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Newsletter No. 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the lighter evenings, mostly (!) warmer weather and the easing of restrictions, there is definitely an air of positivity to the Summer term and the first half has flown by. Our covid risk assessment remains in place to ensure that we are continuing to do our bit to reduce the spread. This is in line with advice from the local authority and we have been delighted to avoid bubble closures this half term. As previously shared, we ask you (parents not children) to undertake lateral flow tests at home, reporting any positive results to school as promptly as you can. Lateral flow tests are available to any members of the public who feel it will be beneficial to use them so feel free to share this link as well as using it yourselves;

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

There have been many ways the children have made us proud this half term. The annual Governors writing challenge is taking place this term and all the teachers have planned for the children in their class to write a fiction story linked to their whole class reading book. The children and teachers are all really excited to be taking part in this event. It is lovely to walk around the school and see and hear the range of texts being read; The Giraffe the Pelly and Me, Holes and The Incredible Book Eating Boy have been just a few.

This week we held our sports days. It has been wonderful to see the children working hard and having fun. We were saddened not to be able to invite parents this year, and we know this must be disappointing for you. Hopefully, the children have shared their favourite events and maybe even asked you to recreate a few at home with them - maybe a family obstacle race? We have been particularly impressed with the team work and support the children offered each other as they participated. Chants of 'keep going', 'you're doing great' and 'go Emerald/Ruby/Sapphires/Amethyst!' could be heard across the field. We also enjoyed a fantastic number day earlier this term with wonderful work all around the school, inside and out. Well done everyone!

We would like to say a very big well done to Arjun Nair in year 3. Arjun's parents submitted his pointillism toucan he painted at school to the Royal Academy Young Artist's Summer Show. Arjun's work has been chosen from 1000's of submissions to be included in this year's online Summer Show. We are sure you will join us in congratulating him on this wonderful achievement. You can view the online exhibition for free using this link: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> from the 13th July onwards (or you can currently view last year's work). We hope you can spot Arjun's work and maybe find some inspiration to get creative at home over the Summer holidays, we know there will be some wonderful work, including Arjun's piece.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see and hear the children engaging with the school council process. We have had lots of conversations with children who are keen to represent their peers, listen to ideas and help shape our school in the months to come. Our newly appointed school council leads and deputies are ready to serve their school and we know they will do a great job. Thank you for all the encouragement you have given your children to soar to success!

Have a lovely half term, the children are ready for a well deserved break. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 7th June.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney