

Friday 29th January 2016

Message from the head

As next Tuesday is the first Tuesday of the month I will be holding my regular 'Meet Marianne' event. This is an opportunity for us to share a cup of tea or coffee and talk about school issues. This month I would like the theme of our discussions to be homework, and I will share with you our ideas for making this better. We can, of course, also discuss any other whole school topics which interest you. The meeting will take place in the bottom hall and you can drop in any time between 9:10 until 10:00. Do try and come along, I will look forward to talking to you.



E-safety

We have been made aware of some incidents where children have been unkind on messaging apps outside of school. We would like to ask you all to be vigilant and ensure you are aware of what apps and websites your children are using. Most of the issues at the moment seem to be happening on mobile phones. If you do become aware of any issues which arise, even though they have happened outside of school, please do let us know and we will be happy to help.

'Safer Internet Day' takes place on 9th February with the theme 'Play your part for a better internet'. As well as the usual safety messages taught through our curriculum we will be recognising this day with themed lessons in all year groups. Please visit the school website for a comprehensive list of websites that can support you in any aspect of esafety—under the School Info then in Educational Links or using the QR code above. Or ask any of the school staff for help.



Maths Puzzle—Can you solve it?

Well done to Hannah in Jersey class who earned a merit by being first to solve last weeks matchstick puzzle. Also to Goldie in Tahiti class who solved both puzzles—the only person to solve the very tricky triangle puzzle! This weeks puzzles are below—can you and your children solve it and win a merit?

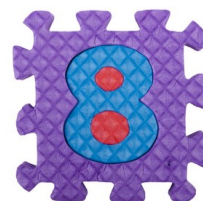
PUZZLE 1: When asked about his birthday, a man said: "The day before yesterday I was only 25 and next year I will turn 28."

This is true only one day in a year - when was he born?



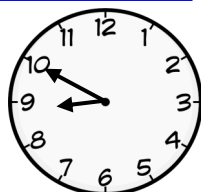
PUZZLE 2: How can you add eight 8's in an addition sentence to get the number 1000?

Note: no other digits can be used other than your eight 8s.



Morning Gate

Please remember that the front and back gates to the school do not open until 8.50am. Only children attending Breakfast club or morning Music Clubs will be able to gain access to the school grounds before then. There is no need to buzz the gate if you are coming in to school other than for Breakfast or Music clubs. They will be left open for you promptly at 8.50am. Thank you.



Dates for your calendar

1st February	Year 5 to the Royal Observatory
10th February	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre
10th February	Tahiti Class to CLC
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
22nd February	School Opens—children back
3rd March	Jamaica Class to CLC
4th March	Cuba Class to CLC
8th March	Year 1 to Unicorn Theatre
24th March	Last day of term—close @ 2pm
25th Mar-8th Apr	Easter Holidays
11th April	School Opens—children back
2nd May	May Day Holiday—School Closed
30th May-3rd June	Summer Half Term Holiday
6th June	INSET Day—School Closed
7th June	School Opens—children back
4th July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
20th July	Last day of term—close @ 2pm



Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners

18th-22nd January

Attendance KS1: **Skye—94.67%**

Attendance KS2: **Sicily—97.69%**

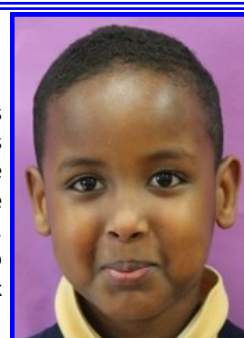
Early Bird: **Mull Class—1 lates**



Don't forget about the prize draw at the end of the term to win an iPad mini for the children with 100% attendance. Lots of them are talking about it and we're already seeing an improvement in some children's attendance!

Well done Anas!

We are so impressed with the progress Anas has made in his handwriting we wanted to celebrate it with you all. He has worked incredibly hard since being with us to overcome difficulties he has had with his pencil grip. As you can see below he is now able to write brilliantly using a joined script. Hard work and determination certainly has helped Anas to 'Be the Best He Can Be' (see our new project on the back page). Well done Anas, we could not be more proud of you.

