

Newsletter

Dear Families, Governors and Parishioners,

After two whole weeks back at school and even with restrictions still in place, our school community are together again, vibrant and happy. We have missed having all of our children in school so much and it is a joy to see them reconnecting with each other and our wonderful staff.



Good news! – Congratulations to Mrs Elder and family on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Esme Jane Elder. Sam has already begun to take his big brother role very seriously. We are thrilled for them all.

Cricket Taster Sessions – Some of our children have enjoyed some brilliant coaching delivered by a sports specialist this week. It was fantastic to see the children working as a team and a pleasure to watch them as they literally ‘jumped for joy’ with excitement.

Times Table Rockstar Tournament – Some of our classes have been involved in a gripping tournament resulting in there being only a difference of only 52 points between 1st and 2nd place. The overall winning class was Seurat. Very well done to all who contributed. A special shout out to the ‘most valuable players’; Grace Bell, Amelie Eden and Lucas Iball.

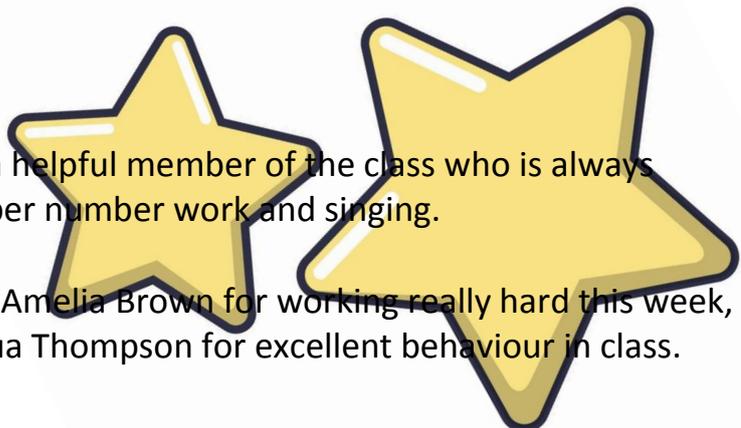
Can we also say huge congratulations to our newly crowned ‘Rock Heroes’ this term; Callum Fraser, Charlie Hancill and Amelie Eden. This is no mean feat and it is incredible that these children are able to answer times tables questions in less than a second. Rock on!

Look at who’s been shining brightly these last two weeks...It’s our stars of the week!

12th March

Nursery - AM Sienna Morris - a helpful member of the class who is always smiling. PM Sophie Hope - super number work and singing.

Mrs Brown’s Reception Class - Amelia Brown for working really hard this week, especially in phonics and Joshua Thompson for excellent behaviour in class.



Mrs Young & Mrs Kebell's Class - Freddie Stephenson - for coming back to school with a big smile on his face and always having a positive attitude in everything he does. Also Camilla Kelley - for being a super role model and always trying her very best. Well done Camilla!

Mondrian Class - Leah Tobin for her effort in all subjects and being a good role model.

Rousseau Class - Charlie Taylor for completing beautiful work, always being sensible and sharing great ideas with the class.

Constable Class - Rosa Scott, who is always willing to help others.

Kandinsky Class - Sebastian Henson and Seth Morrell for being sensible all week and for having an excellent attitude to all of their work.

Picasso Class - Max King for amazing effort in maths and improving his handwriting.

Himid Class - Owen Marshall from year 5 for excellent effort in all lessons and Niamh Haley in year 6 for trying her best in everything that she does!

Dali Class - Miss Askew has nominated all of Dali class as stars of the week as they have all been fantastic

Caravaggio - Philippa Allen for her persuasive text on whether humans could live on Mars.

19th March

Nursery - AM - Max Conlin, for super number work
PM- Finley Ogle, for a great week in Nursery

Mrs Brown's Class – Jasper Day, for fantastic maths skills and for being able to double single digit numbers mentally and Aiofe Forster-Allison, for excellent work in phonics learning and writing words with the 'oo' sound.

