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Friday 16th December 2022

This week's stars are:



Class 1: Joanie-May for fantastic work in phonics, being helpful and having a super attitude.

Class 2: Jaxon for her fantastic phonics progress and enthusiasm for reading.

Class 3: Edie for great attitude to her sustained learning

Class 4: Polly for fabulous work and confidence with her maths.

Class 1: This week in Class 1 we have been very busy! The children have been continuing to practice their sounding and blending skills with our phonics and showing the start of super writing skills as we have written short captions together. All the children have done a fantastic job singing and dancing all week. With the frosty weather this week, we set up an experiment to see if we could freeze water balloons outside. We then had a close look at ice crystals and talked about how it forms. Class 1 have also been very creative as we have created sun catchers using cellophane and paper and practiced our fine motor skills constructing sugar cube igloos, and set each other challenges of creating the longest paper chain. Well done Class 1!

Please could all reading books be brought back in to school, over the Christmas break we will send some reading books home to help keep our phonics skills fresh.

Class2: What a week! Class 2 have all been absolute superstars this week performing their nativity in front of all their friends and family! They have shown that they can all be incredibly brave in challenging themselves to do something that feels a little scary and still pull it out the bag! I hope you are all proud of yourselves year 2. It's like we say in class - WE CAN DO HARD THINGS!

Class 3: Although feeling tired and ready for a break, the children are very excited, plus the weather has added to the atmosphere and anticipation of winter. In Maths this week both groups have been working on multiplication and division, they have also completed some little assessments too. In English we have continued to work at improving descriptions, thinking about more ambitious language, sentence starters and the punctuation and grammar.

In Science the children found out about the diaphragm muscle and its job of helping us to breathe. In Geography we revisited some earlier learning and matched lots of countries to continents using atlases and globes. I would also like to say how proud I am of the Yr3 and Yr4 with their singing, listening and behaviour as they supported the infants with their Nativity in Church.

Class 4: This week we have been busy putting finishing touches to our websites in Computing. We really enjoyed taking part in the Nativity performance on Wednesday night and we feel very Christmassy now.

In P.E we rounded off our dance work by choreographing Christmas dance routines and we took part in a Cosmic Yoga session. On Tuesday we joined the Royal Mint live lesson to learn about how coins are made and to witness the 1st coins being made for King Charles 3rd.

The New Year 2023

As you are aware, Mrs. Colley will be leaving Lowca in her role as our executive head at the end of December and will be returning to being St. Bridget's Head full time, she wishes to say a massive 'thank you' to all the parents and staff for making her feel so welcome over this term and will miss us all very much.

Also, we are bidding a fond farewell to Mrs. Casey who is our class 2 teacher, and Mrs. Draper who is HLTA in C4.

We wish them all the very best as they move on to new and exciting opportunities and hope that they won't be strangers to us!

Mrs. Colley has been working with the new head Mrs. Walker so that Mrs. Walker can hit the ground running in January! In Class 2 (Y1 and 2) Miss Conroy will be taking over as their teacher until the end of summer term, she is well known to the school as she covered whilst Ms. Lawson was on sick. Miss Rawlinson will be class support with Miss Lawson in C4 full time for the first half of the term and Miss Henderson will be C1 support with Miss O'Neill full time for the first half of the term.

ABSENCES

Over the last 12 months we have had instances where parents and guardians have said their children are ill when they have actually been away on holiday. It would be better if a letter was sent into school telling us that your children will be away rather than us phoning parents/guardians and being told something different. We would rather know truthfully than be concerned over lack of contact and then it TRIGGER A SAFEGUARDING ACTION. We do usually have a good idea as the children either tell us about it before hand or when they get back, and also their fellow class mates usually inform us what is going on!! We are aware that it would be an unauthorized absence but it is safer for us to know what is really going on as we are legally obliged to flag this up if we do not have official notification. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
20 th December	Finish for the Holidays at 1:15pm
4 th January 2023	Back in 8.45am on the 4th January 2023

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Ruth Colley. Tell: 01946 372 656

