Ocean Wave

February 2023

Message from the Executive Principal – Mrs Quarrie

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly last week I was suitably blown away by how well the children can articulate our 3 Guiding Principles (Self-Worth, Engagement and Purpose) as well as our 6 Learning Skills (Team Work, Respect, Independence, Resilience, Communication, Self-Motivation). Berin, with the support of year 6, could also explain the Aspirations 8 conditions for effective learning (Sense of Belonging, Fun and Excitement, Heroes, Sense of Adventure, Curiosity and Creativity, Sense of Accomplishment, Leadership and Responsibility and Confidence to Take Action). Well done! When a school's vision, values and ethos are so well embedded, every other aspect of school life is ever more secured in its realisation.

Our Learning Skill for this half term is RESILIENCE. This skill is often hard to master as sometimes we fail or find things difficult to achieve. We encourage our children to never give up, to find alternative ways of solving problems and to recognize their continued efforts as well as final outcomes. We work hard to develop our Growth Mindset and believe we 'Can't do it YET!'

Don't forget to keep up to date with all things Aspirations Academies Trust
https://www.aspirationsacademies.org/

To support the children's learning and their ability to 'know more, remember more', we will be adding the Learning Journey Maps to the Google Drive. This will allow your child to have much quicker access to them as an aid to their learning. Please encourage your child to use the Google Drive at home and to look at the Learning Journey Maps to ensure knowledge is firmly fixed in their long term memory. If your child is having any issues accessing the Google Drive at home, please let us know and we will try and help.

We really value the importance of parent / carer contribution to make the learning experiences for our children a collaborative and purposeful one. Please let us know if you can spare some time to share your hobbies, religion or culture. We would also love help with reading, art, DT etc. Whatever your skill set is, I'm sure we can utilise it! Have a chat with your child's class teacher or with Mr Tharme or Mr West.

The sun is starting to shine and spring is on its way - enjoy the brighter days.

Kindest regards

J. Quarrie

Mrs J Quarrie
Executive Principal

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World Book Day 2023

World book day alert – Thursday 2 March 2023. Dress up as your favourite book character – Please be mindful that this day is to celebrate reading, literary excellence and a love of books, writing and storytelling. This is **not** a mufti or wear your own clothes day! If your child does not wish to dress as a literary character, they should come to school in full uniform. A voucher will come home with your child to spend on their favourite book.

https://www.worldbookday.com/families/

School Office reminders

If your child is unwell or not coming into school please call before 9.30am and let us know why. We will call/text you if your child is not at school. If your child has an appointment during the school day please let us have proof of this in the form of a letter, card or show us the text/email. Thanks for your support!

If you need any new uniform we do have a small stock and also some second hand jumpers – drop into the office for more information. See our post on the next second hand uniform sale!

Year 3 Updates

In English, we have finished our class book, 'Until I Met Dudley'. We wrote an information piece of writing about 'How a Clock Works'. We ensured that we applied our knowledge of our English learning so far to write a creative yet informative piece of writing. We have also enjoyed finishing 'The Iron Man' story. This past week we have started reading 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' and have been imagining what we would do if we had our own pet dragon! What would you do with yours?

In maths we have consolidated our learning on multiplication and division using a range of practical resources to support our understanding. We enjoyed learning about the written method for both operations. As always please encourage your children to continue learning their times tables and use TT Rockstars to support this as this is a brilliant resource which will support them in all aspects of Maths.

Since returning to school after half term, we have begun our Science learning about rocks and fossils. The children have learnt about the three main types of rock (sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous) and enjoyed looking at Starburst to help us understand the differences.

We also enjoyed the chilly but exciting boat trip around Poole Harbour. The children enjoyed looking at the wildlife through their binoculars. Well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour and engagement throughout the trip.

Year 4 Updates

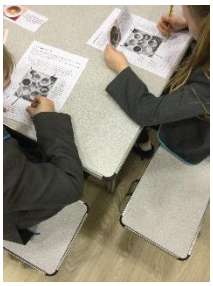
In English, the children enjoyed creating their own mythical beasts for their non-chronological report which allowed them to demonstrate their learning from the half term. We have now moved onto our new text 'Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition' and will be using this text during this half term to inspire diary writing.

