



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 31st January 2020

COMING UP

Monday 3rd February

Mental Health Awareness Week

Tuesday 4th February

Judaism workshops in school for all classes

Wednesday 5th February

Mix96 to speak to Mental Health Heroes

Friday 7th February

Wear orange for Muscular Dystrophy and donate money to this worthy cause.



Child of the Week

EYFS:

Reuben B for always choosing a challenge.

Year 1:

Lily S for a fantastic recount of the Space Dome visit.

Year 2:

Kobi N for his excellent attitude in class.

Year 3:

Daniel P for being so helpful around the class.

Year 4:

Ava-Mae R for working so hard, converting time from minutes to seconds.

Year 5:

Brooks E for having a positive attitude to her learning.

Year 6:

Isabelle H for being a mature member of the class and using this approach in her learning too.



Stepping Stone to Success Award

Perseverance: to Samanyu S (Class 5) for perseverance in swimming to improve his breast stroke.

Perseverance: to Emily Y (Class 3) for working hard even though she was poorly.

Community : to Eoin C (Class 4) for always looking out for his peers and putting a smile on everyone's faces.

Compassion: to Tilly H (Class 2) for helping others who are hurt or upset.

Respect: to Oscar K (Class R) for being respectful about colour mixing.

Perseverance: to Mayson B (Class 1) for great perseverance and effort with his phonics.

Responsibility: to Ben Bu (Class 6) for being a responsible member of the class and always remembering his jobs.



Hot Chocolate

Amelia—Yr R, Cate—Yr 1, Phoebe—Yr 2, Ethan—Yr 3, Leah—Yr 4, Arnika—Yr 5 and Summer P—Yr 6 all had hot chocolate with Mrs Morrison to celebrate their special acts of kindness this week.



Good Learning Certificates

This is a termly award. Please come into the hall to see your child's work or photos displayed.

EYFS: Faith W, Olly A, Nathaniel W, Hugo B and Zack C.

Class 1: Sienna C, Trent D, Charles B, Zac C and William S.

Class 2: Emily C, Alfie H, Freddie H and Ariya H.

Class 3: Arthur L, Pryanishi S, and Taylor L.

Class 4: Safia T, Phoebe B, and Jasper S.

Class 5: Rachel P, Joy S, Hayley F, George D, Charlie S, Millie R and Alison N.

Class 6: Charlie S, Alison N and Millie R.

Life Skills Skills for Life

This week, we have been reinforcing growth mindset. We learnt all about Maggie Aderin-Pocock, a space scientist:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YTnTBpOLIs&index=8&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zJd_7P8nYtjwGL3msqnLC6e

We spoke about how important it is to ask questions, read and use other resources to find out about the world and persevere even when things are hard. Maggie struggled at school and has Dyslexia, yet her determination and perseverance led to her designing satellites which have gathered important information about climate change and are helping to change the world.

We listened to Phats & Small, Turn Around:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJPX8zyUmxQ>

Recommended Resource:

This week's recommended resource is a goal planning activity to support aspiration. Please find attached.



Lily Makes Our School Vision come Alive

This week, I was very proud to receive an email from, Simon Morgan, the Community Fundraiser at Florence House Hospice Charity. He told me that one of our students, Lily in Year 5, raised £41 for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity by holding a raffle. Lily told me how she wanted to help a charity after watching people suffering on TV.

Lily is living our vision statement, 'Love one another as I have loved you... helping each other to reach for the stars.' I am so impressed that she not only thought about others but took action to make the lives of others better. Congratulations Lily - keep changing the world.



Readathon Results

Our target for the Readathon was £2,070. To date the school has raised £994.57. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children and sent in the money. If you are still collecting sponsorship money please send it in at your earliest convenience.

Class R has raised £8.00, Class 1 £188.00, Class 2 £217.00, Class 3 £61.00, Class 4 £254.00, Class 5 £81.97 and Class 6 £184.60 so far.

Thank you for your support.



Explorer Dome

Class 1, 3 and 5 enjoyed a science lesson with a difference this week - inside the giant ExplorerDome! Class 1 continued their learning about space, as well as hearing some great stories about the constellations,

Please find below an account of her experience in the Space Dome from Isabella P, Class 5:

On Wednesday 29th January we went into a Space Dome at school and met space experts Russell and James. We went through a tunnel which led us to the room. First we learnt about every planet, Saturn has reflected rings, Jupiter is the biggest planet and one side of Mercury is hot which is facing the side of the sun and the other side which isn't facing the sun is cold.

We also learnt that the sun will explode in 5 billion years and Uranus used to be called George. Then we learnt about stars and saw where the Sirius star was, and the Orion's Belt star was. We then looked at all the stars, the North Star doesn't move. Next we heard a story about the constellations. It was very gruesome! After we heard the story we had finished our Space Dome visit. We went back out of the black turny tunnel which had majestic lights. We'd finished our adventure. It was really interesting and fun.



Young Carers Awareness Day

This Thursday was Young Carers Awareness Day and our Young Carers were lucky to join other schools from Buckinghamshire at the Young Carers Awards.

When the children arrived they were amazed by the beautiful modern church setting in Amersham. They were taken to their table whilst music was playing.

Stone School was awarded a Gold award. The children were called onto the stage to collect their award, certificate and a present! They then had hot chocolate with cream and chocolate muffins and took part in dancing and games.

We are so proud of you all.



Congratulations

On the 24th January Layla R from Class 6 won the 400metres at the ONB County Swimming competition. Many congratulations.

Shoe Box Destination



Mrs Hopcroft has told us that she had an e-mail from Samaritans Purse telling her that the shoeboxes you brought into school as part of Operation Christmas child were sent to Moldova. They said:

Thank you so much for packing a shoebox in 2019 and bringing a huge smile to a child in need. You were part of sending a fantastic 398,664 gifts of love from the UK to Africa, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East.



SSPTA Events

Friday 14th February Hot Dog Lunch

Inset Days 2019/20

Friday 22nd May 2020, Friday 10th July 2020



Emergency Closure Procedures

Please may we remind you of the procedures with regard to any adverse weather conditions that may occur this winter—

1. A decision will be made about the school closure as early as possible and the decision will be based on health and safety grounds which will include not having enough staff at school to supervise our pupils, the safety of pupils and staff getting to school ,etc
2. A message will go on to the Bucks County Council School closure website:

<https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>

and On Mix 96.
3. If the notices listed above have not been implemented, then the school will remain open; please may we kindly ask that you do not phone school to check.
4. If the school is open but we need to close earlier than 3.15pm, we will contact you via text or telephone.

Please be assured, we will always try and keep the school open if we can. It is also entirely the responsibility of the parent/carer to decide whether it is safe to travel to and from school in inclement weather and we will respect the choices you make.

As is normal practice, please inform the school by leaving a message on the telephone absence line or send us an e-mail if your child is not going to be present at school.

Dates for 2019/20

Spring Term 2020: Tuesday 7th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020: Monday April 20th to Tuesday 21st July 2020

Half Term: Friday 22nd May to Friday 29th May 2020

Dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020: Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 18th December

Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Spring Term 2021: Tuesday 5th January to Thursday 1st April

Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2021: Monday 19th April to Wednesday 21st July

Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Inset Days 2020/21

Tuesday 1st September 2020, Monday 4th January 2021 plus 3 others to be allocated by the school.