This week's merit certificates are awarded to; Darwin Class – William & Loki Curie Class – Zachary & Eva Attenborough Class – Harry & Beau Einstein Class – Jack & Rose Sports Infants – Riley Sports Juniors – Stirling Music – Alfie GL Well done everyone!



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### Dates for your Diary

5-9<sup>th</sup> July - No Teacher Led Clubs or Multi Sports Clubs.
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm Newton, Darwin and Curie Sports Day
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Whole School Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm Attenborough and Einstein Sports Day
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July - 2.30pm Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Non-Uniform Day for everyone. Year 6, please bring a shirt and pens for signing.



#### <u>Birthdays</u>

Happy Birthday to Bertie L who has his Birthday coming up next week. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a lovely day.

Teacher Led Clubs and Multi Sports Clubs

This week was the last week of our Teacher Led Clubs and Multi Sports Club this Half Term. There are therefore none taking place next week, in the last week of term. However, Mr/Mrs Watkin's Breakfast and After School Clubs are still available.

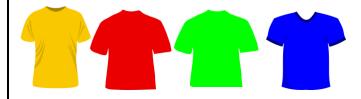
#### Buckminster PTFA's Sizzling Summer Raffle!

Roll up, roll up! The Sizzling Summer Raffle is being drawn next week but there is still time for you to purchase your tickets.

Tickets can be paid for via Paypal <u>buckminsterptfa@gmail.com</u> or in a named envelope labelled 'Summer Raffle' to the School Office.



#### Sports Days



Children will need to come dressed for sports day on their specific day and wear a t-shirt matching their house colour if possible. If you have not got the right colour top, a white one will do and we will give out coloured bands.

Children must come with a sun hat, a waterproof (if rain is forecast) and a water bottle. Summer raffle tickets will be on sale along with ice creams and lollies so bring some money along too.

Spectators will need a picnic blanket or seat to sit on and will be directed to a specific area on the field to ensure we only have 30 in any one group. Spectators will not be allowed on the bank this year.

If we feel it will need to be cancelled due to the weather, we will inform parents by 12.00pm so please do not phone up in the morning. Thank you

#### <u>Bringing toys to school</u>

We have got an increasing number of children bringing toys and Poppets into school. Unless it has been agreed by the teacher, children must not bring their own belongings into school apart from their books, pencil cases and bottles. If a child is found to be in possession of a toy, it will be kept in the office until the end of that week. Thank you.



#### Reading books

Please ensure all reading books/school books are in your child's book bag by Monday so teachers can collect them in. No reading books will be sent home next week or over the summer holidays. Teachers will put suggested reading lists on their class page on the website.

#### <u>Children's work</u>

Your child's work will be sent home on Wednesday but they will need a carrier bag to put it all in. Please can you send a bag in anytime up to Wednesday. Thank you



## Year 6 Leaver's Assembly at 2.30 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

All parents are welcome to join us on the playground to watch the Year 6 share some memories with you. Afterwards there will be the annual water fight so bring in your water pistols and clothes to change into, plus a towel. Mrs Clarke has bought a huge pistol this year so watch out and parents are welcome to join in if they dare!!



Mr and Mrs Kemp have very kindly arranged for an ice cream van to be at school for the children as well. The children do not need any money as Karen and Paul will cover the cost – thank you so much!

We anticipate the afternoon finishing around 4pm so if you have younger siblings to collect, bring them over to join us.



#### Attenborough's Active Maths

Children were finding right angles and acute and obtuse angles on the playground. We found loads more right angles and asked ourselves why there are more right angles about than acute and obtuse angles.



### School Council



The School Councillors met with Mrs Clarke today to present the results of the recent Pupil Voice Survey. The survey focused on playtimes, school dinners, seating space and the school farm.

#### Key Stage 2 School Councillors (Alfie, Jacob, Summer, Sam, Thomas, Holly, Rohan, and Willow)

Thank you for meeting with us today. We wanted to share the general outcome of the school council survey with you. We are pleased to say, that overall the responses were positive and that our school is a happy place to learn and play. The school councillors each took a question and reviewed the most common answers. We narrowed the answers down by highlighting the responses that we thought stood out as the most interesting. We identified the most relevant responses, with a focus on outside play and school dinners.

In the school council survey, we asked where everyone likes to play outside. The most frequent response was the school field. The other areas included the playground, trim trail and the green. However, some people also said they like to play games such as Kings Square. We also asked, 'what else would you like outside during playtimes?'

Our most popular five responses were: more time in the spinney more shelter more sports equipment more basketballs, footballs, and rugby balls more games that involve everyone.

In the survey, we also asked questions about the school dinners and packed lunches. We looked at the responses for whether children enjoyed hot dinners. Most children gave positive feedback about what they like, including gravy, potatoes, and pizza. One person even suggested that we should have fish and chips every day! However, we know how important it is to have a balanced diet with a variety of food.

Although most people said they thought the school dinners were yummy and taste good, we did have some suggestions to improve the hot dinners. These responses included more food choices such as tuna or salad wraps and more soft drinks available. However, we did identify two responses that we thought were important to share with you. The first is that the hot dinners needed to be of better quality, sometimes they are not warm enough. The second suggestion is that there should be alternative dietary choices which include dairy-free options, available. Overall, the comments were positive. These included portion sizes and nicely presented food. We feel confident that most people enjoy the school dinners and that there is enough variety of food every day.

#### Key Stage 1 School Councillors (Sam, Loki, Eva, and Francesca)

Thank you for meeting with us today, Mrs Clarke. We have looked at the responses from the school council survey. The school council want to share the most frequent feedback for outside seating from children with packed lunches and the ideas for the school farm.

Most responses from children were that they wanted more seating on the field, with picnic benches and blankets so that when it is wet on the seats or ground, they do not get soggy or muddy clothes.

We also asked for other suggestions to improve the outside area. One idea included taller school fencing to stop the balls from going over the fence. However, another proposal was that football, on the playground, should not be played because other children might get hit by the ball. One person suggested that a proper pitch should be marked out on the field so that children could play there instead.

In the school council survey, we asked what everyone would like to see on the school farm. The responses were very positive. Most children suggested flowers, strawberries, vegetables, and herbs in the garden. When we asked what animals should be on the farm, most children voted for guinea pigs, chickens, rabbits, and ducks as the school farm animals.

Thank you for meeting with us today.

#### Isaac the Artist

Curie class has been replicating David Hockney art using oil pastels. Isaac has done a brilliant job and Devon has the original picture on the ipad.



#### Attenborough Class STEM Project

The children were in the spinney finding resources for their floating gardens project.



<u>Marathon Running</u> Inspired by Ben Smith the Inspire+ Ambassador who ran 401 marathons, a group of children ran the length of a full marathon over a few days. Well done to Jack, Charlotte, Alexa C and Alex (who ran 2 marathons) and Jack, Alexa C, Alex, Stirling, Jacob, Charlie TD, Charlotte and Thomas R who ran one marathon between them. An amazing achievement! Thank you to all those who ran some of the way to give support. Dates for your Diary New dates will be added in red.

5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July - No Teacher led After School Clubs this week - Mr/Mrs Watkin's Breakfast and After School Clubs are still available though.

5<sup>th</sup> July – Pre-School, Year R, 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon – 1.30pm – Parents and family members welcome.

6<sup>th</sup> July - Whole School Transition Afternoon.

7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Afternoon - 1.30pm - Parents and family members welcome. 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

9<sup>th</sup> July - Whole School Non-Uniform - Year 6 bring pens and a School shirt to get signed! 9<sup>th</sup> July - School closes for Summer 3.20/30pm.

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