



Headteacher Awards

Donaldson Maze

Dahl Adam

Suess Chloe

Morpurgo Charlie

Value Awards

Donaldson Ody

Dahl Michael

Suess Emelia

Morpurgo Nicole

House Points

Lygon 246 Russell 270

Morris 295 Eadburgha 260

Attendance this week

Donaldson 96%

Dahl 100%

Suess 95%

Morpurgo 93%

Message from Mr Poultney:

Some of our children participated in Young Voices. This is a fantastic experience with the children working together and with other schools to put on a huge concert with professional artists. I know the children had a super time and I have seen the footage of them singing so enthusiastically. Thank you to the staff that attended as it did involve a late night.

Look out for dates as we will be announcing the spring term Parents' Evening sessions alongside Family Lunches and Class Assemblies.

Page 3 of this newsletter shows some great work our OPAL Play has enabled our children to get involved in. Not only has it allowed the children to be creative but it has harnessed some real teamwork and resilience, which of course was one of the main reasons for introducing OPAL Play. We still don't have wellies for all our children, which does limit the activities they can use so please do send some in or come to see us if there's a problem.

Have a super weekend.

Letters sent out this week

- Board Games cancelled—20th January
- Please don't send fidget toys to school unless authorised by class teachers

The **Golden Welly** award has been introduced as an opportunity to celebrate the children and their amazing play. Children can achieve this award for using their initiative during play, outstanding behaviour, supporting each other or being a kind friend. This week's awards go to: Lottie, James & Cody

**GOLDEN
WELLY
AWARD**



Donaldson (Class 1)

This week in Class 1, we have been reading 'The ugly five' by Julia Donaldson linked our maths topic and learning about 1 more and 1 less. We have continued to explore the DT unit 'Let's make hats' where we have looked at features of different hats and experimented with how to make these shapes using playdough, such as using a mould to create a bowl shape, and squeezing and pinching the playdough to make peaks or flaps. We have then drawn our favourite hats and written a caption about it. In science, we are continuing to learn about our bodies, with a focus on what our hands and feet can do. Our Big question is to think of something we don't use our hands for? We have drawn around our hands to make puppets and practised our cutting and fine motor skills to cut these out. Well done!



Dahl (Class 2)



This week in Dahl Class, we have continued learning about Shape in Maths. We have counted faces, edges and vertices on 3-D shapes, sorted 2-D and 3-D shapes and made patterns. In History, the children really impressed me with their recall of key facts and dates about the Great Fire of London and we learned some more about Samuel Pepys, putting ourselves into his shoes by writing our own diary entry. In Science, we sorted objects based on what material they were made from - we chose our own groups from what we could see. In Computing, we created a file in Paint and learned how to save it into our documents. Well done everyone!

Suess (Class 3)

This week in class 3, we have been learning about UV light and the dangers this can lead to. We created an experiment and observed the effects of UV light, however we also looked at why sunlight is so important to life on Earth.

In English, we have tried to add suspense with short snappy sentences and dramatic connections. Year 4 were also creating PowerPoints about London and where their scene was going to be set, they presented this to Year 3. In Maths, we have continued with multiplication and division using the 3, 6 and 9 times table. Well done Suess!



Morpurgo (Class 4)

In Morpurgo Class this week, we have explored the effects of the Sun's light on our skin. We used UV beads, coated in different SPF sun creams, and left them outside all day to identify how UV rays from the sun can damage our skin if it isn't protected. We also realised that SPF 50 protects our skin a lot more than SPF 15! In English, we have been continuing to read The London Eye Mystery, making inferences and predictions as we find out more information, so we can try to solve the mystery! Finally, in Maths, Year 4 have been finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, while Year 5 have been calculating the area of rectangles. Well done, Morpurgo!



Laugh 'n' Learn Preschool

In Laugh 'n' Learn this week, we have continued to 'Show me 123' and developing our fast recognition of up to 3 objects and showing numbers up to 5 using our hands. We have loved the number books, rhymes and looking at the 'adventures of 1 and 2 and 3. We have practised matching Numicon pieces to the correct number of objects and dot patterns. In phonics, we have used rhyme and alliteration to create silly words using different voice sounds. We have practised our oral blending with 'Fred Talk' games and recognising parts of our body when segmented into the sounds e.g. h-a-n-d. We have loved Forest School and making natural crown hats!



OPAL

Wow! Look at the amazing den the children have created using loose parts (tarpaulins, ropes, crate and tyres). It has been great to watch this develop over the week with lots of children being engaged in creating this. It needed the children to work as a team to compromise, problem solve and be creative. They also decided on their own rules in the den and were managing their own risks as they built this!



Week commencing 20th January 2025

Tuesday 21st January	Piano Lessons Table Tennis
Wednesday 22nd January	Book & Biscuit—Pre-school Ukulele lessons Gymnastics club
Thursday 23rd January	Forest school—class 4 Indoor games
Friday 24th January	Broadway Arts Festival—Poetry Slam in school—Years 1-5