In maths, the children have been working hard to secure their understanding of the four operations. They have used this knowledge to solve a range of problems involving converting units of measure, adding and subtracting lengths and more recently, finding the perimeter of different shapes. The children have now moved onto fractions and identifying the difference between unit and non-unit fractions. Throughout this half term, the children will be learning how to count in tenths and hundredths as well as add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

The children are continuing to make great progress with their times tables and are getting ready for the Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to log into TTRockstars as often as possible when at home - thank you!

In history, the children enjoyed learning about Boudicca and her rebellion as well as identifying differences between Celtic and Roman roads. As part of their ATL project, the children presented about which Roman invention they thought was the most important and why. We have now started our new geography topic about mountains.

In RE, the children have been learning about Judaism. Before half term, Year 4 enjoyed a visit from students at St Edwards school who led a workshop of activities to widen their understanding of Judaism.



Year 4 Team

Year 5 Updates

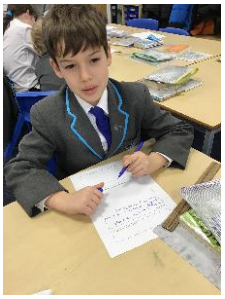
The children in Year 5 have worked incredibly hard over the last month and have completed some great work across the different subjects.

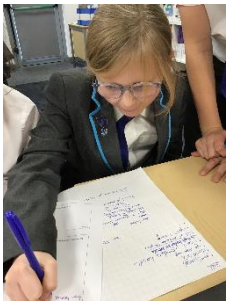
English has seen us focusing on writing to persuade. Along the way, we have developed our skills with commas and punctuation for parenthesis, enabling us to develop the variety of our sentence structures effectively, and then have explored using a 3-part structure for paragraphs, meaning we introduce our point, give detail around it and then conclude it. We have applied these skills to tasks such as trying to persuade someone to buy a fantasy house in a forest, pretending to be estate agents, and creating persuasive paragraphs to describe a brand-new theme park and all it has to offer! It is great to see the children's confidence and skills in developing quality pieces of writing developing. This half term, the focus is shifting to descriptive writing, using our new class reader – "The Nowhere Emporium" as our stimulus.

In maths we have been delving into fractions, decimals and percentages, starting by thinking about how to find equivalent fractions, and then using them to help us compare and order sets of fractions – a tricky but really useful skill. From here, we have gone on to explore mixed and improper fractions and converting fractions into decimals, before then building onto percentages too. Currently, we are focused on different ways of calculating with fractions. For what is a notoriously challenging topic, we have been really impressed by the children's resilience in grappling with these and with the understanding we have seen developing – all very promising!

The children enjoyed their Mayan topic, including learning about the Gods worshipped by the Ancient Mayans and then comparing them to the Gods from other Ancient civilisations. They have also explored Mayan foods and farming, as well as the writing and number systems used by the Mayans. All in all, another successful series of topic lessons! We have also brought to a conclusion our work with Poole Museum, having created labels for them to use on some of their exhibits when the museum reopens after its renovation. We are looking forward to sharing some of this project with you, alongside lots of other work we have been getting up to, at the upcoming learning links session on 23rd March.

Thank you as ever for your support. If you ever have any queries about anything, do please catch us at the end of the day to discuss them, or send us an email.





Year 5 Team

Year 6 Updates

The second half of the spring term has sprung and as the frost starts to clear, pupils continue to progress well in their studies. We are seeing good progress in this cohort and this is due to pupils' hard work in school and at home. Please continue to support your child at home by encouraging and rewarding them for reading regularly. Reading is the simplest, most powerful way of enhancing your child's ability across all subjects as well as stimulating the imagination, increasing vocabulary, lowering stress, deepening empathy and broadening cultural awareness. Speak to your child's class teacher if you would like any advice on how to promote reading at home.

