



SUNFLOWER FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

**Friday
9th January**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20/01/26 Karate Taster Whole School
22/01/26 Year 1 -2 Dance Festival (Invitation only)
23/02/26 National Handwriting Day
03/02/26 Great Athlete Visit (whole school)
04/02/26 Road Safety
12/02/26 Year 3-4 Spirit of the Games Festival (Invitation only)
16/02/26- 20/02/26 HALF TERM
23/02/26 First Day Spring Term 2

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Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Despite the very chilly weather this week, it has been a wonderful start to the new term. The children have settled back into their routines so quickly, showing great enthusiasm and resilience as they returned to the classroom.

We have already been very busy beginning our exciting new topics, and it has been lovely to see the children so engaged and eager to learn. We are looking forward to a busy and successful term ahead, filled with lots of learning and new experiences.

Ms Tori Weal
Acting Executive Head of the Sunflower Federation

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Poppy Class

Daisy - For wonderful behaviour so far this term

Robyn - Respect - For consistently demonstrating respect and responsibility, serving as a positive role model, and always looking out for her classmates.

Eliza - Recognition - For her outstanding effort and achievement in English and phonics this week, demonstrating great focus and progress.

Rose Class

Max - Effort - For showing super-speedy maths skills, diving enthusiastically into our new comprehension lessons, and demonstrating outstanding hard work every single day. You're smashing it!

Krista- recognition - For showing remarkable perseverance while learning new comprehension skills, embracing mistakes as part of the journey, and supporting her friends with kindness and encouragement. You are a brilliant example of what a resilient learner looks like!

Kayla - Behaviour - For returning to school with an exceptionally positive mindset and consistently challenging herself in every lesson. Your attitude, effort, and willingness to push yourself has been impressive!

Greyson - Reading - For showing a fantastic willingness to read during our comprehension lesson, and for reading eloquently and with wonderful expression.

Bluebell Class

Finn & Heidi - For settling in so wonderfully and making a fantastic effort. Finn was especially proud to showcase his wooden boat from home, which he made with his Grandad—what a brilliant achievement!

Willow- Behaviour -For demonstrating great team spirit by helping her tablemates.

Jaydon - Effort - 'Having a go' attitude

Saffron Class

Samuel, Jacob, Joel, Eleanor and Ania all for super presentation in their Stonewall timeline work.

Daniel - Behaviour for a super start back to school.

PE CHALLENGE

PE Challenge: Spring 1

Every half-term, there will be a new PE Challenge. This is an optional challenge for you to complete at home to further improve your knowledge and understanding of PE and Sport! If you complete any of the challenges, please come and show/tell me. If you do a challenge, you will enter a prize draw to win a brand-new ball of your choosing! Every challenge you do is another entry to the prize draw, e.g. if you do 3 challenges, you get 3 entries.

KS1 Challenges:

- ❖ Writing Challenge- Write down 3 interesting facts about Gymnastics or Dance.
- ❖ Reading Challenge- Read a story with someone that is all about your favourite sport.
- ❖ Physical Challenge- Gymnastics and dance requires a lot of balance and control of your body, can you lift one leg in the air and put your arms out, close your eyes and time how long you can balance?

KS2 Challenges:

- ❖ Writing Challenge- Write down 5 interesting facts about Gymnastics and/or Dance.
- ❖ Reading Challenge- Read the following article about Gymnastics:
<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/gymnastics/353221>
- ❖ Bonus Challenge: After reading all about , write down three interesting facts you have learnt about gymnastics!
- ❖ Physical Challenge- Gymnastics and Dance require a lot of core strength and stability. To improve your core strength can you practice holding the plank position? Time your first attempt and compare it to your last attempt to see how much you've improved!

PE NEWS

This week in PE EYFS and KS1 have started their unit of gymnastics and dance. In PE lessons we have been looking at developing the three key movement techniques used in gymnastics floor routines which are travels, balances and rotations. A special mention goes to Krista from Rose class for demonstrating excellent gymnastic movements and really focusing to ensure all of her movements were graceful and presented in the best possible way.

This week in PE KS2 have also began their unit of Gymnastics and dance and have been focusing on how the three key floor movements of gymnastics can be incorporated and applied into making a short solo gymnastics routine. A special mention goes to William in Bluebells class and Eleanor in Saffron class for demonstrating fantastic travels, balances and rotations which were performed in the most aesthetically pleasing way possible.

Mr Green - PE & Sports Lead