

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

It has been great to see the sun shining this week, and the children have enjoyed being able to use the trim trail and the field with the dry weather.

This week I have spent time in each class observing the learning taking place. In EYFS and Year 1 this year we have been focusing on phonics, reading and letter formation. I was absolutely blown away by the lessons that I saw. The children's phonetically knowledge and reading ability has increased considerably through the introduction of Little Wandle. The children in Year 1 Seagulls were very keen to help me learn the new graphemes with them. Phonics and reading is fundamental to the whole curriculum and it is great to see how confident our youngest children are in reading. Year 2 have been exceptional this week with their Secret Agent Tests (SATs) and already we are so proud of the effort that they have put in.

On my walk I also chose my Star award winners. This is an award for children who I see who go above and beyond. This weeks winners were: Tiara (Y5) , Anje (Y6), and Leo (Y1).

I will be keeping an eye out next week for more winners.

Mrs. Willis
(Head of School)



STARS OF THE WEEK



Ducklings – Eva
Ducks – Mickey
Swans – Hashim
Seals – Ahmed
Seagulls – Harry
Penguins – Furqan
Puffins – Jocelyn
Turtles – Archie
Jellyfish – Amie
Stingrays – Ayaan
Manatees – Ema
Narwhals – Adam
Dolphins – Marwa
Sharks – Melody
Whales - Andre



Value Award WINNERS



Ducklings – Julia
Ducks – Usman
Swans – Zubaida
Seals – Rumaisa S
Seagulls – Bruce
Penguins – Mario
Puffins – Myles
Turtles – Sabahat, Maya
Jellyfish – Dylan
Stingrays – Keyaan M
Manatees – Summayah
Narwhals – Favour
Dolphins – Alfie
Sharks – Harizs
Whales – Adam A





Message from Miss Smith (Writing Lead)

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting every class during their Writing lesson to gather some pupil voice about Writing here at Waterside. I am so impressed with the children's knowledge of punctuation and grammatical concepts in their year group and there was a clear pride in their work as I walked around. All classes this year are following a genre map with specific texts which the children expressed they loved!

Here are some quotes from our wonderful children:
Mia (Year 4) - "I enjoy because I learn new vocabulary that I can use and teach my parents about."

Eliza (Year 4) - "I want to be an author and it encourages me to put my mind to the test to see what I can do."

Marwa (Year 5) - "I really like writing because I can sort of escape reality and be creative, making alternative retells"



Value	Rule
Respect	We always show respect for ourselves, each other and our school.
Excellence	We always do our very best.
Friendship	We always follow our friendship code.
Courage	We always tackle challenges and try being brave.
Determination	We are determined to get our school to outstanding
Inspirational	We will always be good role models to inspire our school.
Equality	We are always fair and value every individual.

NEW WEBSITE

Our new website has now been launched and we are very proud of it. On here you will be able to keep up to date with what is happening around school through our class blogs and the school news. Teachers post every week so keep an eye out for these. Some of our pages are still under construction but we hope that the full website will be accessible soon.

Please take a look:

<https://www.waterside.stoke.sch.uk/>

Help with Learning

If you require any support with learning, please contact your child's class teacher via class dojo.

Help with Behaviour

If you are concerned about your child's behaviour, please speak with the class teacher or your child's Phase leader.

Help with Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please raise these immediately with Mrs. Willis (DSL) or 01782235100 (Stoke)

Help with online safety

If you would like information on how to ensure your child is safe online, please contact Mrs. Twigg or Mr. Grocott.