On the subject of reading, our new class reader, Wonder, is beginning to stimulate and broaden minds whilst deepening empathy for our protagonist. August is struggling at school and finding it difficult to fit in. When you get a chance, have a chat with your child about the book: what do they think about August's predicament? Can they draw any parallels between the characters in Wonder and characters in other books or people in their own life?

Our topic this half term has us learning about living things and their habitats. See the curriculum section of the school website or, if viewing this digitally, click here to view the topic's learning journey map and discuss the key information for the topic with your child. The concept of evolution and inheritance can be difficult for children to comprehend; whilst it is a fascinating topic, it is a deceptively complex one. As with all learning, regularly revising and revising key information will help embed knowledge long-term.

Year 6 Team

Sports report

We have had a very busy sports calendar over the last month and, as you can see below, we have lots more fixtures booked to play this half term.

Our athletics squad went to Rossmore Leisure centre to compete in the local area indoor athletics tournament. There were some fantastic individual performances across all the events. On the day, we came 3rd overall.

The netball squad played their last round of fixtures in this year's league cup. Their excellent performances in round 1 and 2 had set them up for a thrilling finale in round 3. We came 2nd in our group and made it to the semi-finals. We lost the semi-final but won the 3rd / 4th play off to finish 3rd overall. This is a great achievement in a hotly contested league of 16 schools.

One of the most impressive performances from our teams over this period of time came from the boys' football team. They played away to Lockyer's Middle School. We conceded an early goal but the team showed resilience and determination and went on to dominate the game on the pitch. I genuinely have to blame bad luck/fine margins for losing the game 2-0 in the end as Mr Hayley and I felt our team had out played the opposition; we hit the post four times! The team knew they had played well and were very gracious in defeat. A special mention goes to Kayden for his tremendous defensive work.

Our girls' football team continued their winning streak. They beat Hamworthy 3-0. This puts them in a great position in this second group stage of the league with one game to play. As always, they showed excellent teamwork. Two players need special mentions: Larissa for the amount of tackles she won and Bianca for her hat trick heroics.

Fixtures coming up:

- **Girls' Football Team away to Bishop St Aldhelm-** Tuesday 21st February 3:30pm
- **Y5/6 AFC Bournemouth event at The Cornerstone Academy**- Friday 24th February 10-12pm
- **Y5 Squash at West Hants Tennis Club** - Monday 27th 10-1pm
- **Y5/6 Mixed Football Team away to St Mary's** - Tuesday 28th February
- **Y3/4 AFC Bournemouth event at The Cornerstone Academy** – Friday 3rd March 10-12pm
- **Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Parkstone Grammar** – Monday 6th March 3-5pm
- **Y3/4 Mixed Football Team away to St Mary's** – Friday 10th March
- **Y3/4 Netball Team Tournament at Broadstone Middle** – Monday 13th March
- **Y3/4 Football Tournament at Broadstone Middle** – Friday 24th March

Thanks for your support,

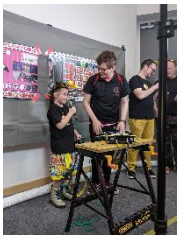
Mr West

Robot Wars – Muhammed Al-Bee

We are very proud of Amy in the Jellyfish class. Amy is representing Ocean Academy in the Beetle Brawl 2023 with Beetle weight Robot Combat on Saturday 25 February. She has developed the robot with her Dad and will travel to Bristol with her family to take part in the competition. This can be lived streamed on YouTube and will be later made available as a replay. Good luck Amy!

Amy has returned to school today and she has had an amazing adventure. Out of 55 entries (including professionals), Amy made the top 32, winning 2 out of her 4 'battles'. She also won one of the very special awards of the event 'Crowd Favourite'.

The overall event was won by Ellis Ware, a super nice guy with his robot 'Gizmo'. Ellis is one of Amy's robot heros as he had had a lot of success in Robot Wars (when it was on TV) and is a self-taught engineer who has lots of experience across all the different 'weight' categories. He has also had success in America (with Battlebots) and in China (taking part in 'This is Fighting Robots').



Golden Book Winners

Congratulations to all the winners!

