

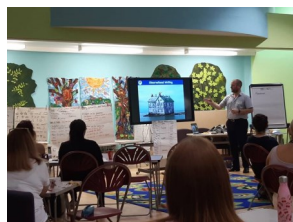
Newsletter 6 Autumn
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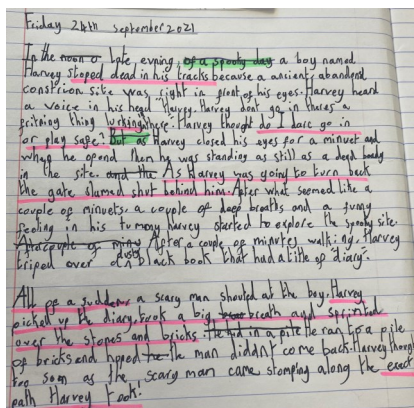
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Talk for Writing



Back in September we launched a new approach to the teaching of writing in school called 'Talk for Writing' and as we reach the end of our first term, we wanted to share with you how pleased we are with how it is going!! I know many of you will have had oral performances of our stories, complete with lively actions, at home, and thank you to everyone who has shared fantastic videos on Twitter! A key feature of the approach is that children internalise the language structures needed to write through 'talking the text', as well as close reading – this is what they are doing when they perform for you. The approach moves from dependence towards independence, with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully. As we begin new texts again after half term, please ask your children to tell you the story they are learning – we are sure you'll enjoy watching their enthusiasm!!



Dates

October

18th 9.30am
New Reception 2022 In-take Session

19th & 20th—
Parents Evenings (virtual)

22nd End of Term

November

1st Training Day

2nd School Reopens

Tapestry - Reception

Reception parents please activate your tapestry account. This will help you see links for homework and learning throughout the week. If you haven't received an email please speak to Miss Cullingford or Miss Bailey.

Young Voices

All children who have asked to join the choir to take part in Young Voices should have received their lyrics and an important letter regarding arrangements and payments. If anyone hasn't received this or needs any more information, please contact Miss Cullingford.



COVID updates

Like all schools, we are continuing to experience high levels of disruption due to COVID. Whilst things with the children have stabilised significantly at the moment, please do continue to be vigilant about symptoms and book PCR tests if you are at all concerned. The impact on staffing also continues to be a challenge and whilst you have my absolute assurance that we are able to maintain safe and adequate staffing levels, we do recognise that in some cases there have been lots of changes of adults in recent weeks. We do know that this is far from ideal and ask for your continued support and understanding in these challenging times.

Superstars

Well done to all the children who have worked so hard last this week—amazing writing seems to be a stand out theme this week!

RLB: Lucas B for an amazing story map and retelling of the Enormous Turnip!

1AB: Shoniah for an amazing crown design.

2NC: Jane for sharing her ideas with the class in lessons and always being respectful.

3BA: Scarlett – always being ready to learn and trying her best.

4IH: Mason for some super maths this week and really trying his best in all his learning.

5GH: Alana for being a super learner and for working hard on her hot write.

6GD: Tyler for challenging himself and persevering with the skills learnt in gymnastics.

RJC: Farida for her amazing concentration and engagement throughout the school day.

1KB: Abdullah M for trying his best and always showing respect.

2MF: Bethany for being a role model to all.

3CS: Julia for showing a great understanding in English this week and for being so engaged with her learning.

4JW: James for being so helpful this week and working so hard in all of his learning.

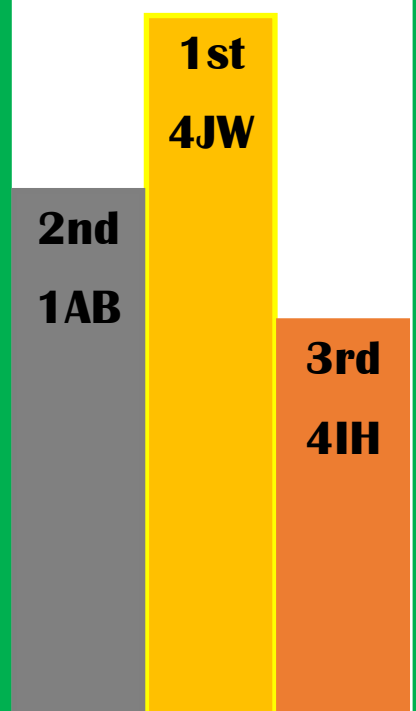
5LJ: Anushka for always showing kindness to others inside and outside of the classroom.

6SW: Zainab for her netball skills and becoming our School Councillor after reading out a speech full of super promises.

Parents Evenings

We look forward to seeing lots of you virtually at Parents Evening next week - all parents have been sent an email with details of how to book appointments using our online system, please contact the school office if you are having any problems. Please be reminded that the virtual system we use is automated and teachers have no control over the meeting timings – if you are late joining, it won't be possible to extend your meeting time so please do try to be on time.

Attendance Podium



Health and Safety – The Square

We are aware that lots of you are concerned about the safety of the kerbs and paving slabs on The Square at the moment and have asked us to raise these concerns. Whilst we have passed on our own concerns to West Northants Council and the Upton Land Trust, The Square is not our responsibility and it would be really helpful if parents could report directly to them too please – hopefully if enough of us raise concerns, something will be done! In the meantime, please do be particularly careful and watch your step!