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May Achievement Bulletin

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**Updates:** We would like to say a huge welcome to **Oskar Hancock (Nursery)** who has started his Attenborough learning journey since our last Newsletter.

After half-term, we will be welcoming Mrs Jo Crimmins to our 2-3 provision team. She has been busy in school this week completing induction activities. We've also welcomed and been supported by Mrs Anna Walker (the latest member of our Teacher Qualified Cover Supervisor team). Her support across all year groups in May has been appreciated by all!

**Leavers:** In recent weeks, we have said goodbye to Elizabeth Thomas and Theo Duffy. We wish them the best of luck in their next adventure. In addition, we said goodbye last week to one of our energetic Play Supervisors, Mrs Thomas. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to her for commendable effort and commitment to our school! She'll be missed by all I'm sure!

**Update from the school office:** As you know, we will sadly be losing Seesaw at the end of May. You should have received a separate letter from Mr Chapman regarding this. This includes and details an alternative email address to send correspondence too. If you haven't received this notification please let the school office know.

One of our global themes for the summer term is Health & Happiness (Mind, Body and Soul), so we'll be promoting healthy choices to our children next term. As part of this, the Dental Centre will be running a parent and child workshop in school on 05<sup>th</sup> June. Further information is set to follow.

### May Merit success...

**Jadeite** (130 merits) Sherwain Mathurin

**Opal** (120 merits) Inoke Baleiwasawasa

**Jade** (110 merits) Maddie Major

**Amethyst** (100 merits) Annabelle Shinn

**Ruby** (90 merits) Lillie Bourner and Charlotte Trueman

**Pearl** (80 merits) Calise Rhodes and Elizabeth Thomas

**Emerald** (70 merits) William Thompson

**Crystal** (60 merits) Daniel Parkinson

**Platinum** (50 merits) Amari Fuller and Iris Ward

**Diamond** (40 merits) Luke Moxon, Logan Duncan, Mason Craig, Isaac Davies, Luca Barker, Lilli Oldham, Noah Woodruff, Amberly Duncan, Rosie Bourner and Liam Oldham

**Gold** (30 merits) Felix Roots, Christopher Barrow, Florence Walker, Eliana Hellqvist, Sofia Craig, Evie Roots and Ellie Jordan

**Silver** (20 merits) Issy Jordan, Ava Moorey and Jemima Walker

**Bronze** (10 merits) Samyon Rai and Carlton Smith

We will also now be inviting parents to attend our weekly Achievement assemblies for all Bronze (10 merits) and Jadeite (130 merits), in addition to Gold (30), Platinum (50) and Amethyst (100)

## Ongoing Reading Success



Well done to all readers who have achieved reading merits this month. As a school, our readers have collectively read and quizzed on **11,199,873 words** since September 2023 to date.

## Word Millionaire

We have our first 'Word Millionaire' of the year. A huge well done to Finley Ingram who has read 1,211,979 words since September. Lets see how many more children can make the millionaire mark before the end of term.

## Silver Reading Star (achievement of reading crown status for three consecutive years)

Congratulations to Sherwain Mathurin who has achieved his Silver Reading Star in May.

## Bronze Reading Stars (achievement of reading crown status for two consecutive years)

Congratulations to Calise Rhodes and Annabelle Shinn who have achieved their Bronze Reading Stars.

## Reading Crowns

Well done to the following children have achieved reading crowns: Isaac Davies, Sofia Craig, Elizabeth Thomas, Christopher Barrow, Martha Cunningham, Charlotte Missenden, Luke Moxon, Elsie Thompson, Ellie Jordan and Issy Jordan.

### **TEAM CUP (Summer 1 Result)**

Being Kind, Being Honest, Listening to others, Being Helpful and Sharing your time and talents with others...

<b>ROWLING</b>	<b>446</b>
<b>EINSTEIN</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>FRANK</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>THUNBERG</b>	<b>394</b>

Congratulations to **ROWLING** Summer (1) WINNERS

### **TEAM READING CUP**

Average reading points per reader. Reading points are achieved after individual quiz completion...

