children who walk past this area.

The main problem area is shown below, indicated by the red arrow.



The prevailing wind, helped by passing cars blows any dropped light litter into the gardens of the residential properties opposite the shops.

An inspection of the litter shows mostly items bought in the shops opposite. The shop keepers have no responsibility for the goods once they leave the shops.

There are 3 bins, used but not full, along the shop frontage.
There is every opportunity for a person to place litter in a bin.



Many thanks

Gavin

Gavin Harper

Safer Public Realm Officer
Housing and Communities | Directorate of Community & Adult Social Care

Reading Borough Council

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Do you think Reading is a safe place? Share your views on crime and safety if you live, work or visit Reading: www.reading.gov.uk/communitysafetysurvey



Parent safe- keeping your children safe: online & beyond

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when are, if we don't know what's happening in their lives or on their devices! Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? Don't despair though...scroll through this page for help or click a button to go straight to a particular topics.

[Home \(lgfl.net\)](#)

1st Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2024-25 Season!

This is a reminder that we have just under 3 weeks to go until our 1st Schools and Grassroots fixture of the season v Crawley Town on Saturday 19th October 12.30pm Kick off.

Across the course of the last two season's more than 250 schools and clubs from Berkshire and the surrounding areas sold over 30,000 tickets through the scheme, which sees them earn a discount code which they can pass on to their students or players for specific fixtures in the Royals' campaign.

With Rubén Sellés' side starting to make our home a fortress, we would like nothing more than to see you bring your support as we look to continue a fine start! Full details of how to get involved can be found below so please share with all your children, friends, family and staff and let me know if you require any further information.

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 1st Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2024-25!

When?

Reading vs Crawley Town
Saturday 19th October, 12.30pm kick off

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#ThePalmerAcademy** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

13 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £4

18 to 24: £7

65 and over: £7

Adult: £10

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code.

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

6 great prizes to be won for your School!

Select your School [here](#) to cast your vote and be in with a chance to win one of 6 great prizes!

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.

Come on URRRZZ!!

Yours Sincerely

Paul Collins
Head of Ticketing
Reading Football Club

October updates for Hexham Community Centre, most groups are free and everyone is welcome. 😊

October is Black History month – there are lots of events happening across Reading <https://www.reading.gov.uk/leisure/things-to-do/black-history-month/>

We will be celebrating Black History at Hexham next month in November so please watch this space. We're sorry we couldn't run something this month but the volunteers are busy planning the event – and every month is a good time to celebrate Black History!

Free Hexham Coffee and Computer Club - Thursday, 31st October, 11am – 1pm

Learn what you want to know about your device or using the internet. Bring your own device or borrow one of ours. Everyone welcome.

Looking after yourself

Free Wellbeing Walks – Every Wednesday 1:15pm – 2:30pm

Short walk with a friendly group, suitable for all ages and abilities, focused on nature and wellbeing. Followed by free refreshments. Meet at Hexham Community Centre.

Free NHS Health Checks - Monday, 21st October, 9am – 1pm

Speak to a NHS nurse, confidential appointments. Open to all Hexham residents.

Free Over 50s Seated exercise group – Every Monday, 2pm – 2:30pm

Fun and friendly group, suitable for all abilities. Feel free to come along and watch for the first session. 😊

Children and Young People

Free KICKS Reading FC Youth Group – Every Monday, 6pm – 8pm

11- 18 year olds.

Free Grassrootz Youth Group – Tuesday 8th and Tuesday, 22nd 6pm – 9pm

Free Brighter Futures Youth Group – Every Wednesday, 4pm – 6pm

Two sessions each week, 8 – 13 year olds first and then 14 – 18 year olds

Free Becoming Mums – Every 3rd Friday of the month, 10am – 12pm

Friendly group for mums, children welcome

At John Madejski Academy

An urban theatre experience by Justice in Motion to raise awareness of the risks of knife crime and exploitation. *A spectacular blend of physical theatre, parkour and trials bike stunts with live rap and music. On an urban playground, skilled athletes and performers show what is happening to our young people exploited by organised drug crime gangs.*

Halloween / Half Term

Free Halloween craft and lantern walk for families – Wednesday 30th Oct 1pm – 3pm

Fun crafts, activities and refreshments, followed by an optional short lantern walk

Perfect for younger children and families.

Free Pumpkin Carving with Brighter Futures for 14yrs + – Friday 1st November
2:30pm – 4pm

Carve a pumpkin – everything you need is provided plus some tasty Halloween treats.

