

# Aspire, Believe, Strive, Achieve Issue 17 Week Ending 1st February 2019



# Staff News

There are two pieces of news regarding members of staff. The first thing to let you know is that Mr. Ellis will be absent for a few weeks. We look forward to welcoming him back, hopefully in about six weeks, but in the meantime, if you have any queries related to inclusion, please speak either to your child's teacher or to Mr. Smart, Ms. Guest or Mrs. Yoshida. Mr. Ellis has left everything in good order, and the staff are following established plans for working with children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), so we don't foresee any detriment to the children's learning during Mr. Ellis' relatively short absence. However, please note that during this period, only essential and urgent SEND leadership work will take place. Thank you in advance for your understanding. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Ellis back to school.

Our second piece of news is that Mrs. O'Rourke is leaving us at February half term. We would like to thank Mrs. O'Rourke for her service to the school over the last four and a half years and we wish her success and happiness in all that she does. After half term, Mr. Price will take charge of Oaks class for the remainder of the school year. A separate letter has been sent to the parents of children in Oaks to explain a little bit more about this.

# Rights Respecting School - Outright Project

Your child has been learning all about air quality and the effect it can have on children. Article 24 of the Rights of the Child states: "Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment and education on health and well being so that children can stay healthy". Please ask your child if they remember anything about these lessons and, if you should go out and about over the weekend, please spend some time looking at the number of cars, litter, graffiti etc around. This will really help the children understand how we can all improve our local area.

### Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings are coming up on 13th and 14th February. A letter will come home on Monday about this. Please ensure you book your appointments.

### Netball Match

On Thursday a netball match was played between Beeches and Twickenham schools. Our squad consisted of: Shiyaad, Alfie W, Lola, Tuyen, Haya, Harjas and Millie. Everyone played extremely well, Harjas and Alfie defending awesomely, Shiyaad and Haya delivering the ball towards the goal along with Tuyen and Lola shooting our goals, all piecing together to give us a 6-3 win! At the beginning, we lost the ball a couple of times, along with our focus, but were suddenly back on track and by the end of the second half we were in the lead. Well done everyone!

Millie (Willows)

#### Lost Item

One of our children has lost a blue GPS tracking smartwatch. If your child has brought one home by mistake, please bring it to the office so it can be returned to its rightful owner.

# Teacher Day

A reminder that Friday 15th February is a Teacher Day, so the children here will break up for half term on Thursday 14th. Please note that the infant school is open for children on Friday 15th. Apologies for any inconvenience - our Teacher Days are usually aligned, but it wasn't possible this time.

### Genre Awards This Week

Bronze: Yozarseef (Birches) & Lexie (Oaks)

#### Pen Licence This Week

Mia (Sycamores)

#### Beeches Brilliant Writers

Last week's winners: Emily M, Hannah & Mahira (Firs)

This week's prompt: Bubble

#### Whole School Attendance

This Week: 95.7% Year So Far: 96.9%

### This Week's Team Points

809 1. Red Phoenix 2. Blue Dragons 777 3. Yellow Unicorns 627 4. Green Griffins 503

# Pupil of the Week

Elms: Quianna Cedars: Mohamad Firs: Sawan Pines: Tim

Oaks: Zayaan Sycamores: Johnson Birches: Corey-Lee Chestnuts: Jenea Palms: Aleks Magnolias: Joel Spruces: Simrita Willows: Hamza

# Diary Dates

Wed 6 Feb, 9.00am Y4 Inspire Workshop Science afternoon Mon 11 Feb Wed 13 & Thu 14 Feb Parents' evenings Break up for half term Thu 14 Feb Fri 15 Feb Teacher Day - school closed

Mon 25 Feb School reopens

Tue 5 Mar Year 6 visit to Botanical Gardens

Thu 14 Mar Year 3 Roman Day

Mon 8 - Wed 10 Apr Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands

Fri 12 Apr Break up for Easter Mon 29 Apr School reopens

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