



# Newsletter

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## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to congratulate the children on their hard work and effort they have shown towards all elements of school life. Listening to the teachers talk about their classes in the Head Teacher Awards assemblies this week, has made me feel extremely proud. The children have shown great commitment to their learning, persevering and rising to challenges set and as a result have achieved a great deal! Well done. The Christmas holiday will give everyone a well-deserved break and allow you all to rest in preparation for an exciting spring term in the New Year.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch our Year 3 and 4 Christmas performances, the confidence the children showed either on stage or performing with the choir was amazing. All children worked incredibly hard in their rehearsals and it certainly paid off! Likewise the children who performed with the Silver Band at Shenley Brook End Theatre also showed superb stage presence, high levels of enthusiasm and their love of singing together. Well done to Mrs Marshall and the Harmonize children, it was a great team effort!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre at the end of November and supporting this wonderful event. It was lovely to see the pupils, staff and families coming together to enjoy the festivities.

Please remember that **Tuesday 3rd January is an inset day** so we will welcome the children back in school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

From all the staff at TMA, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

With very best wishes  
Lucy Eldridge  
Head of School



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# Diary Dates



**Tues 3rd Jan**  
INSET Day

**Weds 4th Jan**  
Term Starts

**Weds 4th Jan & Thurs 5th Jan**  
Pantomime at MK Theatre

**Weds 11th Jan**  
Year 6 Inspiration Day

**Weds 18th Jan**  
Young Voices at the O2

**Weds 25th Jan**  
Kittle Class Photos

**Weds 1st Feb**  
Year 5/6 Country Cross Country @ Stowe School

**Mon 6th Feb - Thurs 9th Feb**  
Year 6 Mock SATS

**Tues 7th - Thurs 9th Feb**  
Parents Evening

**Fri 10th Feb**  
End Of Term







# Christingle Assembly

This year, children from Year 3 to Year 6 participated in a Christingle assembly conducted by Rev Mike Morris at our school. It was the first time after Covid that we've held a Christingle assembly and I'm happy to say that our children interacted very well with the activities that were planned by Rev. Mike. Christingle is a festive tradition which teaches pupils more about Christmas and Christianity. A Christingle is an orange (representing the world) decorated with a candle (to represent Jesus) and various fruits and sweets (to represent the good things on Earth). Thank you to Rev Mike and all the children that participated.



We would like to wish all those families that are celebrating Christmas - peace, love and joy during this festive period.



Mrs Govender

## Christmas Cards for Care Homes

December 1st marks the launch of the Cards for Kindness campaign and we're pleased to say that it is the second year that Two Mile Ash is taking part. We aim to deliver these cards to care homes and retirement homes in and around our school. It is hoped that receiving cards this Christmas will help to cut down the levels of loneliness and feelings of isolation that are felt by many, bringing smiles to people's faces instead. Asking children to create cards is another compassionate way to spread joy this Christmas.



A huge thank you to our teachers and children for joining in with this community project.





# Year 3



Our Year 3 children have now completed their first full term at Two Mile Ash. What a fun term we have all had. We have made lots of new friends, got to know our way around the school and worked hard to earn lots of merit's. Well done Year 3! Within Learning Journey, we have continued to learn about the Stone Age people and our focus has turned to some of the most famous archaeological sites that teach us more about this time period. We have learned all about Skara Brae (a village of houses from the Neolithic times that have been discovered in the Orkney Islands) and the mystery around what Stonehenge was used for. We have come up with some brilliant theories, such as: it being used to scare off predators; a landmark designed by the Stone Age people for us to remember them by or even for discos, due to the position of the stones providing a great sound system. We opened the Year 3 Stone age museum to parents and thank you to all that came and visited.

In science we have been learning about the qualities and types of rocks and different light sources. Our class read for this term has been 'The Great Cave' which we have enjoyed reading together. In personal development, we have learnt all about the Zones of Regulation and what we can do to regulate our feelings. This is something we will continue working on after Christmas.

Our Design and Technology focus has been kites. We made a prototype and then designed, made, tested and evaluated our own kites. It was great fun using the tools and flying our kites outside.

