

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are incredibly pleased with the continued support from parents in reading regularly with their children at home. This has been reflected in the large number of reading certificates awarded during Friday assemblies, a real achievement for our pupils and families. We are also delighted to celebrate two children who have now completed the Gold Star award, which is an outstanding accomplishment and demonstrates exceptional commitment and dedication to reading. Well done to everyone involved.



Golden table:

One of our favourite weekly celebrations is Golden Table, which takes place every Friday lunchtime. This special award recognises children who consistently follow our school rules and impress our lunchtime team with their excellent behaviour. Last week, I had the pleasure of serving the children myself and celebrating their achievement with them, a lovely opportunity to recognise just how deserving they were. Well done to everyone selected for Golden Table each week!





Phoenix Class warmly welcomed Trish from Parkend and Viney Hill Church, who visited to support their learning about Christianity. The children had prepared thoughtful questions linked to their unit 'What is it like being brought up a Christian in the UK?', learning about Sunday School, Christian traditions and rituals, and how Trish's faith has shaped her life. The pupils asked some excellent questions, showing great curiosity and engagement. Thank you to Trish for taking the time to share her knowledge with the class.

In Maths and Computing, Phoenix Class have been using Bee-bots to develop their understanding of position and direction, including clockwise and anti-clockwise turns, left and right, and quarter turns. They applied this knowledge by coding Bee-bots to reach specific locations on a map, demonstrating strong teamwork, perseverance and problem-solving skills when things didn't go as planned.



Oberon Class were pleased to welcome humanist speaker Phillip into school this week as part of their RE learning. He shared his experiences as a humanist and explained how values such as kindness, empathy and responsibility guide his everyday life. The pupils listened thoughtfully and asked insightful questions, making this a valuable opportunity to explore different worldviews and develop respect and understanding.

This term they have also been developing their rugby skills in PE. They have been learning to pass, catch and move effectively as part of a team, showing great enthusiasm and resilience. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow as their skills continue to improve.



House Points

Week ending 16th January = Yellow 233, Green 231, Blue 201 and Red 196.

Week ending 23rd January = Blue 254, Red 253, Green 175 and Yellow 165.

Dance Workshop Experience:



On Monday 26th January, Mariner Class took part in an exciting dance workshop at The Dean Academy alongside roughly 175 pupils from several local primary schools. Working together, the children learned a short dance routine, helping them to develop their coordination, teamwork and dance skills. Throughout the day, our pupils were a real credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and supporting one another.



After learning the routine, all schools performed their dances as part of a friendly competition. Both staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience, especially being taught by former pupils of our school.



Developing Resilience & Teamwork in PE.

In PE this term, Skylab have been enjoying badminton. The class have shown incredible resilience, perseverance and partnership while learning how to serve correctly and when practising how to return the shuttle in a variety of ways. They have learnt how to perform a backhand and overhead return, as well as a chasse step to develop accurate footwork. Their enthusiasm, determination and pride in their own progress has truly blown both Miss Breese and Mrs James away.



Badminton has also provided a valuable opportunity to reinforce core school values such as practice, patience, perseverance and pride, with children recognising that success comes through sustained effort and teamwork. The positive attitudes on display have been wonderful to see, and it is exciting to anticipate how much further they will progress throughout the term

Star of the Week: Congratulations to all our children listed below:

Week ending 16th January



Nathan, Brodie-Leigh, Charlie, Mya, Jashvi, Tallulah & Gurneet.

Week ending 23rd January



Brooke, Max, Ted, Skye, Ruby, Faye & Eve

Attendance Matters:

Whole School Attendance: 95.82%

Good attendance is one of the most important factors in a pupils' success at school. Any child who is persistently absent, or at risk of becoming persistently absent, will have a letter sent to their parent/carer next week in line with Local Authority expectations and Department for Education (DfE) requirements. We appreciate your support in this area.

| Class: | Week ending 16 th January | Week ending 23 rd January |
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| Calipso | 97.60% | 94.00% |
| Apollo | 95.77% | 96.54% |
| Phoenix | 93.46% | 93.85% |
| Oberon | 94.81% | 96.30% |
| Mercury | 90.00% - low | 95.20% |
| Mariner | 92.80% - low | 91.60% - low |
| Skylab | 94.78% | 95.65% |

Celebrations out of School:



Well done to Caspar, who has earned his latest taekwondo belt after six months of training and completing a demanding grading, including three patterns and knowledge of taekwondo history and Korean terminology.

Congratulations also to Theo, who has successfully achieved his white belt with a yellow stripe.

Kind regards,

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

Executive Headteacher

Forest of Dean Community Schools Federation

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IMPORTANT DATES: - New dates in Red

| DATE | EVENTS |
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| Friday 6 th February | Future Me Day - Federation |
| Tuesday 10 th February | Safer Internet Day 'smart tech, safe choices' |
| Weds 11 th February | End of Term 3 |
| Thursday 12 th & Friday 13 th February | INSET Days |
| Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th | Half Term - 1 week |
| Friday 27 th February | Culture Day |
| Mon 2 nd March | Secondary School Allocation Day |
| Friday 6 th March | World Book Day for Yorkley |
| Friday 6 th March | Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill |
| Friday 13 th March | Red Nose Day |
| Thur 19 th March | Year 4's In the Net *Details to follow |
| 16 th - 27 th March | Big Walk and Wheel |
| Friday 27 th March | End of Term 4 - normal finish time |
| Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April | Easter Holidays |