<b>ROWLING</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>EINSTEIN</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>FRANK</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>THUNBERG</b>	<b>16.1</b>

READING CUP to be awarded on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### **Headteacher Award Winners**

Congratulations to the latest winners our of our **WE CARE** Awards and for showing their **Working together; Empathy; Creativity; Ambition; Reflection** and **Enquiry** skills.

George Baldwin, Noah Woodruff, Isaac Davies, Anna Parkinson, Matilda Baldwin & Liam Oldham.

## Musicians of the week:



Well done to Maddie Major & Rose Cunningham who performed to children and parents in our WE CARE and Merit assemblies on 03<sup>rd</sup> May & 17<sup>th</sup> May.



Summer term attendance to date 97.8%  
Summer term attendance goal +97.1%  
2023-24 attendance 97.1%



## Key dates for the remainder of our academic school year

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Summer half-term holiday

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Summer term after-school clubs (Monday 1500-1600hrs)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check assessment window

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 and Year 2 re-sit Phonics Screening

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 Assessments in school

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Attenborough Families afternoon (1200-1500hrs)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July: End of year reports (FS1-Y6) / including pupil results in Phonics screening, Year 4 Multiplication Check, Year 2 and Year 6 SATS papers

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly (pm)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Mufti-day and school closes for summer holidays at 1315hrs

Sports Day events to be confirmed pending weather forecasts – provisional date Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June



- Attenborough School has a **no nut** policy. Please ensure children are not bringing any foods in which contain nuts.
- If your child is unwell, please ensure you report any absence to the school office and/or their class teacher by 9am at the latest.
- Please make sure you label all items of clothing that children are bringing into school.
- Please remember to send your child(ren) in with appropriate clothing depending on the weather.
- School drop off is from 08:30–08:45. Please do not drop your children off before this time.

## Our Kindness Tree Awards

Our Senior Prefects help us to embed well-being and our WE CARE culture. They have recognised and wish to congratulate the following acts of kindness with leaves of thanks. These will be placed on our tree of thanks and kindness.

Ansh Babooram (Year 5)

Ansh - Ansh is always  
tremendously kind  
without asking  
Amelie

Evie Roots (Year 2)

This leaf goes to  
Evie for respecting all  
We care values and  
helping others if they  
are hurt or sad.  
Emily T - Yr 6

Samyon Rai (Year  
2)

I have chosen Samyoda  
from Yr 2 because on the  
playground I see him  
caring for others and  
being kind. Luke (Y6)

Ivan Ward  
(FS1)

Ivan FS1 -  
For being very carefull  
and sensible whilst holding  
the chickens  
- Liam O

## Around the classes – Summer term learning

### Global theme – ‘Nurturing Nature’ and ‘Health & Happiness’

**Nursery** – What an incredible opening term we have had!!

To welcome all the new children joining our classroom, we have been learning about ourselves and each other, celebrating “All about me”. Our Global Theme Health and Happiness, has given us many opportunities to learn about things that are good for us and what we need to do to stay fit and healthy. This included Healthy foods, keeping fit and active as well as the importance of wellbeing and mindfulness. We even had a visit from the Dentist who offered some great tips and advice to parents who were invited to attend our first parent partnership event.

We have been very creative in our craft station and enjoyed learning new songs such as “Cauliflowers Fluffy” and “the Dandelions are here” to acknowledge April being the month of the military child and our amazing community. The books we have focused on this term have included, Table manners for tigers, Brave little penguin and The Colour Monster to name a few.

Last, to embrace the glorious spring weather, we have been out and about on Normandy Barracks, using our new bus to explore. We have used this time to practice our good listening, walking feet and patience to learn how to take a turn.

The children have been astonishingly resilient and done so well learning new routines and have fully embraced all the changes within our nursery provision – I am so proud of each and everyone one of our youngest learners.

**FS1 & FS2** – This term, we have been looking into how we can keep ourselves healthy, here is a snapshot of what we have been learning! We visited the dentist and learned how to look after our teeth, and we have been shopping in our Healthy Shop roleplay area. We have learned the various names of fruit and vegetables and practised pretending to be a cashier, a shelf stacker (discussing also how very important these jobs are for a shop to work well) and a customer.