## MK Rose Remembrance

In November, we took some children to the Remembrance service at the MK Rose, Campbell Park to honour those lives lost during war.

We will remember them.



## PATH

### COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



It was great to work with the Eco Warrior teams from TMA, Ashbrook and Holmwood as we completed a litter pick in the TMA park. Well done to everyone involved and we hope the park is looking better. 🌞





# Christmas Buddies

6BC have been as busy as elves over the last few days working on a secret holiday gift for their buddies. They learnt the science of chromatography (finding hidden colours) and used it to create colourful snowflakes and a gift tag for their buddy class in 3SF. It was fantastic to see the buddies getting together just before the Christmas break and celebrate the end of a great term. The year 3 buddies were very excited to receive their gifts!



Are you currently in the final year of your degree and wish to take the next step into becoming a qualified teacher?

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# New Books

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came along to the book fair during parents evening week back in October. It was so lovely to get a chance to chat to so many families about books, reading and anything else that came to mind really! Thank you also to all the past pupils who have family still here who popped in to say hello, it is something I look forward to every year, seeing how well our TMA family are getting on when they move on up.

Due to your amazing generosity we earned a phenomenal amount of commission to spend on books.

Drum roll please.....£826.13!

Thank you so very much, I have already spent most of this on books which will be appearing in the 4 shared areas over the next few days and weeks.

Happy Christmas and happy reading,

Mrs Williams  
Librarian



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# HARMONIZE



On Thursday 8th December Harmonize's annual Christmas concert with the Bradwell Silver Band took place at Shenley Brook End School theatre. It was incredible to be performing together again after three years of no concerts at Christmas, and the children made it look and sound like we'd never been away. Here's how it felt to perform for the first time with Harmonize, according to some of our singers!

***"It was the best time EVER because it was really fun to sing with a band in front of a huge audience" Rosie***

***"It was the best thing ever, you get to show the parents how good your singing is and the silver band was amazing" – Harry***

***"It was AWESOME!" – Fazaan***

***"I loved it!" – Lily-Rose S***

***"Flabbergasting!" - Ariana***



Harmonize have worked really hard recently, and now we're looking forward to our next event, when we participate in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London on Wednesday 18th January. After that, we will be changing our weekly finishing time to 4:30pm every Wednesday for the remainder of the spring term. We'll still have plenty to rehearse for though, we're planning to launch a spring event that we've never ever done before – so watch out for more details coming soon!



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All children signed up to attend the Young Voices concert on 18th January will receive a letter in the first week detailing the final arrangements for the day. This will include an emergency contact and medical form – we cannot take your child without this information, so please make sure you look out for the letter and return the form by the deadline so we can process everything in time for the visit

T-shirts have arrived, so if you ordered one, look out for it coming home with your child during the first week back in January. If you didn't, don't worry, plain white t-shirts are absolutely fine for the concert! Our tickets will also arrive in the new year.

Please make sure your child is regularly practising the Young Voices songs at home. These are on MyClassmate, details were sent out with all children signed up for the O2 concert. If your child is singing at the O2 on 18th January and you haven't done so already, please use this QR code to create a MyClassmate account:

Remember – your parent account will not have access to the music, but it will give you a code for your child's account, which gives them safe access to all the songs, dance videos and lyrics sheets. Remember to make a note of their code and log out before logging your child back in. We've got loads to learn (and we are not allowed word sheets!) so practising little and often at home will make a huge difference to your child's confidence on the day.

## The Young Voices concert film offer!

The YV Concert film is a great souvenir of the concert, and you can watch it at home as soon as the day after! At the moment, YV have a special offer to pre-order the concert video for £9.99 instead of the usual price of £12.99, and this offer is running until 1st January. To pre-order, go to <https://yv23film.co.uk/> and use the code XMAS23 to apply the discount.

Have a great Christmas, Harmonize - see you all on Wednesday 4th January for our first rehearsal of the new year!



