

Friday 27th November 2020

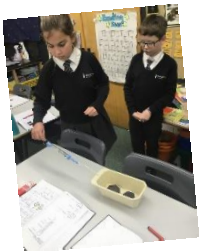
Dear parents/carers,

We have had another busy and exciting week in the academy.

Year 5



This week both groups from year 5 began their Bikeability training. This was their first session of three and took place in the school playground. This allows the instructors to assess the children's cycling skills prior to taking them out on the road. Over the next two sessions the children will be taken on the roads by the instructors.



Also in year 5 this week the children have been learning about forces and friction. The children learned how to read scales on a Newton meter before investigating the force required to pull their sleds across different surfaces. Their results were recorded in a table and the children wrote their conclusion based on their findings.



Government's COVID-19 Winter Plan

The current national restrictions will be lifted on Wednesday 2nd December and will be replaced by the COVID-19 Winter Plan. These new rules come into effect from 00:01 on Wednesday 2nd December and confirm that:

- The policy in England is that education settings will remain open in all tiers - DfE will update its guidance to reflect how settings should operate under the strengthened tier system, and an updated contingency framework in the exceptional circumstances in which further restrictions on education are required in any area.
- The government will continue piloting further rapid testing in schools, colleges and universities, and will deploy rapid testing for specific one-off events.
- The Winter plan makes clear that schools and trusts should not change their Christmas holidays or close early this term.

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Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test (out of hours)

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, in the first instance please contact the school office by phone. If the office is closed, please complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, we are joining the whole Aspire Team to raise much needed funds for Save The Children, by inviting all children and staff to wear a Christmas jumper, or jumper of their own choice. This can be worn in place of the normal school jumper, but the rest of the uniform should remain the same. Aspire have set up a just giving page complete with QCR code

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200022092> or

text **TEAMASPIREC** to **70050** to donate £2 to Save The Children.



Christmas Cards

A reminder that children can bring their Christmas cards into school from Monday to put into their class 'postbox'. These 'postboxes' will remain open until Friday 11th December. Any cards brought in during these two weeks will be quarantined and then given out on Monday, 7th December and Monday, 14th December.



Christmas Decorations



A payment item has now been set up on our online payment system ParentPay to enable you to purchase your child's Christmas Decoration. This will help to raise funds for much needed resources across the school.

Last Day of Term

Our last day of the Autumn Term is Friday 18th December. We are inviting children to come to school wearing their own clothes, which can include Christmas jumpers. Due to the staggered starts and finishes we will be finishing at our usual times of between 3:10pm and 3:25pm.

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<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 5	98.3 %
2 nd Place	Year R	97.0 %

Our whole school attendance so far since the beginning of term is 95.4 %

Shine celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Year R – Barney

For impressing Mr Masters with his fantastic attitude and behaviour for learning, across all curriculum areas. Barney is a kind, conscientious and resilient learner.

Year 1 – Linkcon

For incredible progress in his writing. Linkcon has worked so hard this term forming his letters correctly and writing a full sentence using a capital letter and full stop. Well done Linkcon, we are so proud of you!

Year 2 – Kerra

For using exciting new vocabulary to create atmosphere in your toy story writing.

Year 3 – Chester

For taking risks to answer challenging questions in mental maths. Chester is a super role model, working hard in his group.

Year 4 – Charlie M

For his excellent effort in maths. Charlie is always trying so hard, particularly in small group work in challenging himself to go above and beyond. Well done!

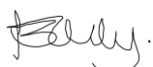
Year 5 – Eve

For her amazing biography of Ernest Shackleton which balanced facts and interesting events, all arranged in chronological order.

Year 6 – Emy

For having a fantastic, caring attitude towards your work. Emy always gives 100% to everything she does, and this shows in your detailed writing and amazing maths work. Well Done!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
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