



Newsletter – No.36 25th June 2021

Message From Ms. Mole.

As you are aware we have unfortunately had to close our Badger Class Bubble due to a positive COVID—19 case. Although we are all extremely saddened that the children are not in school and our thoughts go to the children, staff and families impacted by the self-isolation, I was incredibly proud of the way that the children, parents and staff coped with the news. The children were disappointed about not being in school and having to rearrange some of the activities that they had planned but they looked after each other, giving a hug to those who needed it and reassuring them with kind words. A massive thankyou to the parents who have had to change their plans and working arrangements at very short notice to collect their children and have them at home. I can only imagine how difficult this is and we really appreciate the grace with which you all took the news and were there to support your children. The teachers moved swiftly into online learning mode and had all their plans agreed by the end of the day yesterday and like everyone else they did not utter a negative word but rose to the task in hand. Even the coach driver ,who brought Badger Class back from The Yehudi Menuhin school after our wonderful singing picnic, was amazing following our instructions and delivering us back to school safely. We can't wait to have Badger class back in school very shortly.

On Monday I will be sending a letter with the staffing for the coming year and giving details of times when the children will be meeting their new teachers. This is always an exciting time of year but can be a little worrying for the children. We hope that the activities that we plan for the children help to make the transition as smooth as possible. We are so fortunate to have an amazing staff team who work so hard to make sure that every child feels included and is able to be the best that they can be.

Take care, have a lovely weekend and keep your eyes open for the staffing letter on Monday!

Rebecca Mole Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Arabella** for showing curiosity when she observed the tadpoles.

Squirrels: **Ava** for being a kind and caring member of Squirrel class. Well done Ava!.

Badgers: **Evie** for coping well with challenges.

Forest School: **Robbie** for being inspired to make his seaside picture.

Erin for Successfully shaping a great mud face to a tree trunk.



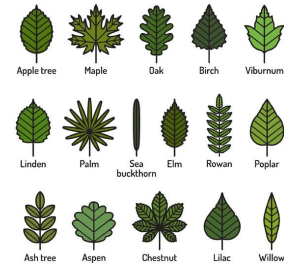
Values Leaves: Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

Below are some of this week's leaves:

Year 2 children for being resilient and caring.

Year 2 parents for the fact that they will need to be resilient and caring.

Year 2 staff who are resilient and caring.



COVID –19 Testing Reminder

Please remember that all adults and children over the age of 11 are encouraged to complete twice weekly Lateral Flow Test. Although this test is not 100% reliable in detecting positive cases of COVID—19 it does pick up some cases. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of cases across the country and in Surrey over the past few weeks and as a school we can see the impact of this increase.

Class Photos

Don't forget, orders for Class Photo's must be submitted by no later than Friday 2nd July 2021.

Fairtrade

This weekend Harlequins play Exeter Chiefs in the Premier Rugby Final and the British and Irish Lions play Japan. I don't think that they will be using a Fairtrade Rugby Ball this time but hopefully someday soon they will. Here is a picture of Cardiff RFC training with one.



Eco Tip

In Circle Time the children were thinking of ways that we can become more environmentally friendly. Over the next few weeks I will focus on the ideas that the children came up with (there were lots of great ideas!)

Idea No. 3

Make a wild flower garden

How do wildflowers help the environment?

Wildflowers provide lots of things that insects need: food in the form of leaves, nectar and pollen, also shelter and places to breed. In return, insects pollinate the wildflowers, enabling them to develop seeds and spread to grow in other places. The insects themselves are eaten by birds, bats, amphibians, reptiles and small mammals, all of whom contribute to the cycle of life. During winter when there is less food available, wildflower seeds can also be an important food source for birds and small mammals. Wildflowers can also be really helpful to keep soil healthy. When wildflowers become established and spread their roots, they stabilise the surrounding soil. This means that when there is a lot of rainfall, or irrigation in fields used to grow crops, soil particles and nutrients stored in the ground stick around and the soil stays healthy. This is especially important on hillsides, where sloping ground is easily washed away if there aren't root systems to hold the soil in place. Without plants like wildflowers that stabilise the soil, nutrients can get washed away into nearby water systems. This causes a problem called 'eutrophication', where algae spread and can make the water toxic to marine animals.



Year 2 Singing Picnic at The Yehudi Menuhin School and Picnic at School in the Orchard.







Dates

Summer Term

Friday 2nd July — Second Hand Uniform Sale 1pm—3pm

Friends Movie afternoon— to be held after school more details to follow

Wednesday 7th July — Sports day Reception 9.15am—10.15am, Badgers 11.00am—12.00pm, Squirrels 1.30pm—2.30pm

Thursday 8th July — Athletes in School (am)

Tuesday 13th July - Sponsored Bounce (pm)

Friday 16th July — Friends Movie afternoon—to be held after school more details to follow

Tuesday 20th July — Year 2 Leavers assembly

Wednesday 21st July — School Finishes 1.00pm for the Summer Holidays