# Year 4

Year 4 have been busy, busy busy in the build-up to the end of Autumn Term. We are currently adding the final touches to our Christmas Production; 'What Christmas Means to Me' and the children have done a wonderful job at learning the songs and being fully committed and engaged to ensure that the performance is a success. For many of our performers, this will be their first time on a stage in front of an audience so please offer as much support and encouragement to them all; we are all confident that they will do us all proud! This term has also seen us celebrate our Exploring Europe topic with our Inspiration Day, design and plan our pizzas (to be made last week of term) in DT and enjoy 2 days of producing fantastic art for the Take One Picture event. Our Whitemoor Lakes residential is now full and we are currently planning and booking at least two day visits for next year. Many thanks to all for your continued support and we are looking forward to more wonderful experiences with your children in 2023.

Mr Shirley and the Year 4 team.



We raised £542.50 for Children In Need. Thank you for your continued support.





# Year 5

This term in Year 5 we have been uncovering the great history of North and South America! The children have spent a lot of time learning about 'Christopher Columbus- The first European to discover America'. We have created timelines to show the changes that have happened in the USA over time and all the great accomplishments made by such inspirational figures like; President Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Barack Obama and many more. The children had lots of fun learning about the Native America's and their way of life and have even designed and created their own totem poles! Here's a history joke for you; What dance was very popular in 1776? Indepen-dance!

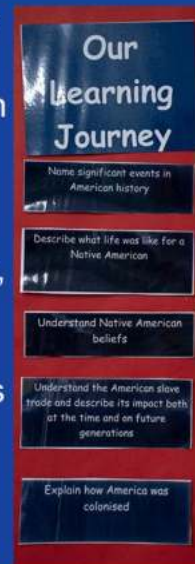
In science, we have been looking at different materials and their properties. Over the course of this half term we have done some really interesting experiments! One of our experiments involved making 'salt crystals'. The children worked in table groups to understand what happens when salt dissolves into water and what happens to a solution when evaporation occurs. The results were a real gem!

Another joke: Why did the scientist take out his door bell? Because he wanted to win the no-bell prize!

It has been a fantastic half term and we have thoroughly enjoyed every part of it! The Year 5 team wishes everyone a restful and peaceful break over the festive season!

Kind Regards,

Sumara Siddiqui  
Class Teacher



## TMA Times!

The Right to Write Club has been very busy every Friday evening, lunchtimes and during the school day, interviewing, taking notes, attending activities in order to create an Autumn term edition of the school magazine. They have been so enthusiastic about it and we look forward to producing another edition at the end of the Spring term.





# Our Achievements



## Summer's Fossils

During our Year 3 Science lessons, we have been learning about rocks and fossils. We were very lucky in 3LJ as one of our students, Summer, was kind enough to arrange a fossil presentation for us. She showed us ammonites and their prints in various sizes as well as belemnites, fool's gold and pyrite. All of which were found on her many coastal excursions with her family! What a treat! Thank you very much Summer.



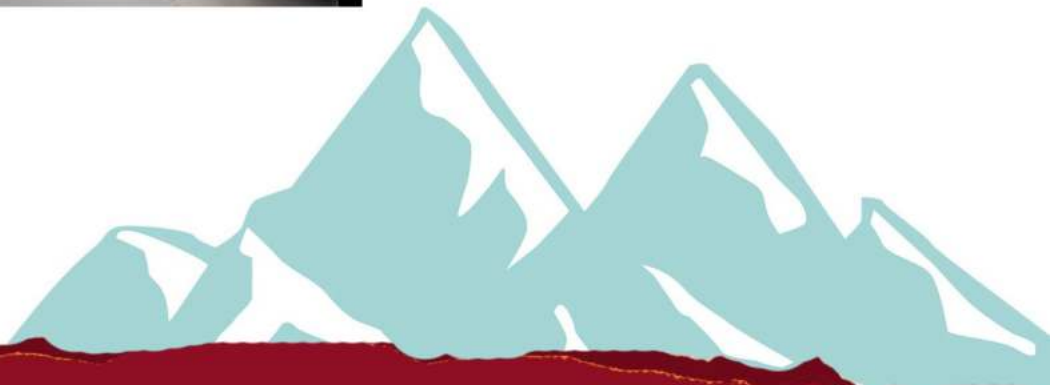
## Keep On Running

Congratulations to Nicole (Year 6) who came a VERY impressive 5th place in the Under 11 Chiltern League MK Teardrops Lake Race on Saturday 12th November. TMA are proud of your achievements representing Marshall Milton Keynes AC – keep up the hard work!



