

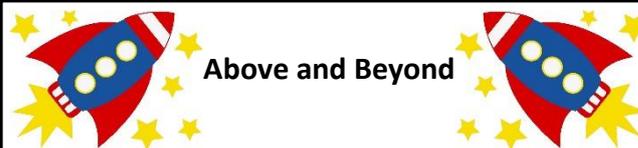


NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th February: Safer Internet Day
Friday 8th February: PTFA Meeting – All Welcome – 9 am Oak Room
Saturday 9th February: Guildford West Scouts Craft Competition – 2:15 – 4:30pm
****Wednesday 13th February:** PTFA Disco** *Change of date*
Friday 15th February: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 25th February: SCHOOL STARTS
Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
Thursday 7th March: Year 1 Sportshall Event pm
Friday 1st March: PTFA Shrapnel Day
Friday 8th March: PTFA Meeting – All Welcome – 9 am Oak Room
Friday 8th March – Thursday 14th March: Book Fair
Tuesday 12th March: Parents' Evening YR-Y3
Thursday 14th March: Parents' Evening Y4-Y6
Thursday 21st March: Year 2 Sportshall Event pm
Monday 25th March: St Peter's Easter Encounter
Thursday 28th March: Year R Sportshall Event pm
Friday 29th March: Mufti – Easter Egg Donation
Friday 29th March: PTFA Meeting – All Welcome – 9 am Oak Room



Above and Beyond

Lucas from May Tree Class has given some incredibly thoughtful answers in poetry this week.

Archie in Larch Class has worked hard and shown great resilience in maths.

Emma in Pine Class has worked hard every day and set some tricky challenges for herself. Well done!

From Mrs McClintock

Dear parents and carers,

Snow!

We are forecast a snowfall this evening with some very icy conditions expected for the school run in the morning. We are absolutely expecting the school to be open tomorrow. Please take extra care when you are travelling into school. If we do need to close the school due to the adverse weather conditions, we will put a notice on our Facebook Page and on the School Website as soon as the decision is made.

SENCo

As you may be aware, we are currently in the process of recruiting a new SENCo (Special Needs Co-ordinator). It is very important that we find the highest quality candidates and sometimes this may take a few months. In the meantime, I am very pleased to announce that Sara Walton will be covering the SENCo role at Weyfield, ensuring that provision for all our children is the best that it can be and that they are appropriately supported. Mrs Walton is a very experienced SENCo who advises staff across the TKAT community in matters of SEN and Safeguarding. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's Special Educational Needs, please contact the school office in the usual way and we will see that your concerns are addressed.

Thank you for your continued support,

Janette McClintock

Legendary Acting!

This week in Year 5 and 6 we have been converting our favourite myths and legends into plays and performing them for each other. First, we had to become familiar with the stories themselves. There are lots of myths and legends from around the world; we have concentrated on some of the most famous Greek myths (Hercules, Perseus and the Minotaur) and some great legends from British history such as King Arthur and Robin Hood. All the children wrote their own play-scripts using the traditional story as a guide and then performed them for the rest of the class. These girls are recreating the death of Medusa!



Fun for all the family awaits you this February half term

Guildford Borough Council has collated useful information on activities for children and young people taking place in Guildford over the February half term. Details of playschemes, arts and crafts, sports activities, family days out and much more can be found on our website:

www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities

UNICEF and Mathletics

You will have seen our celebrations of children who have been awarded Gold Mathletics Certificates. As well as gold certificates, we regularly have children who achieve silver and bronze certificates, but what do they have to do in order to earn these?

Certificates are awarded as follows:

Bronze Certificate – 1000 points earned in a week

Silver Certificate – 5 x bronze certificates

Gold Certificate – 4 x silver certificates

Only one certificate may be earned in a week, so 20 weeks of sustained effort is required to achieve the award of a gold certificate.

As well as improving their maths, the children are helping UNICEF transform lives, as points earned are converted into cash by the Mathletics team and used to fund school building, and support projects to increase school attendance by eliminating obstacles preventing children from accessing an education – such as poverty, hygiene, sanitation or access to water.

Every 250,000 points earned equals \$1 donated to Mathletics' UNICEF fund, to a maximum of \$100,000 per year. On average, students around the world complete enough activities to donate \$1 every five minutes!



National Storytelling Week

This week is National Storytelling Week and, instead of their usual story to close the day, Elm Class will be reading a different ebook each day. These are special ebooks, which are being released every day to celebrate this unique week. At the end of the week they will vote on which story was their favourite. Watch this space next week to find out!

Oral storytelling is one of the most ancient art forms, and continues to this day as a vibrant part of culture throughout the world. For more information about National Storytelling week, visit

<https://www.sfs.org.uk/>



Congratulations to Hornbeam Class, who have the highest attendance this week of **96.15%**; they will be awarded golden time. This week's **whole-school attendance** is a very disappointing **89.64%**. While we understand that, particularly at this time of year, we are all susceptible to more germs and that there are times when children really do need to be kept at home, it is extremely important that they are in school for as much time as possible.