Year 3	**Sharks**	**Seahorses**	**Dolphins**
3 Feb 23	Rhys/Karina	Kaiden/Isabella	Nichole/Teddy
10 Feb 23	Lyra/Simon	Grace/Ivy	Aysha/Rupert
24 Feb 23	Oskar/Geo	Iyla/Olivia	Leela/Tinaye
Year 4	**Penguins**	**Turtles**	**Jellyfish**
3 Feb 23	Holly/Mason	Nour/Yasmina	Logan/Aimee
10 Feb 23	Elise/James	Devon/Declan	Henry/Amy L
24 Feb 23	Dexter/Layla	Mark/Amelia	Ben/Rocco
Year 5	**Orcas**	**Seals**	
3 Feb 23	Alexia/Shai	Carla/Harry	
10 Feb 23	Alexis/Finlay	Rares/Miller	
24 Feb 23	Milly/Cian	Lily/Joshuah	
Year 6	**Barracudas**	**Swordfish**	**Stingrays**
3 Feb 23	Marley/Lilie	Hollie/Willow	Fletcher/Melodi

10 Feb 23	Tia/Leo	Anna/Sienna	Cameron/Kyden
24 Feb 23	Zayan/Bianca	Leo/Abhineet	Jacob/Immie

CPTA news

It has been another incredible half term for the CPTA. I didn't think we could top Christmas but what fun we have had! We kicked off with two exciting Movie Nights. Both nights screened comedies and the children loved watching with their friends. In between we had another successful 'Bakey Monday' hosted by Years 5 and 6. These were swiftly followed by a Mufti Day where the children came in dressed in the clothes that best showed them as themselves as part of Children's Mental Health Week. As we enter the second half of this term we have enjoyed dancing the night away at our Palentines Disco and are looking forward to World Book Day events and Bunny Bingo with a Mufti Day and a couple of Bakey Mondays thrown in there too! We have a new CPTA notice board by the school gate so please check that for all information and upcoming events. Thank you as always for all the help and support to make these events possible for the children to enjoy.

Dani Bongiovanni, CPTA Chair.

Ocean's Aspire Award

Congratulations to Rosie, Mia and Aiza who have earned their 'Self-Worth' Aspire Awards this half term. Well done to girls!

Attendance

YEAR	CLASS	ATTENDANCE	We aim for attendance to be above 95% Well done Swordfish – Attendance Winners!
YEAR 3	Dolphins	95.1	
	Seahorses	97.2	
	Sharks	96.6	
YEAR 4	Penguins	95	
	Turtles	96.2	
	Jellyfish	95	
YEAR 5	Orcas	97.1	
	Seals	93.7	
YEAR 6	Barracudas	93.9	
	Stingrays	97	
	Swordfish	98.3	

Bikeability – Years 5 and 6

The next Bikeability session for level 1 and 2 is on Monday 22 to Thursday 25 May 2023 inclusive. There are a maximum number of spaces on a first come first served basis. Letters will be coming out after half term. Children need to complete part of the week after school from 3.20-5.15pm each day. They need to have a roadworthy bike, helmet and able to ride their bike confidently. A letter will be sent out shortly with a response slip.

Diary Dates

2 March	World Book day – dress up as a favourite book character
2 March	CPTA book sale 3.20pm
9 March	Year 5 Science dome
13 March	CPTA Year 4 Bakey Monday
14 March	Class Photos
17 March	Red Nose mufti day
17 March	RNLI visiting Year 3
20-22 March	Year 4 residential Hooke Court
23 March	Year 5 Learning Links – 2.45-3.20pm
27 March	Year 4 Learning Links – 2.45-3.20pm
28 March	Year 4 Walk to St Peter's church
28 March	Year 6 Learning Links – 2.45-3.20pm
30 March	CPTA Bunny Bingo 5.30-7.30pm
31 March	Last day of term – 1pm finish
3-14 April	Easter holidays
17 April	School restarts for the Summer Term
24 April	CPTA Year 5/6 Bakey Monday
26 April	Year 4 swimming starts
1 May	Bank holiday
5 May	Coronation day at Ocean
8 May	Bank holiday
9-12 May	SATS week
17-19 May	Year 6 residential New Forest
29 May-2 June	Half Term