Half Term at South Reading Leisure Centre

Kids can swim and play football for £1

Family programme <https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/reading/south-reading/holiday-activities>

Teen Writing Group

AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY

JOIN IGNITING WRITING,
WOKINGHAM LIBRARY'S TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

FACE TO FACE SESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY
(EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

SESSION FOR YEAR 6-8 9.45AM TO 11.15AM
SESSION FOR YEAR 9-13 11.45AM TO 1.15PM

THE SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
YEAR 6 TO YEAR 13 STUDENTS

SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- FUN WRITING ACTIVITIES
 - USEFUL WRITING TIPS
 - GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON STORY IDEAS
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ALL SESSIONS NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE
TO SIGN UP FOR SESSIONS, VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE ON OUR
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK/LIBRARIES](https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)



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Pumpkin Trail

A family event during half-term at:
The Look Out, Bracknell
26th Oct – 3rd Nov

Fun events for all the family

www.firstdays.net/event-list

Registered Charity: 1157855



A family event at:
Dinton Pastures, Wokingham
Saturday 16th November

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VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE

Spotlight UK are offering discounted days out to Beale Park for all families weekdays and weekends available throughout October including half term

£5 PER PERSON ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

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Please send booking enquiries to jessicariley@spotlightuk.org
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

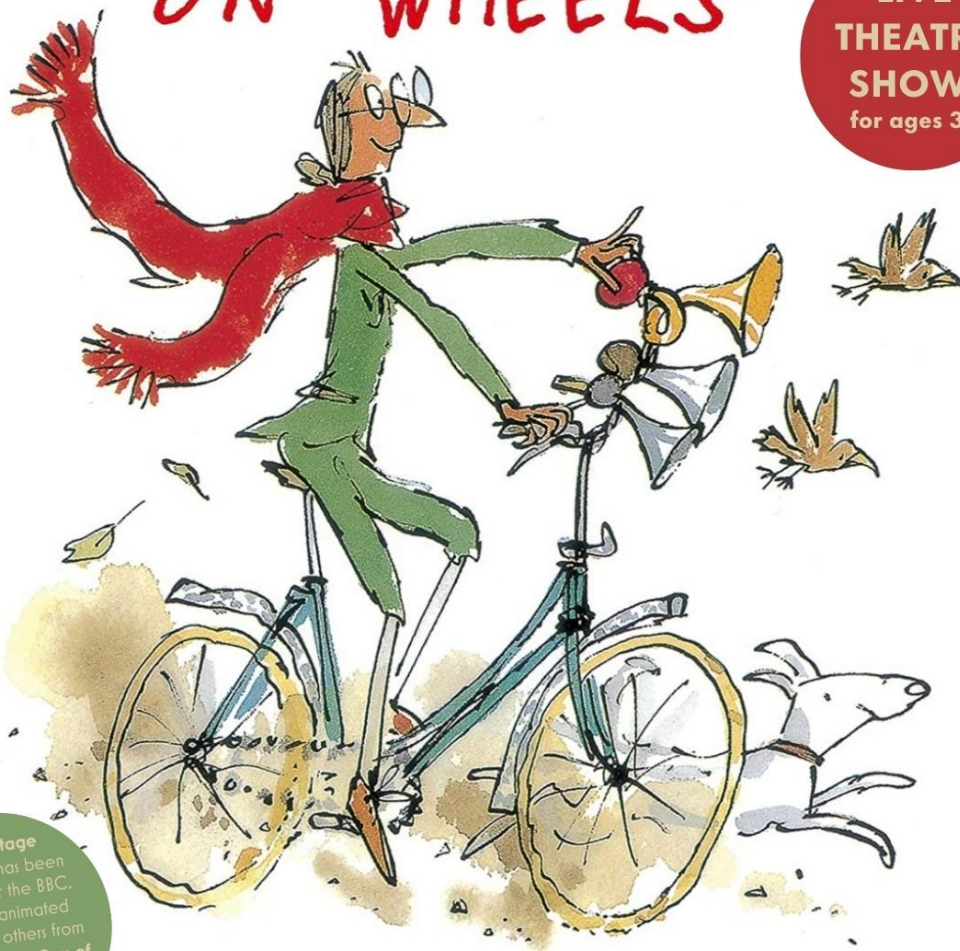
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Scoot Theatre and Farnham Maltings present

Quentin Blake MRS ARMITAGE ON WHEELS

LIVE
THEATRE
SHOW!
for ages 3+



Mrs Armitage on Wheels has been adapted for the BBC, watch the animated special and others from 'Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures' on BBC iPlayer

An interactive, energetic family show, celebrating the joy of getting outside!

★★★★ The Telegraph*

*on previous Scoot Theatre production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream!'