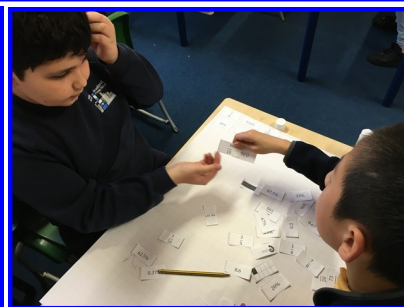
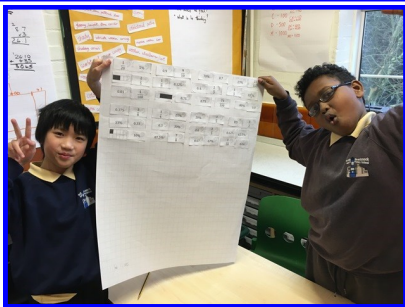


In 1901 Shackleton was chosen to lead his expedition with his friend Robert Scott. They trekked to the South Pole but they were getting closer than anyone had come before. Unfortunately he was seriously ill and had to remain home. In 1908 he did his second attempt and he was captain of the boat Nimrod.

During Shackleton's expedition important scientific discoveries were made. Shackleton had turned back because of terrible weather conditions. In 1911 a Norwegian explorer called Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole after that Robert Scott died.

Friday Tea—Year 3—Friday 5th February





In Year 6 some children had maths challenge this week. They were in teams with loads of fractions, decimals and percentages to sort into equivalent pairs. Well done Robert and Billy who managed to complete the task quickest (11 mins 3secs) with no error penalties! Great job guys.



Mike Mullen's Special Assembly

On Monday we had an inspirational assembly from a World Champion BMX legend, Mike Mullen. He told us all about his life, how he reached for his goals and then showed us some BMX tricks.

He left us with some very important lessons that we will be taking forward as part of our whole school 'Be the Best You Can Be' project:

'Your biggest barriers teach you the best lessons' **'Never give up, always keep trying'**
'If it's to be, it's up to me' **'Learn from your role models'**

We learnt a lot from Mike and were lucky he could share his knowledge and enthusiasm with us. Well done too to Az, who Mike pushed out of his comfort zone and into the learning zone, see him balancing on the bike! Also to the 4 brave teachers who let Mike jump over them on his bike! The children listened so well and asked great questions. To see videos of the assembly use the QR code or go to our website. Afterwards children went back to class and did further work on what Mike had spoken about.



Year 6 they used his talk as a stimulus for some writing. Here is what Hamid wrote:
Ever wondered what it takes to become a champion? Well, today we found out how from Mike Mullen, a former professional BMX World Champion! He showed us that with a lot of hard work and determination, you can be a champion. You won't get anywhere by relaxing and slacking off, you need grit, passion and perseverance. He told us that no-matter how much of a challenge you face, you need to power through and give it your best shot. Be the best you can be!

He went on to provide examples of Mike's journey before ending...

Mike Mullen is an extraordinary figure who taught us to learn from our mistakes and that nothing is easy in life. We need to strive to survive. 'If it's to be, it's up to me!'

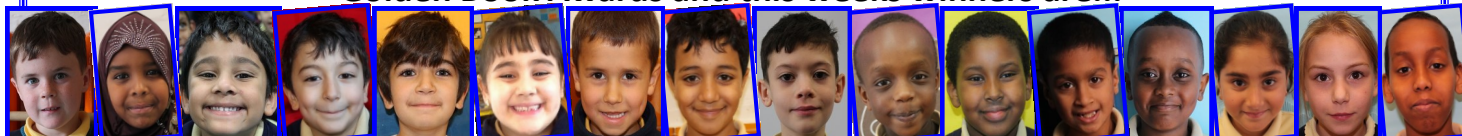


Clay Trolls in Guernsey Class

Last week, Year 2 used clay to make their very own trolls. We've been covering traditional tales in literacy so it was a perfect opportunity to get our hands dirty and be creative! The children enjoyed sculpting and shaping the clay. Some trolls look very familiar!



Golden Book Awards and this weeks winners are...



Liam & Aaliya—Mull, Rizwan & Devrim—Skye, Daniel & Helin—Guernsey, Jago & Abdulrahman—Jersey, Ryan & Ahmed—Y3, Saki & Ikram—Y4, Senay & Diana—Y5, Chloe & Zakariye—Y6