Mrs Young's and Mrs Kebell's Class - Libby Ray, for working hard all week and Liam Aitchison, for excelling doubling and halving skills in maths.

Rousseau Class - Layla Stevenson, for always trying her very best and being a great role model.

Mondrian Class - Lola Twedde, for amazing effort and enthusiasm in everything and outstanding contributions in maths.

Constable Class – Adam Smith, for helping others and for always being a good friend.

Kandinsky Class - Poppy Wood for excellent attitude towards all school work and trying incredibly hard with everything.

Seurat Class – Spencer Mullaney, for excellent effort in all subjects.

Picasso Class – Jade Mustard, for wonderful effort in maths.

Himid Class - Olivia Hedley and Alice James for excellent effort on Reading Plus.

Dali Class - Alex Enguita, for a hat trick of super answers in history and Oliver Taylor, for super effort in reading.

Caravaggio Class – Ryan Galer for excellent efforts across all areas and a great improvement in handwriting.

Well done everyone, such wonderful news! As always, we are so proud of you all!

Reminders

The School Day - To avoid congestion please ensure you enter and leave the school site quickly. Also, we would like to remind you, that in order to keep numbers on site to a minimum, only one adult per family should drop off and/or pick up. May we again remind you that at the start and end of the school day **children should remain with their adults and avoid the temptation to run around and/or overtake others in the line, as this could result in the mixing of bubbles.**

On School Premises - May we respectfully remind you that smoking is not permitted on any area of the school site, including car parks.

Dogs - Please note, dogs are not allowed on the school premises, even when carried.

Car Park - Could we please ask that you try to avoid waiting in the carpark with your engines running for sustained periods of time?

School Lunches – If any children would like to swap from packed lunch to school dinner or vice versa, they should inform the school office, giving two weeks' notice.

Headlice - Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and apply treatments accordingly.

Fruit - Currently, all of our Early Years and Infant children are provided with a healthy snack during the morning session. Should you wish to send an additional piece of fruit into school with your child for during the afternoon, then you're more than welcome to. Our junior children can also bring a piece of fruit into school for morning break if they would like to.

Reporting an absence - If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school office or use the school app to let us know. Please do not use Class Dojo.

Penshaw Community Association - We are still collecting food and clothing for the Penshaw CA and any donations are welcome. The red tub will be at the gate each day, weather permitting, should you wish to contribute.

We've just heard the fantastic news that enough money has been raised to pay for a defibrillator in both Penshaw and Shiney Row. The first at Penshaw Pharmacy, who have agreed to house it outside the shop and the second will be located at Grangewood Care Home, which is staffed 24 hours.

School uniform for our school is available to look through and collect at Penshaw Community Centre each Friday from 9am until 1pm. Alternatively, if you would like to contact them directly, they can arrange a time convenient for you. (Tel: 0191 4526488, Website: www.penshawcommunityassociation).

We intend to hold a non-uniform day next Friday (26th March) to further support the cause. Thank you to all for your continued generosity and support.

A National Day of Reflection will take place on 23 March 2021, as it will be one year since the first UK lockdown. Since then, millions of people have been bereaved, both as a result of covid-19 and due to other causes. The restrictions we've all been living under have meant that many of us – including children and young people – have had to grieve without the comfort of having friends and family around them.

The National Day of Reflection will give us a time to unite and reflect on this tragic loss of life and our collective grief as a nation.

As a school we are going to join the minute's silence to be held at 12 noon on 23rd March to show our support for the millions of people who've been bereaved **and** take a moment to connect with someone we know who may be grieving. 'Take a minute to reflect and a moment to connect.'

Please click on the following link for this week's Sunday liturgy for families.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families>

Please click on the link below for a beautiful reflection at this time - God's love letter to me.

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/pdfdoc/2021/Gods%20love%20letter%20to%20me%20reflection%20March%202021.pdf>

Take care and God bless.

Mrs Maher



May your troubles
be less &
your Blessings be
more and nothing but
happiness come
through your door
- Irish Blessing