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1:15PM TO 2:30PM

ALL AGES AND ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH

OCTOBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD

NOVEMBER 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH

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Hexham Community Centre

Suitable for all
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beginners

FREE!

Last Thursday of
the month 11am -
1pm



Why choose a Caterlink School Meal

Sign-up today!

Please speak to reception.

We have won a number of awards for using **honest, local produce** and pride ourselves on making **fresh and nutritionally balanced** meals.



Per meal, we provide:

- 1 portion of protein
- 1 portion of carbohydrates
- 2 portions of vegetables
- A choice of salad available daily
- Freshly baked bread
- One homemade dessert



Behind **every meal** is a team of dedicated **chefs and nutritionists**.
Did you know? Most of our meals are made completely from scratch in-house!



Our **desserts** are **handmade** in house.

On average, our meals contain **37% less free sugars** than the government recommendations for school meals.



We **don't** add any salt to any of our meals!

Our **pizzas** are **homemade** and made using **50/50 wholemeal flour** for extra added fibre! And our **meat products** are **freshly** delivered from our **local butchers**.



We often have **Meat Free Mondays** to support **sustainable eating**. We also have recipes with **Added Plant Power** identified by this logo



Many of our desserts contain hidden **wholegrains** and are **sweetened with fruit** so they count toward **one of your child's 5-a-day!**



We ensure the menu adheres to the **School Food Standards**. That means your child is getting a **well balanced and nutritious** meal through out their school day.



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UNIVERSAL INFANT
SCHOOL MEALS?



EVERY child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
can have a cooked school lunch

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HEALTHY

NUTRITIOUS

at absolutely no cost to you! -
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Please contact your school for more information!

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Thanks
for being
amazing



"A room without books is like a body without a soul."

— Marcus Tullius Cicero



If you would like to purchase books for our new reading spine, scan the code and shop away!

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

Attendance Information

Attendance is a key priority for our school this term. We want to ensure that all children's attendance percentages are in line or above national average of 97%. Children with an attendance of 97% above are more likely to be happier attending school, make better progress and eventually achieve better in formal exams. Please see below how even missing a few days of school can lead to many hours of learning missed.

Yearly Attendance	Days Missed	Hours Missed
100%	0	0
97%	6	30
95%	10	50
90%	20	100
80%	40	200

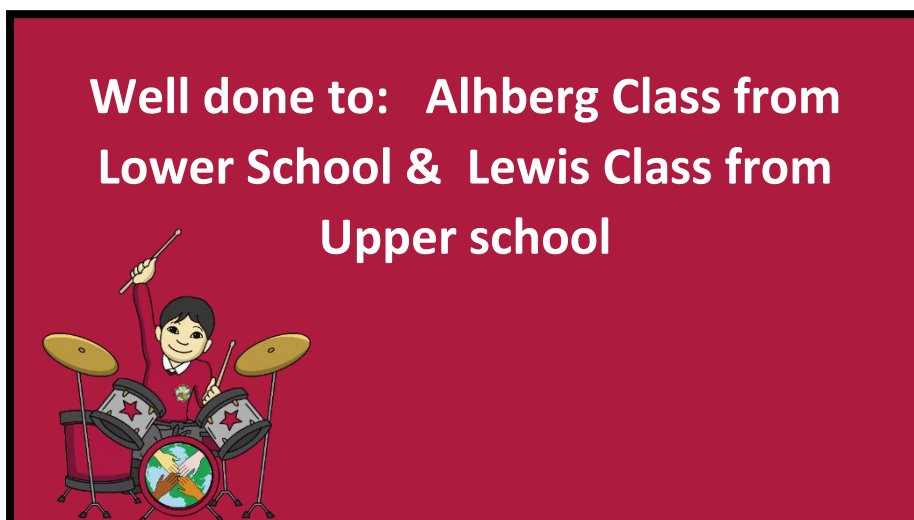


Nursery		Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
am	pm	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
89.0 %	89.9%	93.6 %	94.7%	89.3 %	85.7%	99.6%	93.3%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
93.7%	93.2 %	86.3%	96.3%	95.9%	93.6%	95.8%	96.6%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 93.3%

Attendance Raffle

You have to be in it to win it! If you attend school every day you will automatically be put into our attendance raffle which will be drawn on a Friday afternoon. A winner from each class will be selected and win a special prize. We are also now holding a half term raffle for those children who have 100 percent attendance where they can win prizes such as amazon vouchers, roblox points, art kits and pencil cases. All the children have to do to be in with a chance of winning is to be in school every day!



**Johnson wins House
of the week-
Congratulations.**