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Friday 24th March 2023

Writer of the Week

This week's writer of the week is Saya in Year 5 for her character description of her invented character for the book Wonder by R.J Palacio..

Friday 17th March 2023

WALT: write a character description. T.J. ①
Writing across the curriculum

There were footsteps coming nearer towards the door. August spun around in curiosity but turned back, covering his face with his hands, when he realised he was being stared at. Not long after, everyone's attention turned to the door which had been slammed open by an average sized boy with gelled, blonde hair and a cruel grin that approached his face once he caught sight of August.

"Good morning, classmates!" greeted the boy, still staring at August.

"Good morning, Oliver. There's a spare seat next to August. Please make yourself feel welcome... comfortable" welcomed Miss Petosa.

Oliver's smile saddened as he slowly strolled towards the seat the teacher pointed to. Just as he was about to sit down, purposely, he brushed past August's open pencil case and watched his stationery scatter to the floor carelessly.

"Oh no, I'm so sorry!" mocked Oliver.

"I-It's okay, no need to apologise," stuttered August.

Miss Petosa tutted and shook her head but when her back was turned, Oliver stuck his tongue out at August, showing his paperwhite teeth. August tried to pick them up until he got kicked by Oliver and let out a loud of pain. Everyone's eyes turned from their work to August.

"O-Ow!" yelled Oliver.

"What happened!?" exclaimed Miss Petosa.

"August kicked me!!" screamed Oliver.

The teacher's eyes widened as she stared at him. August looked up and felt the teacher's eyes stare at him. He felt full of fear even though he had nothing to worry about as it wasn't his fault. Oliver rotated his head so Miss Petosa couldn't see and gave a wink of cruelty, knowing it was the other way round.



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Ramadan and Eid

If you are wishing your child to fast whilst at school in order to observe the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, please let your child's teacher know. We advise for children Y3-6 only to participate in the fasting due to age and we ask that you please send a drink and food/snacks into school with your child as a precaution.

If your child will be absent from school to celebrate Eid, please let the school office know either in person or by phone, to have absence authorised, only one day will be authorised. Thank you.

Year 2 Parents

Year 2 parents, come and join us on Monday 24th April at 2:30pm to learn all about the statutory end of key stage 1 tests, also known as Year 2 SATS that your child will undertake in May.

Dinner Money

From Monday 17th April 2023, the cost of Dinners will rise to £2.80 per day. Can you please ensure you add credit to your meals account on parent pay before booking a meal. If accounts become in debt we will freeze the account and no meals will be ordered until the debt is cleared.

Certificates this week – well done to the following children

- Lucas, Nawaab & Fletcher
- Cemre, Zayan, Zuri & Zion
- Karlo, Poppy & Saya
- Alex, Leila, Jayah & Ektam
- Joella won the World Book Day writing competition.

Attendance

Well done year 4 you have the best attendance last week. School overall attendance is 93.4%

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
Year 1	275	0	15	10	300	91.7
Year 2	271	0	12	9	292	92.8
Year 3	296	0	10	4	310	95.5
Year 4	291	0	5	4	300	97.0
Year 5	295	0	6	9	310	95.2
Year 6	297	0	7	6	310	95.8
Totals	1725	0	55	42	1822	94.7



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If your child is ill you must let the school know each day. If we do not have a reason for the absence we have to record it as an unauthorised absence. To let us know your child is going to be absent please ring the school number (0121 429 4284) and press 1 to leave a message alternatively you could leave a text message at the following number 07483 306818. Please ensure you include the child's full name and what is wrong (e.g. vomiting, cough, cold, chicken pox), in some cases we may need contact you if we need more information.

Remember we will need to see proof of appointments in order to authorise those absences. Lates are being closely monitored and a reason for lateness will be requested on arrival.

School Uniform

Reminder about school uniform - could you please ensure that your child attends school every day in their school uniform except for P.E. days. If there is going to be an own clothes days in school you will be informed via text message and the information will also be available on the school website. Thank you



Parental Conduct - Reminder

We have had some instances during recent weeks where parents have been verbally aggressive towards staff members, therefore sadly I feel it necessary to put out this reminder

Acts of Violence, Physical Aggression, Threats and Verbal Abuse including those made through social media channels are unacceptable.

The School staff strive to treat visitors with due care, courtesy and respect. Our staff expect the public to show the same courtesy and respect.

Home Time

If someone different is going to be collecting your child/ children can you let the school office know before the end of the day please. We will **not** let your child go with anyone other than you or the person who normally collects them until we have had confirmation from parents.

Sleep – Does your child sleep? If not this book could be for you!

I received an email this week from the sleep charity about a free ebook for parents and carers about children's sleep. I have attached a copy to this email as it has some really good advice in it, worth having a look if you are experiencing sleep difficulties with you children.



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You can also access it by clicking on this link. <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/childrens-sleep-ebook/>

Dates for your Diary

Month	Date	Event
March	29 th	Early Years Easter Performance 9-10
	30 th	KS1 Easter Performance
	30 th	Year 5 trip to National Space Centre
	31 st	Break up for Easter Holidays
April	17 th	Term Starts
	24 th	Early years bedtime story event 9am in hall
	24 th	2.30pm Year 2 SATS meeting for Parents
	26 th	Computing Parent Workshop 9 – 10
May	1 st	School Closed – Bank Holiday Monday
	2 nd – 5 th	Year 3 and Year 4 residential trip to Frank Chapman
	8 th	School Closed – Bank Holiday Monday
	9 th – 12 th	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK – ALL YEAR 6 PUPILS MUST ATTEND.
	15 th	RE parent workshop for year 3 parents 2 -3
	17 th	9 – 10 Parent meeting about The Arts (art & design, music) curriculum meeting for parents – All parents welcome
	26 th	Break up for half term
June	5 th	Term starts
	5 th – 9 th	Year 4 multiplication tests
	9 th	Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter Studio Tour London 7.15 – 5pm
	12 th – 16 th	Year 1 phonics screening tests
	13 th	Y4 trip to Londonderry Baptist Church 09:00 - 12:00
	15 th	EYFS Father's Day stay and play 9 – 10
	15 th	RE parent workshop for year 2 parents 2 -3
	19 th	RE parent workshop for year 4 parents 2 -3
	26 th	RE parent workshop for year 5 parents 9 - 10
	27 th	RE parent workshop for year 6 parents 2 -3
	27 th	Early Years Sponsored Walk 9.30 – 11.30
	28 th	Sports Day at Thimblemill Rec
July	13 th	Y6 end of year production 9.15
	14 th	Y6 end of year production 1.30
	14 th	Reports out to parents



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	18 th	Year 6 Prom @ Thimblemill Recreation Ground 6pm – 8.30pm
	20 th	Nursery Graduation 9 – 10
	21 st	Year 6 leavers Assembly 1.30pm approx. Break up for Summer Holidays
	24 th	Training Day - school closed to pupils
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