## Basti Climbs Tryfan

Well done to Basti in Year 3 for climbing mount Tryfan in Wales. He made an amazing poster detailing his trip with some great photos!





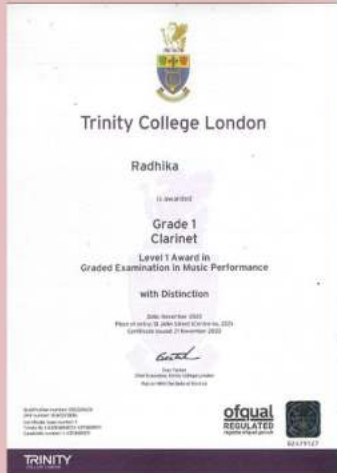
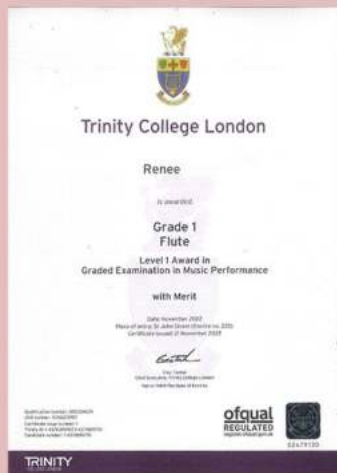
# Our Achievements

Well Done!

## Grade 1 Achievements



Congratulations to Radhika P in 6MS, Renee in 5CB and Ewan in 6JI for all passing their Grade 1 music exams!



## Hasan Does Coding



Well done to Hasan for his game development certificate. He was enrolled in coding program early this year and has worked hard to get to this level in short span of time.

## Gold For Poppy



Poppy in 5KW has achieved her Gold Award at Brownies. This is the highest award a Brownie can achieve. To do this she had to earn all 6 theme awards and make something for the unit.

## Chess Wins!



Jeevan and Jeshwin participated in a recent chess tournament and won the winner and runner up title. In addition, Jeshwin also won the Stowe School runner up trophy.



# Year 6

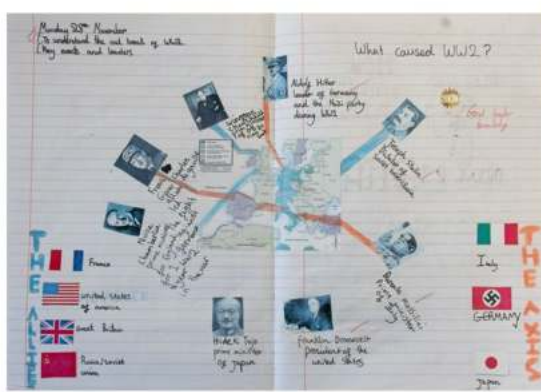
After a successful SATS information parents evening, Year 6 have been undertaking MOCK SATs. Alongside MOCK SATs Year 6 have started their WW2 topic (Look at our amazing work). Part of the WW2 topic is designing and making stockings to celebrate Christmas or another religious festival or theme of their choice, Year 6 have been finding the sewing tough!



Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their inspiration day for WW2. They took part in a round robin of activities that included; training to be the Home Guard, Blitz art, Code breaking, WW2 games and Lindy hop dancing. "I really enjoyed learning the dance steps to the Lindy hop" Bella in 6BC.

During personal development lessons Year 6 have continued to learn about the world around them and how to be better citizens, they have learnt how to call for help if someone is seriously injured and also how to spot the signs of choking and how to help the person in need.

We also had a fabulous time at the MK Museum learning about history and war time UK.





An Autumn Term full of many successes for Two Mile Ash School Sport concludes. Over 70 competitive opportunities have been enjoyed by a vast range of our pupils, giving them the chance to represent the school and/or their house. Overall, 314 (47%) of pupils represented Two Mile Ash School in at least one event, with 293 (44%) of pupils representing their House in at least one competition held at TMA (not including the 600 children that took part in September's House Cross Country). We are proud of the efforts of all pupils this term, and building upon the successes in Year 5/6 Mixed Netball and Cross Country before half-term, we have gone on to achieve in Year 5/6 Mixed Basketball and Year 5/6 Boys Football this half-term. Thank you to all the children for their hard work and commitment, and to parents for their amazing support.

## Basketball

### Year 5/6 MK Primary Schools Champions



Well done to the Year 4, 5 & 6 Boys and Girls at their MK Schools Basketball Competitions in November! Very impressive performances in all events with our Year 5/6 First Team going on to be crowned Milton Keynes Primary Schools Champions, taking them to the County Finals in March! A special mention to Mia (Year 6) voted MVP in all 5 games of the MK Finals night by opposition players – an amazing achievement!

## Swimming



Well done to the Year 3/4 children that represented Two Mile Ash at the MK Schools Swimming Gala on Thursday 17th November at Bletchley Leisure Centre! You all did brilliantly in your races against 8 other schools! An impressive 4th place finish for the team. Stand out performers – Samuel & Stuti.

## Dodgeball

Following on from the Year 5 House Dodgeball Competition in October, in which 80 pupils took part, this term saw both Year 4 and Year 6 compete for House Sport Trophies. The Year 4 House Dodgeball event was enjoyed by 78 pupils, while 89 Year 6s battled it out in their competition! Lots of fun was had in both with the eventual winners in Year 4 being Rutherford (Red) and in Year 6 - Townsend (Green). Thank you to ex-pupils Kaiden, Ollie, Koray and Viktoria for supporting with refereeing! In addition to these House events, TMA hosted Giles Brook, Fairfields, Orchard and Chesnuts Schools on Monday 28th November for a friendly Year 5/6 competition! We end the term with a friendly event for Years 4 & 5 at Portfields School on 12th December.





## Table Tennis

It has been great to see so many Year 6 pupils continually playing Table Tennis at break times – to put the great practice into competition, groups have played both Lincroft School and Bushfield School in friendlies this term – well done to all players and keep enjoying the sport!

## Netball

It was great to see the progress made by a group of Year 4 girls on Monday 18th October at their Netball Festival at Shenley Brook End School! You all played excellently and showed respect for your opponents and the leaders officiating the games. Well done also to our pupils in their matches against Tickford Park, Deanshanger and Middleton Schools this term!



## Year 5 Multi-Skills Festival

Well done to the Year 5's on Friday 14th October that took part in a Skills Festival at Shenley Brook End School. Our pupils were led through different activities by a brilliant group of Year 11 Leaders. Everybody had a very fun morning – thank you SBE!



## Cross Country

Well done to all runners at the Bushfield School and Middleton School Cross Country races this term! You all did brilliantly running in front of lots of spectators. Stand out performers included – Bobbie (2nd & 3rd) & Mila (3rd & 1st) in Year 3 Girls; Mylo (4th & 2nd) in Year 3 Boys; Beatrix (2nd) & Nabeeha (4th) in Year 4 Girls; Luca (6th & 3rd) in Year 4 Boys; and Pascal, Dhilan & Covenant all medallists in Year 5 & 6 Boys!





# PE

## Football



### MK Primary Schools Football League @ Fairfield's Sports Hub

Our Year 6 Boys Football team have enjoyed a perfect start to their league campaign this term, winning all eight of their matches. Superb performances have seen them score 33 goals and only concede 4 times. With one more league night and two games to play, we hope they continue to play the great football they have and go on to make it to the MK Primary Schools Finals. Well done also to those that played in recent friendlies against both Brooklands Farm and Deanshanger School.

Our Year 5/6 Girls Footballers have also enjoyed success this term both in friendlies and in their mini-league at Rickley Park in November. Lots of positive performances giving you great practice ready for next year's MK Schools League!

Well done to the Year 3 & 4 Boys and Girls in their first Football matches of the year against Bushfield and Fairfield's Schools this term. It has been great to see you all giving your best effort in matches and we look forward to seeing your progress during your time at TMA!



## Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

It has been fantastic to see 70 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils take to their bikes this term and complete their Bikeability Level 2 Courses. The feedback from the course instructors has been amazing – you all paid great attention, behaved impeccably and most importantly learned lots of key skills to keep you safe when riding your bike. Well done to you all!



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# New Maths Certificates coming to TMA!

At Two Mile Ash we have many ways to celebrate a wide variety of achievements from merits and merit certificates to Read to Succeed and Student of the Week.

Now we would like to build on this by introducing a new series of certificates across the school based on knowing and applying times tables facts.

There are 15 brand new certificates to work towards in two tiers – “Times Tables” certificates and “Fluency with Tables” certificates. The first tier has 6 certificates and will be awarded for learning their times tables:

## Times Tables Certificates

Certificate 1 – 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Certificate 2 – 3 and 4 times tables

Certificate 3 – 8 times tables

Certificate 4 – 6 and 7 times tables

Certificate 5 – 9, 11 and 12 times tables

Certificate 6 – Mixed tables

The second tier has a further 9 certificates and will be awarded for using times tables to help with other areas of maths:

## Fluency with Tables Certificates

Level 1 – Mixed division facts

Level 2 – Digits 1-12 x10, x100, x1000

Level 3 – Decimal number bonds to 1 (10ths column)

Level 4 – 4 digits  $\div 10$ ,  $\div 100$ ,  $\div 1000$

Level 5 – Multiples of 10, 100 and 1000 to 12

Level 6 – Squares and Square roots

Level 7 – Division of 10, 100 and 1000 to 12

Level 8 – Cube and cube roots

Level 9 – Decimal number bonds to 1 (100ths column)

All children across the school are now beginning to work towards these certificates and we are excited to find out who will be the first few children in each year group to receive one!

Teachers will be building in time within their maths lessons to practice these skills but it is also something that can be practiced at home by:

- Encouraging your child to use TTRockstars daily
- Playing games and quizzes linked to your tables
- Singing their “rolling numbers” (there are videos on the website for this)

All the new practice booklets and certificate examples will be on the TMA website shortly, so feel free to have a go at home.

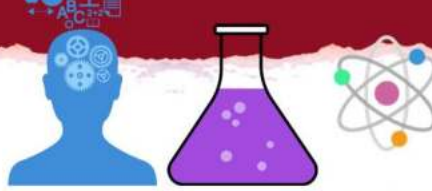
Good luck to everyone and we hope to announce the first few children to receive these certificates very soon!

Mrs Suzie Blackhurst  
(Head of Maths)





# STEM Fair



This half term finally saw the return of our STEM Fair. It was fantastic to have so many visitors from TMA, Ashbrook and Holmwood in school trying out and exploring all the experiments and activities on show. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout school and it was brilliant to see everyone so curious, engaged and excited to have a go at the huge range of STEM activities on offer.

A special mention must go to the Year 6 STEM Ambassadors, without whom, the event could not have been so amazing. They put an awful lot of work in to understanding, explaining and perfecting demonstrations for their activities – a huge well done and thank you to them.

Another special mention has to go to all the children who entered a STEM project – wow, absolutely wow! Each and every project clearly had a lot of time, care and effort put into it. Shared area 5, where they were on display, had a constant flow of visitors and it was lovely to hear everyone commenting so positively on the entries. There was a huge variety of topics covered and, as I'm sure you can imagine, judging was no easy task! Huge congratulations to the children listed on the right for being their class / year group winner.

There's plenty of time to start thinking of some ideas for next year!

## Year Group Winners



### Year 3

3HCM - Nabeela  
3SF - Xander  
3RL - Lucas  
3PM - Aayan  
3LJ - Eden

**Year group winner - Lucas H**

### Year 4

4AS - Krishvi  
4LN - Logan  
4PG - Cesilee  
4TG - Viaan  
4EV - Yusuf

**Year group winner – Logan**

### Year 5

5CB - Renee  
5AW - Arjan  
5KW - Myles  
5ZM - Ellie  
5SS - Aleena

**Year group winner - Myles**

### Year 6

6FW - Ilinca  
6TR - Jawdaan  
6BC - Benjamin  
6MS - Asmi  
6JI - Hitarth

**Year group winner - Jawdaan**

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# Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to all our children that received a Headteacher's Award, Well done on your achievements!



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