



Back to Normal

This week has been a very busy one in school and we do appreciate that a lot of messages and letters will have been coming home at different points. We now have email addresses for all parents and will be sending letters home after half term through email from now on wherever possible. Hopefully, this will help everyone as letters will no longer go missing and returning slips will be able to be completed electronically too. We hope to be able to use School Money too now for you to book lunches to reduce even more paper, but we will keep you informed with this as we know more.

In school this week we have been busily assessing phonics to see how children have been progressing and we are very happy with the impact that Read Write Inc is continuing to have. A discussion also took place this week with regards to our Starbooks reading events and dates will be set for the next half term to allow you to come into school and share reading with your child.

Mr Raw, Head of School

Home Reading

As you will know, the school places a great emphasis on home reading and reading in general. It is a skill which can define how children progress at school and we are determined that every child will be a fluent reader by the time they leave our school. As part of our Home School Agreement, we ask that every child reads a minimum of 3 times a week at home. More is recommended but we do appreciate that lots of the children have busy lives.

Recently we have moved away from paper records to make life simpler for parents. As discussed we have moved over to Marvellous Me and the electronic Reading logs that you can find on the app. Our records show that only a very small number of parents are not active on Marvellous Me but to start using it for reading records a few simple steps need to be followed to get started. If you require a new passcode or additional codes for family members who also read with your child, e.g. grandparents, please just ask and we will happily help out. Additionally, if you need some help logging on Mrs Sykes and I will be available in the school hall on Wednesday 20th October at the end of school to sort any problems you might be having and also to demonstrate how to log reading.

At present the Reading Rockets scores, due mainly to moving over to this new system, are well below our expected levels and we would greatly appreciate your support in improving these totals rapidly.

If you have any questions please pop and see Mrs Sykes or myself and we will be glad to help.

Sport at Pelican

This week has seen us return to Pelican Park for sport for the first time in over 2 years. Pelican are an excellent partner for the school and provide a huge amount of support for us.

On Thursday Year 1 and 2 worked hard all afternoon to improve their ball skills, taking part in a number of activities with a range of different equipment.

Today Years 3,4,5 and 6 have been taking part in a tennis event. This again has been building on the skills that the children developed during the summer months and all the children have had an excellent time.

Next week we also have teams representing the school in a Futsal competition following on from our after school club which has run during this half term. Well done to all the children and thank you to the staff at Pelican for their continued support

Macmillan Bun Sale

On Friday 22nd October, we will be having a Macmillan bun sale in school. Children will have the opportunity at breaktime to buy a bun and a glass of juice for 50p. All of the proceeds will be donated to Macmillan to support the amazing work they do within the community. If your children would like to participate please send them with 50p. Thank you.



Halloween Disco

On Thursday 21st October we will be holding a Halloween disco in the hall. Tickets are available from the office for £2, which will include a hotdog, drink and bag of sweets. Children should bring their costumes to change into during the afternoon, but costumes are not essential. The disco will start straight after school and children will need collecting at 4:15 pm.

Sporting Superstars

This week we have 4 Sporting Superstars who have been taking part and enjoying great success in different sports in their spare time. It is always great to hear from the children what they have been achieving and if your child has news to share I would love to add them to the newsletter too.



Ryan—Year 6

Ryan plays rugby for a local team and at a recent awards ceremony he was voted Player's Player of the season. He was chosen by his fellow team mates which demonstrates what a great player he really is. Ryan loves his rugby and is clearly a superstar!



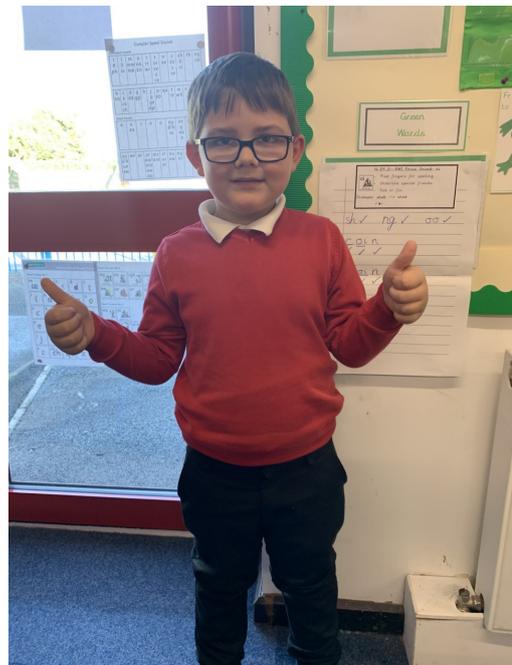
Lynden—Year 5

Lynden practises karate twice a week. He absolutely loves it and recently was successful in passing his grading for his yellow belt. He is now on his way to his next belt and is determined to get there. Great effort Lynden.



Tom—Year 3

Tom is another child who is always competing and practising different sports. Normally, Tom is smashing records during his weekly park run, but this week he has been succeeding at his local rugby team. In assembly on Monday Tom showed off his impressive trophies that he had earned for his performance. Amazing.



Robbie—Year 2

Robbie tries his hand at all sports and this week brought me a football medal that he had been awarded for being player of the week. Robbie loves all sports and is prepared to give anything a go. We are really proud of you Robbie. Well done.