We have also looked at how we keep our mind healthy too and have incorporated yoga into our daily routine as a way of managing our wellbeing! We read a book called ‘Ruby’s Worry’ which highlighted the importance of talking about your worry to someone in order to prevent it from getting so big that it makes you feel really unhappy. We have had discussions about how we need to have a sensible amount of screen time, take regular exercise and make sure we have a good, long sleep! We met ‘Smartie the Penguin’ who helped us understand how and when to ask for help when we are playing on our tablets or online.

And finally, we continue to develop our core learning skills which have included building polysyllabic words, practising our formation of the curly caterpillar and one armed robot letters, and learning to double numbers and understand how some numbers are ten and a few more, in FS2, and in FS1 we continue to work on writing our names and building words, as well as counting forwards and backwards to 10, in addition to learning to share fairly.

**Year 1** – Since returning after the Easter break, children in Year 1 have written and published their very own adventure stories based on our class text ‘The Secret Explorers and The Rainforest Rangers’. As the month of May continues on, the children are currently researching and drafting their non-chronological reports based on their chosen animals, with a focus on animals who are being harmed through human action such as deforestation, dropping litter or over farming. In maths learning, the children have explored money, time and numbers to 100. The current theme for Summer is ‘Nurturing Nature’. During our Global theme sessions, the children have been learning about rainforests. They have researched where rainforests are found, the different layers within a rainforest and which animals inhabit each layer, why rainforests are so important to our planet and the detrimental effects human actions such as deforestation are having worldwide. This term has been a busy one - with the children also learning all about maps through our focus Geography sessions and exploring all things plant related during Science!

**Year 2** – This term the Year 2’s have been learning how to write adventure stories in English. We have been reading the book ‘World Burn Down’ by Steve Cole. In the story, the main character Carlos finds himself kidnapped and in the middle of the Amazon rainforest. Here, he must try and escape the wildfires which are burning all around him that have been caused by the illegal miners who are creating dangerous gold mines in parts of the forest. As a class, the children analysed parts of the story and were able to find excellent descriptive phrases to use in our own writing. The children then planned and drafted their own story about a character who is trapped in a rainforest wildfire. The finished stories were fantastic to read and really showcased the hard work and progress that the children have put into their writing all year.

**Year 3 & 4** – Dortmund Class have been focusing on ‘Nurturing Nature’. In English this has taken us to Florida as we dived into the world of burrowing owls in ‘Hoot’. We’re definitely starting to see the environmentalists in the group come to the fore! We’ve just started our writing based on ‘Hoot’ where we are writing out an interview between our hero Roy and a newspaper reporter. The nurturing of nature has continued into our other subjects, especially in Science where we actually stopped nurturing some plants (obviously, in clearly controlled scientific conditions) to see the impact of our actions. We’ve also become experts at using some very challenging plant based vocabulary – do you know your xylem from your stomata? Dortmund class do! In our Global Curriculum lessons, we’ve been thinking about the dependency humans have on nature and what action we can take. We’re also looking closely how volcanoes are formed and why earthquakes happen in our Geography sessions.

**Year 5 & 6** – It has been an incredibly busy few weeks in Year 5 & 6, with the Year 6's successfully completing the National Curriculum Assessments, SATs. All learners did a superb job and showed great ambition to do their best. In other news, Year 5 and 6 have been writing persuasive information texts about climate change, taking the lead and inspiration from Sir David Attenborough and persuading their audience to be 'Eco-heroes'; we look forward to creating our own nature documentaries with their finished pieces in the coming weeks.

**Forest Schools (All years)** – As many will be aware the Attenborough chickens have been busy producing lots of eggs. These have been incubated in batches and we continue to get a steady stream of chicks hatching which never fails to disappoint children and their families when they arrive in the morning. Many children have also witnessed the chicks hatching during the school day which always brings excitement and delight! On the 11<sup>th</sup> of April our first chicks hatched and since then 42 have hatched and the numbers keep rising. A number of chicks have already moved on to new homes and at present we still have approximately 30 in school! Cheep cheep.



We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. See you again in Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.