

ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL: ARTISTIC - ATHLETIC - ACADEMIC

Dear parents and carers,

It's the second week back to school and the children are still running happily in to school! It is so lovely to see their enthusiasm as they enter the school gate. We continue to be working hard – but having fun at the same time. In particular there was a lot of laughter coming from the school hall during Mr O'Beirne's PE lesson, where the Owls were doing the Lambeth Walk. Last week it was the Charleston where they demonstrated some impressive choreography, so we are sure that they will be spotted on Strictly Come Dancing in the near future! It was also delightful to receive a parent e-mail sharing how much their child has enjoyed these lessons. We do encourage you to write in when your child shares with you something that they have enjoyed as we love to hear your feedback. Owls have also been busy in Science with Miss Skidmore making models of the digestive system, which they described as 'realistic', 'educational', 'fun' 'informative' and 'disgusting'! Take a look at the pictures at the end of the bulletin to find out why...

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mrs Knock & Mrs Elliott



Star of the Week

Our theme this week was to overcome challenges. Congratulations to our stars of the week who have demonstrated this –

Owls: **Luna M** for always showing a positive attitude to taking on challenges. Foxes: **George H** for building up his resilience so that he responds to all challenges with a smile.

Rabbits: **Tommy F** for rising to the challenge in reading.

Hedgehogs: Albert for identifying blending sounds to support his reading.



Readers of the Week

Congratulations to the children below who have been our most active readers this week.

Owls: **Maci G** Foxes: **George H**

Rabbits: Cali D, Cael C and Lila S Hedgehogs: Lola E and James M



Reading Certificates

Congratulations to all of the children who continue to be avid readers at home. This week we are celebrating children who have crossed their 25/50 read milestones – well done to Evelyn M (50), Frank H (50), Fynn S (50), Fynn R (50), Luna M (50), Jessica I (50), Fraser D (50), Elizabeth C-I (50), Mylah L (50), Finley D (50), Chloe P (50), Daisy S (50), Isla B (50), Harry O (50), Ned J (25), Lola E (25), Jashan J (25) and Jackson E (25).

Keep adding to your totals everyone and the Reading Bug reward may be headed towards your class!



School Council

We had a very productive School Council meeting at the end of last week. We shared an update of the progress of Anu, the child in India whose education we sponsor via World Vision. The council members were interested to hear that she is studying some of the same subjects that they were at school, particularly in RSHE. From the meeting we have decided to



look at how to discourage dog fowling on Udimore Road. This issue was brought to our attention by a parent – and now we are hoping to solve it!



Uniform

If you are looking for any spare pieces of uniform, please speak to Mrs Schalch in the office. There are a number of second-hand items available in exchange for a small donation to the school.



Sports News

Unfortunately rain prevented the Year 2s from joining in with the multi-sports activity planned for Tuesday. However, we are pleased to share that the team will be returning on Tuesday the 25th January to work with both Year 1 AND Year 2. Please remember to bring warm outdoor PE kit please as it is still rather chilly!

Parent Information



Covid absence: Our continued thanks for keeping us all safe and being vigilant. Please be aware that if a family member has COVID but the child/ren is/are negative then they must attend school. Children must only remain at home if they have had a positive test result. We must work together to ensure that the children's attendance remain high to support their learning.

Covid testing: The testing advice has been updated temporarily where anyone who now receives a positive lateral flow test but has no COVID-19 symptoms will no longer have to take a PCR to confirm the result. Also, from Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period if they test negative with a lateral flow device test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. If you have any questions then please do ask and we will endeavour to help. **Parking:** A gentle reminder to please avoid parking on the yellow road markings outside school.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 25.01.22	Robertsbridge Multi-skills PE workshop for Year 1 AND Year 2.	Hedgehogs
Thursday 27.01.22	Mallydams Parent Meeting (online)	Owls
Monday 31.1.22	Climbing wall installation	Playground
Tuesday 08.02.22	Badminton at Bodium	Selected children
-		from Owls



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please speak to any of the staff below:

- Mrs Bulgin Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Burrows / Mrs Knock / Mrs Elliott Deputy DSLs

Owls Digestive Systems

