

12th October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Last Thursday we held a Macmillan Coffee Day and yet again our pupils have shown they have got what it takes when it comes to fundraising. We were overwhelmed with their response when asked to provide cakes/biscuits to sell on the day. The day was a huge success attracting many parents/carers into school. Thanks must also go to Costa Rawtenstall, Tesco, the Co-op and Seasons Florists in Whitworth for their kind donations. The final total stands at an amazing **£1,006.00!!** Well done to all involved and a special thank you to Mrs Thompson for organising the day. Following sales again at both break-time and lunchtime on Friday, the remainder of cakes were donated to the Fire Station in Rawtenstall, the Ambulance Station, The Hub and Rossendale Hospice.

Thank you to those parents who attended Year 11 Progress evening on Tuesday. It was lovely to see you there. If you did not attend you will receive your child's report in the post in the next few days. If you do not receive it please contact school and we will arrange for another one to be sent home. Please contact your child's Form Tutor if you would like to discuss your child's report.

Congratulations go to Mrs Leyland. Last week a representative from Teaching Personnel came into school as Mrs Clement had nominated Mrs Leyland for 'Teaching Assistant of the Year'. In recognition of this nomination and for her contribution and dedication to her position Mrs Leyland received a certificate, a bunch of flowers, a box of chocolates and a bottle of wine.

On the morning of Friday 19th October the pupil with the most smileys from each Year group will be taken out of school to go to McDonalds and be treated to breakfast. Names of those pupils will appear in next week's newsletter!

Well done to Millie Hardiker, this week she featured on the Sally Naden show on Radio Lancashire. Millie did a super job and yet again made us all very proud to have such an outstanding yet humble young lady as our Head Girl. Thank you to Catherine Smyth for taking Millie and supporting her throughout what must have been quite a nerve-wracking experience on live radio.

Well done must also go to Leon Yilmaz who travelled to Leeds College of Music to attend a ceremony where he was presented with a Diana Award in recognition for his contribution to society. Leon has been on the Youth Council at the Zone in Rawtenstall for around two years. Leon is actively involved with many different projects and believes being on the Youth Council means he can help to make Rossendale a better place and also try to get the voice of young people heard. Great work Leon!

A reminder for parents/guardians that the consultation period on conversion to Academy status will run until 6th November 2018. There is a consultation document and questionnaire to enable you to respond, please click on the following link: www.fearns.lancs.sch.uk/academy Star Academies Trust want to work closely with parents and will continually seek your feedback. This ongoing engagement is critical to their approach and will support the success of the school moving forward. Please check our school website for regular updates.

Please could I remind parents/guardians about the Rossendale Hospice box which your child should have brought home a couple of weeks ago. If you feel that you are able to support this worthy cause please place any spare change you may have into the box and return it to school by Wednesday 31st October. Rossendale Hospice offers a range of services to patients and their families living with a life-limiting illness. All of their services are provided free of charge. To find out more information visit their website www.rossendalehospice.org



Bert the Bookworm Recommends...

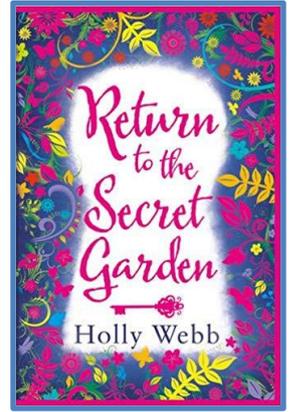
Return to the Secret Garden by Holly Webb

My favourite character was the Robin.

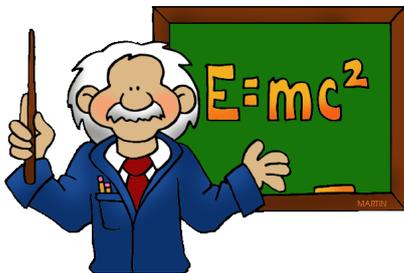
The story is set in 1919 when a group of children have been evacuated from London and are sent to a big house in the country. Emmie starts to discover a boy crying in the night, a diary wrote by Mary and a garden..... a secret garden.

I would recommend this book.

Leah Bishop 8A



Numeracy Question



The answer to last week's numeracy question is 91.

This week's numeracy question is: I am a perfect square, I have three digits, I am palindromic, the sum of my digits is prime. What number am I?

I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher