



# Church Hill Middle School Weekly Update Friday 6th October

Welcome from Miss Harris.



Happy Friday!

Bikeability has been on again this week, where another group of year 5 and 6 pupils have been learning how to safely ride their bikes. They have learnt safety and road awareness skills meaning they are safe to ride their bikes out in our local community. Well done for all of your determination and commitment.

Harvest rehearsals are well and truly underway! Year 5 are working very hard on their performances and can't wait to show you what they have been working on. A Microsoft Forms has also been sent out to all Y5 parents inviting them to this event - please respond to the Form to get your ticket.

Well done to all of our pupils this week, but a special well done to [Anna-Martha Gapper \(5MP\)](#), [Jack Lewis \(6MH\)](#), [Chloe Beech \(8JD\)](#), [Kemi Rose \(5KS\)](#), [Phoebe Lloyd \(5MP\)](#), [Ethan Griffiths \(8MO\)](#), [Coral Poolton \(7AP\)](#), [Imogen Plaskett \(7AP\)](#), [Archie Psaila \(6JE\)](#) and [Erin Smith \(8JD\)](#) this week for being our top EPraise students. Keep up the hard work!

## Dates for your diary



Please see below a list of key dates for this half term. Further information around these events will be sent via EPraise.

**Thursday 19th October** 5OC and 5MP Harvest assembly at 2.15 pm

**Friday 20th October** 5CB and 5KS Harvest assembly at 2.15 pm

**Wednesday 25th October** Special Halloween Breakfast

**Wednesday 25th October** Open Evening (6pm onwards)

**Thursday 26th October** Key Stage 3 Halloween disco

**Friday 27th October** Teacher Training Day and End of Term

**Tuesday 21st (3.30 - 6.30) and Wednesday 22nd November (3.30 - 5.30)** Parents' Evenings for all classes.

## Halloween Breakfast



On Wednesday 25th October, we are hosting a special Halloween Breakfast at our breakfast club.

The special breakfast will consist of a range of hot breakfast items.

**If you wish for your child to attend, please pay £1.50 on Parent Pay by Monday 23rd October.**

Normal breakfast club items will still be available for purchase on this day for children who do not wish to have the special breakfast.





Persistent Absence - How many days has your child been off from school?





# Attendance Matters



<p>EVERY CHILD'S ABSENCES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR ARE MONITORED VERY CLOSELY.  <b>A PERSISTENTLY ABSENT PUPIL (PA) = 90% OR BELOW.</b>            90% ATTENDANCE SOUNDS GOOD, BUT THIS MEANS A CHILD WOULD MISS 19 SCHOOL DAYS OVER A SCHOOL YEAR = ALMOST 4 WEEKS            OFF SCHOOL = 114 LESSONS!            PLEASE MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S NUMBER OF ABSENCES/ATTENDANCE - THANKYOU</p>		
Half-term 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.	 <p><b>NOTE:</b>            Letters are being sent out to some parents/carers re: absences.            Please <u>count</u> how many days your child has already missed from school.            Could some of those absences been unavoidable?</p> 
Half-term 1-2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.	
Half term 1-3	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.	
Half term 1-4	12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student	
Half-term 1-5	15 ½ days of absence from September until May half-term will make your child a PA student.	
Half-term 1-6	19 days of absence for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child a PA student.	

## Punctuality - U codes explained.

<p><b><u>Being on time for school..</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Helps your child make and keep friends.</li><li>• Sets your child up for the future. (Lateness in the workplace isn't tolerated)</li><li>• Helps your child develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and others.</li><li>• Is linked with good attendance. Pupils who attend have more opportunities and therefore achieve more.</li><li>• Leads to success and raises self-confidence.</li><li>• Is an expectation for all.</li><li>• <b>Persistent lateness, after registration closes, can result in the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice or Prosecution.</b></li></ul>	<p><b><u>Good Time Keeping is Essential!!</u></b></p> <p>Regular habits of lateness can amount to days of learning lost over a school year; therefore we ask families to establish morning/ evening routines to assist arrival to school:</p> <p><b><u>5 minutes before</u></b> 8:30am (Years 7 and 8) 8:45am (Years 5 and 6).</p> <p><i>Note:</i> <i>Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for all lessons for 2 weeks a year!</i></p> <p><b>Pupils who arrive late after 9am receive an UNAUTHORISED (U) absence on their attendance record, unless it's for medical reasons.</b></p>
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 **HOW MANY TIMES HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN LATE?** 

## 500 Word Story Competition!

**500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.**

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be **5-7 year-olds** and **8-11 year-olds**.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read!**

Our brilliant 500 Word judges are back; award-winning and best-selling authors **Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson**, and former children's laureate, **Malorie Blackman**. We are delighted to say that this year there will be a new addition to the panel, TV legend and children's author, **Sir Lenny Henry**. The judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories. You can find out why they are perfect judges [here](#).

This year, BBC Breakfast will be hosting the competition supported by us on BBC Teach. The winners will be featured in a special 500 Word programme with **The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024**.

Please visit the following, or Google BBC Teach 500 Words 2023 for more details.

[www.bbc.co.uk/500words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words)

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# 500 WORDS

2023

Calling all 5-11  
year-olds!  
Can you write an  
amazing story of  
500 words or under?

Your story could  
be read on TV to  
**millions!**

Competition opens  
26th September - 10th November.  
We can't wait to read your stories

Head to  
[bbc.co.uk/  
500words](https://bbc.co.uk/500words)



## KS2 - Let's Celebrate!



### **KASE Champions**

#### **Emily Gumbley - 5OC**

For a continued brilliant attitude across all lessons. I have been particularly impressed with her attitude in English and Maths where she has produced some lovely pieces of work. In English she did very well when editing and took on board the feedback given to her.

#### **Tate Neade - 5CB**

For a fantastic attitude to his learning across all his subjects. Tate is always incredibly focused, engaged and resilient in all lessons. Tate always pushes himself to enable him to make some excellent progress across the curriculum. Excellent work Tate!

#### **Anna-Martha Gapper- 5MP**

For always being super, super fantastic in every lesson! Anna-Martha is always doing the correct thing and thrives in every lesson by putting in her all. She was also the first member of 5MP to get her pen license! Woohoo, well done!

#### **Lainey Towler - 5KS/PC**

Lainey works hard and tries her best in every subject. Even when she is not feeling too well or others distract her, Lainey is very resilient and will persevere to complete tasks given. She takes onboard feedback positively and produces lovely work.

You're a superstar Lainey :)

#### **Amelia Rose Pullen - 6JE**

For being enthusiastic and hard working, especially in maths. You have really been trying hard this week and I am proud of your engagement and resilience. You have been asking for help and checking your answers with me in order to improve. A massive well done. Keep it up!

**Emily Arnold - 6MD**

For quietly and sensibly going about her work in every lesson and being purposeful to ask for advice when it is needed!

**Abigail Elston - 6MH**

Abigail has worked fantastically this week to produce some high-quality work across her lessons. Abigail focuses throughout activities and completes them with confidence. She has done particularly well to include so many writing devices within her Moral story. Well done!

**Oracy Champions**

**Jack Nicholls - 5OC**

For some brilliant responses in lessons this week. Jack has made a great effort to put up his hand and provide thought out responses which benefit the learning of all children.

**Jack Gruner-Overgaard- 5CB**

For developing his confidence to share some fantastic contributions with the whole class. Jack is becoming more eager to offer ideas and shows enjoyment when sharing these brilliant contributions with the rest of the class!

**Caitlyn Longman- 5MP**

For gaining lots of confidence during group and pair discussions. She is also being brave and putting herself out there when she is not sure of the learning by asking for help and giving it her best go. Keep it up!

**Louie Wright - 5KS/PC**

Since the beginning of the year Louie has grown in confidence and week on week he's contributing more and more to each lesson. His responses to questions are insightful and relevant and he can seek clarification if he is unsure of a task.

Well done Louie you're doing fantastic work.

**Josh Turner - 6JE**

For some excellent responses in lessons this week. He is always enthusiastic and engaged in lessons and has his hand up to join in. Alongside this, he shows great listening skills and is always actively listening in lessons. Well done Josh!

**Maisy Davis - 6MD**



For regularly demonstrating excellent collaborative skills by staying on task and eagerly discussing key questions with partners.

#### **Jonathan Stevens - 6MH**

Jonathan consistently offers fantastic contributions with lessons. He pays particular attention to questioning and assessment and then responds with detailed and purposeful feedback. Jonathan's confidence with oracy is much to be admired, well done for focusing your energy into clear and well thought responses.

#### **Community Champions**

#### **Alex Stegaru - 5OC**

Alex is an incredibly friendly and positive member of the class who always brightens my day. He always wishes me a lovely lunchtime and these little positive messages do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

#### **Jacob Bolton - 5CB**

For always ensuring he contributes to a happy and healthy community by caring for his peers and looking out for them when they are struggling!

#### **Stanley Ware- 5MP**

For working really hard and overcoming challenges to become a bigger part of the Church Hill Middle School community. He has joined multiple activities within school this week and is making new friends across the school. Well done, Stan!

#### **Freddy Richards - 5KS/PC**

Freddy is a valued and liked member of our class. He always offers help to teachers and everyone around him and no request is too difficult for him. He works hard in all lessons by putting maximum effort in each day and is a general joy to teach. Fantastic work Freddy :)

#### **Logan Bass - 6JE**

For settling in well and becoming a member of the Church Hill community. He is helpful within class and always volunteers to collect in and hand out books. Alongside this, he always tells me to 'have a nice evening' at the end of the day, which is a positive, kind way to end the day. Well done, Logan!

#### **Chance Layton - 6MD**

For being a helpful, purposeful and positive learning partner and always being willing and ready to work with everyone.

#### **Grace Scott - 6MH**

Grace has been a superb member of 6MH this week. Across several lessons I have witnessed Grace, supporting and guiding others with their work. Refraining from just giving them the answers but

coaching them through the relevant steps to improve their learning and successfully achieve the activities. Well done for being a great collaborative partner!

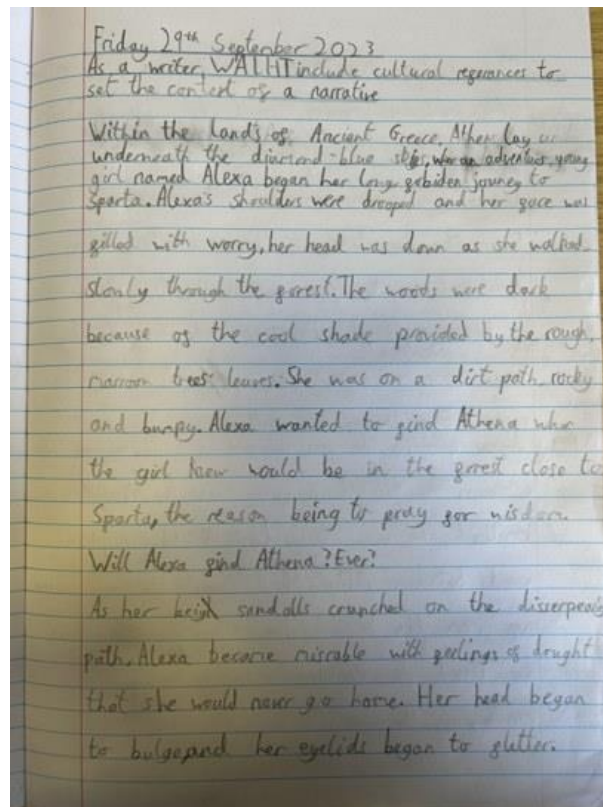
### Renaissance Reading shout outs

#### 6MD

Olly-Jay, Alicia, Jackson and Jess for all reading (and completing quizzes on) more challenging books slightly above their ZPD!

#### 6MH

Olly, Sonney, Edie, Layla, Evie, Cody, Chardai, Alexia, Ava, Grace, Jonothan and Tiana for all completing and passing their quiz this week!

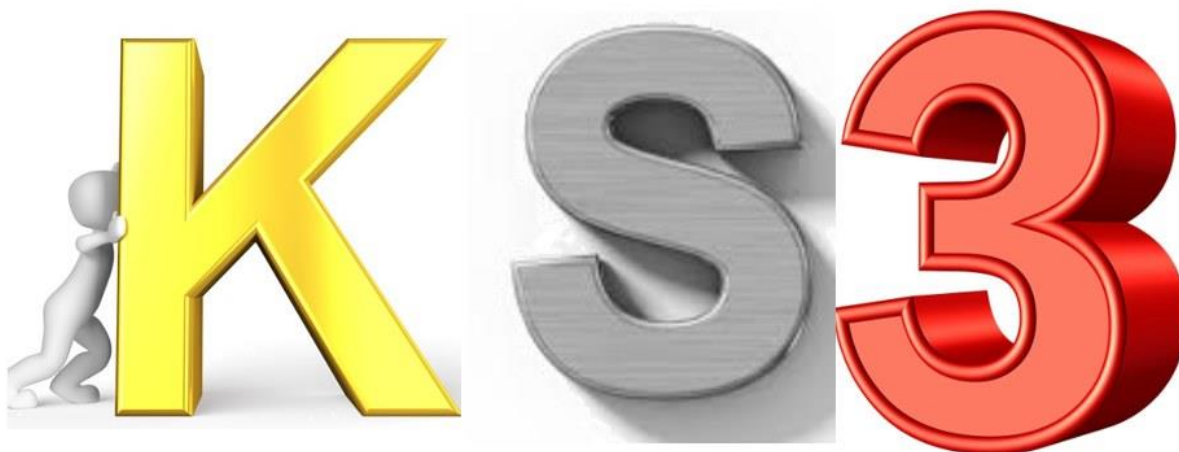


1 - Writer of the week - Kemi Rose SKS

Kemi has written a wonderful piece of writing based on a narrative we have been looking at in class.

"Within the lands of Ancient Greece, Athens lay underneath the diamond-blue skies. An adventurous young girl named Alexa began her long, forbidden journey to Sparta."

## KEY STAGE 3 NEWS



## TUTEE OF THE WEEK



7BP – **Hudson Eckloff** for being a super polite, wonderful human being.

7AP –**Laiton BURSON** for HUGE IMPROVEMENT in TUTOR TIME.

7SK– **Jess Hughes**- for ALWAYS doing what is expected of her and engaging in lessons :)

7SF- **Abigail Preston** for always being kind and helpful.

7JL – **Alistair Jackson** for always displaying positivity and promoting happiness with his fellow classmates.

8JD – **Jessica Hennessey** for her hard-work ethic and positive contribution to our school community.

8MO – **Romain Whyte** for being absolutely amazing every day. He is always polite, actively listening and tries his very best in every lesson.

8FG - **Fabian Francis** for a great start to the year, being helpful and hard working every day.



## Subject Stars of the Week



**ART - Phoebe Andrews (7JL)** for always presenting her work beautifully and for acting on all feedback given. **Riley Dixon (8MO)** for really working hard, for presenting his work well, and for pushing himself.

**COMPUTING – Amelia Bowen-Jones (8MO)** for showing great determination, commitment and being an excellent member of the class in supporting others with their work on Computing Logics.

**DT - Matilda Price (8MO)** for her fantastic response to our DT design brief, she created a detailed and creative research board :) **Tudor Blejan (7SF)** for catching up and being super engaged in his sewing lesson. He made up 2 weeks of learning in one lesson. Well Done!

**ENGLISH – Ollie Manison (7AP)** for his fantastic letter written in role. He thought carefully about the purpose set and wrote in role to persuade the reader to select him for an interview! **Sophie Lewis (8JL)** for her insightful ideas into our class text this week. She has thought carefully about her opinions and predictions about our book and articulated them clearly within her work and to her peers.

**FRENCH – Nela Dordzik (7SF)** for being an outstanding student and great role model in French class. **Romain Whyte (8MO)** for always participating really well and volunteering answers.

**GEOGRAPHY – Noah Hemmings (7JL)** for his amazing determination and dedication in Geography. **Tobias Wilson (8MO)** for his amazing memory and knowledge of Geographical key terms.

**HISTORY - Amber McIntyre (7AP)** for completing some amazing independent work based on the history of Redditch. **Charlie Griffiths (8JD)** for his enthusiastic attitude towards all humanities lessons.

**MATHS – Lewis Thomas (7JL Maths)** for just always showing great respect when listening to the knowledge given, then applying this knowledge to his learning – an all-round top learner!

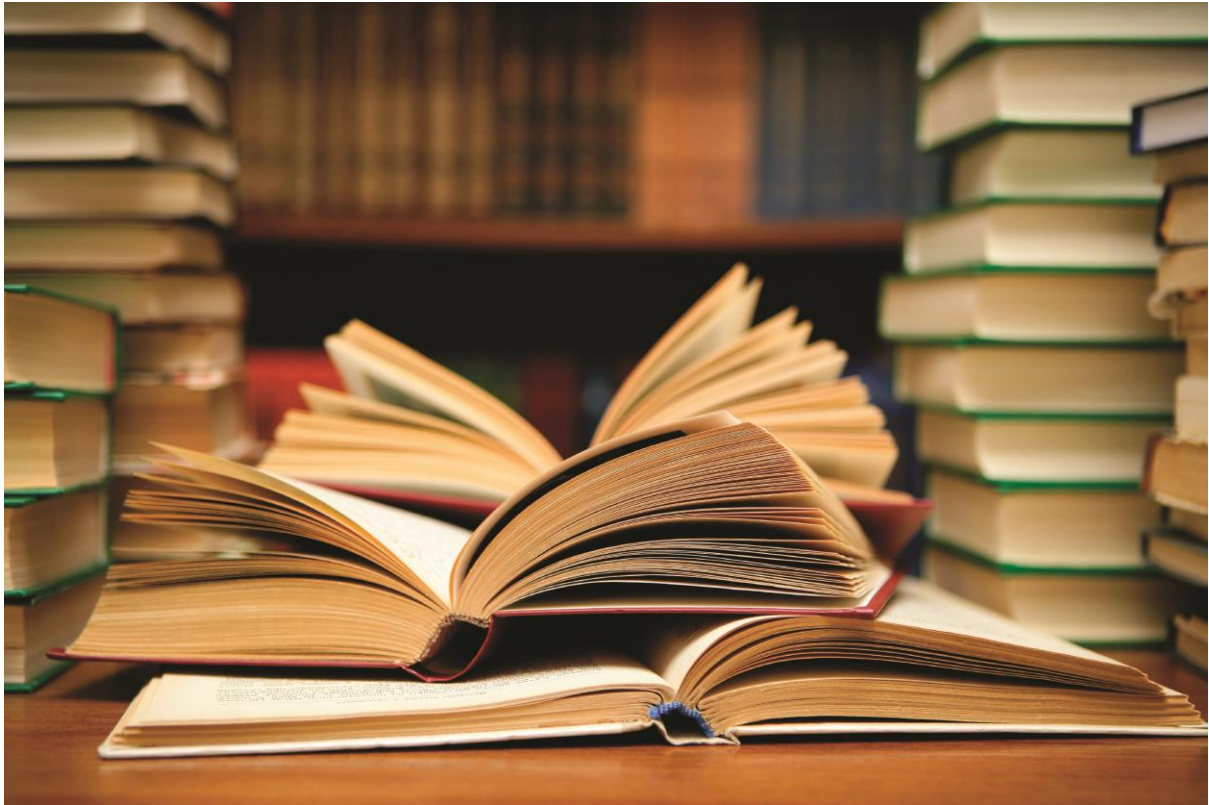
**MUSIC – Kaidan Middle (7SK)** for his concentration and focus when trying to master the C7, F and G7 chords. **Makayla Thibault (8MO)** for her amazing solo performance of 'Sweet Dreams' this week.

**P.E – Milly Burgess (7SK)** for hard work and determination in P.E. She always tries her best, regardless of the sport or who she is playing with. **Bella Hay (8MO)** for her impressive flexibility and balance when performing different vaulting techniques in parkour.

**R.E – Emily Hemming (8FG)** for her thoughtful response in class discussion this week. **Emmy Turrell (7BP)** for always contributing in class and asking for help when she is stuck on a task.

**SCIENCE – Destiny Crawford (7SF)** for working hard and showing resilience in her lessons & being determined to finish her work. **Sophie Eden (8JD)** Many of the children have blown me away with their resilience in drawing the structure of an atom. Sophie was just amazing and nailed it in the end despite not finding it easy.

## Reader of the week



**7AP – Dawnie- Mae Parkes** for being focused during reading this week

**7BP – Oliver Hobbs** for being a star reader and completing this daily without reminder or moans.

**7JL – Cheng Zhong** for having a positive can-do attitude when completing his quizzes and always striving for excellence – well done Cheng!

**7SF - Zakkary Walker** for completing 7 quizzes already this year!

**7SK – Lily-Jayne Yuruker-** for consistently having a book out and reading during the start of tutor time every day.

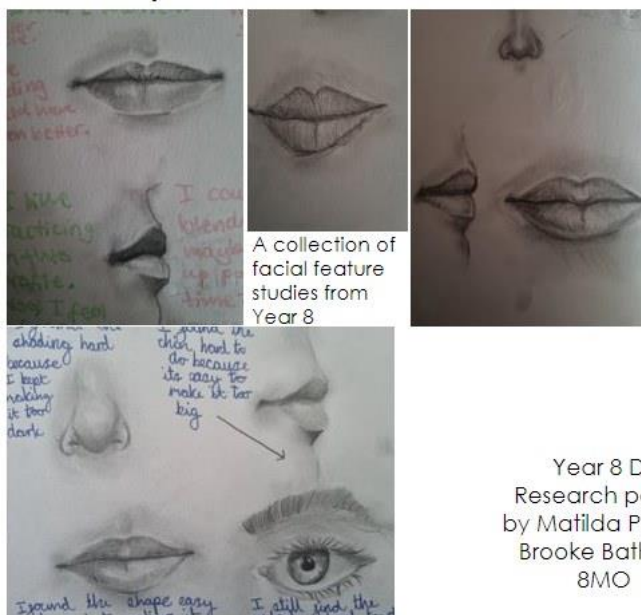
**8FG – Riley Cleford** for showing improved focus in his reading since the start of the year.

**8JD – Lilly-Belle Coombes** for passing her first quiz withing the first two weeks back and always having her book out at every opportunity – you inspire me to read more!

**8MO – Riley Dixon** for getting his reading book out each morning without being asked and reading quietly.

## Examples of great work

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A collection of facial feature studies from Year 8

Year 8 DT  
Research pages  
by Matilda Price &  
Brooke Bathurst  
8MO



## Halloween Disco



Just a reminder about the upcoming Halloween disco.

The disco will run from 5:30pm until 7pm. Pupils are invited to attend the disco in fancy dress or normal clothing, however this must be of an appropriate nature. Skirts, shorts or dresses must be of



an appropriate length and no midriffs are to be on show. Children are also not permitted to wear masks or other items that cover their faces.

The cost of the ticket will be £3 and this includes a drink and a snack. All payments must be made via ParentPay by Friday 13th October and the pupils will then be issued with a ticket.

Pupils are to arrive at the main entrance of the school, no earlier than 5:30pm. Pupils are to be collected or walk home from the same entrance.

This event will be open on parent pay from Monday 1st October.

I look forward to what will hopefully be the first of many discos this year if successful.

Miss Major

## Student Leadership



We had a fantastic amount of applications for our student leadership roles in school. Interviews have been conducted and we are pleased to announce our student leaders for the academic year.

Congratulations to our new Student Council:

Well done for conducting yourself brilliantly in your interviews and for explaining your thoughts and ideas so clearly.

We look forward to seeing what your future holds!

Year 8: Riley Cleford , Emily Hemming, Romaine Whyte Harry Harrison and Kacie Cook

Year 7: Amber McIntyre , Imogen Flynn, Miley Pitcher, Martin Vichev and Bethany Spacie

Year 6: Aroush Azhar and Farris Khan-Jones

Year 5: Emily Tomlinson, Anna-Martha Gapper, Jessica Callow, Ivan Stefanov and Thomas Bull

Congratulations to our new Eco Councilors:

Year 8: Morgan Spacie, Cory Finn, Emily Slater

Year 7: Kara Larner, Lauren Bunyard, Jenna Keeley, Harry Graham, Poppy Clarke

Year 6: Ellie-Mai Callow, Gracie Reid, Alicia McCrea

Year 5: Fraser King, Harrison Wall, Ruby Chamberlain

Congratulations to our Sports Leaders and Sports Ambassadors:

Year 8: Chloe Beech, Zach Filer, Noah Todd, Say O'Gorman, Mollie McLeod, George Turner, Ethan Griffiths, Brandon Whitehouse

Year 7: Dylan Muca, Kaidan Middle, Hudson Ecklof, Elsie Harris, Tudor Blejan, Dexter Sterland, Coral Poulton, Aliyah Wakeman-Sutherland, Nikita Sydorenko, Alexia Parsons, Felicity Moody

Year 6: Kailan Docker, Isla Cotton, Amelia-Rose Pullen, Emmitt Wade, Archie Psaila

Year 5: Oliver Grogan, Jaiden Barber, Tate Neade

Congratulations to our Reading Ambassadors

KS3 Reading Ambassadors

Olivia Roberts, Daisy Taylor, Phillipa Swanborough, Rylan Doody, Victoria Markiewicz, Nathan Fox

KS2 Reading Ambassadors

Tiana Taylor, Kaitlyn Howard, Freya Ward, Freya Payne, Elena Payne, Akira Beattie, Ava Ryall, Arthur Parsons, Evie Amphlett, Lyla Coggins

## Children's University

By the time a child turns 18, [they will have spent just 9% of their waking life in a classroom.](#)

Children's University is about making the most of the remaining 91%.

Research shows that participation in extra-curricular activities can positively impact on attainment, increase a pupil's positive identification with school, and build self-confidence and resilience.

Research also shows that children that do not have access to these opportunities fall behind, lack confidence, and fail to develop career aspirations. The resulting attainment gap is so significant that 25% of children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds achieve below expected attainment levels.

Children's University is an initiative that promotes and celebrates extra-curricular activities. When children attend clubs, they can register their attendance using a unique code. If they spend a certain number of hours throughout the year attending clubs, they get to attend a special graduation ceremony at the end of the year.

New Year 5 pupils - you will get your log on information next week. Don't worry though, you can still add on your clubs since 1st September!

Our in-school codes:

Choir **green8826**

Netball **green0569**

Dodgeball **yellow1577**

Girls' Football **blue8494**

Boys' Football **purple0151**

Yoga **orange3905**

Y7 Futsal **blue2081**

Y8 Futsal **purple1591**

Hockey **blue7476**

If you don't see your club's codes listed above, please let your teacher know!