

Newsletter ~ Term 6, Week 7

In this final newsletter of the year I thought I would let the children's words do the talking as they reflect on their learning and time at school this year and what they are hoping to achieve next year. Each child contributed to their end of year report and I have included a selection of their comments from our Reception children through to year 6. If you get a chance, have a read. Their words and thoughts are both uplifting and humbling. We are so proud of them and know you will be too.

Our end of year data is another area in which to be proud as once again end of year outcomes for children are at or above the national average in the Year 1 Phonics Check and at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. End of key stage 2 attainment data compares very favourably with national outcomes. In Writing and Maths 87% of our children achieved the expected standard compared with Writing 76% and Maths 75% nationally. In Reading and Punctuation, Grammar & Spelling 96% of our children achieved the expected standard. National figures show Reading to be 71% and EGPS 77%.

While data and end of year outcomes are important, providing a rounded curriculum and opportunities for children to develop in every way is of equal value. Children have therefore been able to enjoy being part of school concerts, dance festivals, concerts with local schools, assemblies, sporting events, trips and outward-bound activities and it is these occasions that they will often remember fondly before reflecting on a mark in a test. A big thank you to our team of talented teachers who all work so hard to make these positive things happen, and who give over and above in supporting children in a variety of ways.

Reception

I am proud of my reading because I know all the letters and the sight words. I am looking forward to playing with the duplo. I want to learn about flowers.

I am proud of making making friends and playing with friends and making them happy. I am looking forward to playing and learning rules.

I am proud of learning all of the phonics and the letters and now I can write and read. I am looking forward to having my new teachers Mrs Galey and Mrs Healey - I want to play with them.

Yr1

I really like when we do running outside with Mr Millard, I'm really fast now. I'm most proud of my art, I can be really neat now and my reading is good too. I'm looking forward to doing reading in Year Two, I think they do more sight words!

I think my best part of school this year was being on the school council, I went to special meetings after my lunch and talked about road safety. I'm most proud of counting in 5s, now I really know how to count in 5s. When I'm in Year 2 I can't wait to find out all about the Great fire of London.

The best part of Year One has been adding up numbers. I get to learn more about the numbers than I did in Reception. I'm most proud of my writing, I could only do a little bit in Reception and I can write loads now. I can't wait to learn about more things in Year Two, they learn about the Great Fire of London and they get to do stuff with fire and toast marshmallows!

Yr2

It's good in Year 2 and I enjoy going into the ICT room and using the computers. Maths is my best subject because I'm clever and I can add and subtract big numbers. I need to improve my writing by writing neater and getting my brain to think quicker.

I have enjoyed Art because I like drawing pictures. They inspire me to use good words and help to tell me what words mean. I am good at History because I like finding things out. I want to get better at Maths because sometimes I find the questions hard.

I like being in Year 2 because I enjoy doing Maths. I am good at History and I find it easy. I enjoy looking up information at home so I learn more things. I would like to improve my English by getting better at writing stories and I need to remember to use all the different types of sentences.

Yr3

I have enjoyed writing about the balloon race story and writing a letter to Mr Gladstone to persuade him to stop children working in Victorian times. I think the best part of Year 3 was going swimming and our school trip to Tithe Barn. My favourite lessons were when we took the flowers apart in Science and tasting the rainforest food in Topic. I'm proud of myself for learning the 8 times table because at the start I didn't know it and now I do. My goal for Year 4 is to make sure my sentences are not too long and that I use capital letters.

I liked writing poems because they challenged me and they were fun to do. I also enjoyed weaving in DT because it was hard at first but then I got better at it. I most enjoyed Maths because I like multiplying and dividing. My favourite topic was The Stone Age to The Iron Age because we went on a school trip. The things I'm most proud of are my 3 merits. In Year 4, I'm exciting to learn about the digestive system.

I like reading the balloon race story and we got to write our own ones after and it was fun. I liked learning the Bob Marley song because I've got good rhythm. My favourite part of Year 3 was PE with Mr Millard because his games get my brain moving. My favourite lesson is English because I like writing. I'm most proud of my work in Maths because I worked really hard. My aim for Year 4 is to write more in English because I don't do that much.

Yr4

I have really enjoyed the Hundertwasser art, it is so colourful. I also like learning French with Dr Johnson. My handwriting is so much neater now and my spelling is much more accurate now I use my syllables and a whiteboard. Next year I am looking forward to going to Camp and the Houses of Parliament. I want to improve my writing even more in Year 5.

I have really enjoyed Year 4 as I get lots of W.A.G.O.L.Ls and it shows me that I have done a really good piece of work. I am really proud of my sporting talents and I was surprised by how much I enjoyed performing at the Dance Festival. I am looking forward to going to Kilve court and completing all the challenges there. I think this year has been a good year for me, but I want to improve my behaviour by not calling out.

I have really improved with my Maths, as in Year 3 I wasn't that good, but now I go to a Maths club and it has really helped me to understand. I am now more careful with my spellings when I write and I check my work. Next year I want to use a dictionary more so I can spell independently. I am proud of all my art work as it often gets used as a W.A.G.O.L.L. I am looking forward to going to the Houses of Parliament next year and learning about MPs and the Egyptians.

Yr5

This year I have enjoyed many activities, including Kilve Court because it was a really good chance to be away from my family and experience this before secondary school and year 6 camp. The MAWS concert was really exciting, as I played a really important part in the dance, and the Christmas Extravaganza was the same! I also enjoyed the Houses of Parliament trip as I learned more about democracy and saw a real debate. School work I have enjoyed has been English, as I really like poetry writing, and Science, as I really liked doing the forces topic and learned loads. I enjoyed having a choice about what to do in the baptism and ascension assemblies. I loved all the topics, but my favourites were Space and democracy. I now know how to go to people for support if there are friendship problems and I felt as if I have improved in English and Maths. I have improved my maths test score. I'm still not completely sure about fractions in maths and multiplying decimals. I'm looking forward to the Space Dome next year as I missed it this year, camp and Lifeskills.

This year I have enjoyed many activities, including PE with Mrs Field and athletics. The dodgeball competition was fun as I was able to play with my friends. I liked doing pictures of the water cycle and going into the space dome. I learned loads of things and it felt real. The pebble beach at Kilve Court was my favourite and it was fun finding fossils. My favourite topic was The Egyptians as I liked learning about history that happened a long time ago. I like studying history at school and doing art and starters of the day in maths. My achievements in my work are in my handwriting and I am better at writing stories as we write more than in previous years. I have got better at doing experiments in science as we work in groups to plan and carry ideas out. I would like to get quicker at my times tables and spelling trickier words. I'm looking forward to being with Mr Groves, as he is funny, and going on camp.

This year I have enjoyed many activities, including going to the Houses of Parliament because it was interesting to see all the rooms and talk to Liam Fox. I enjoyed Kilve Court (as being away from home and having fun with my friends was a good experience and I like exploring new places). I liked participating in MAWS as it was exciting and I enjoyed doing the dance. I liked participating in the Christmas Extravaganza and playing my guitar in MAWS. My favourite topic was The Egyptians as I liked learning about the mummies and being one! I also enjoyed making pottage. My favourite

subjects are PE (rounders on Fridays) and being challenged at maths. My achievements are making some new friends, starting a new series of books, organising the chess club and improving in my maths. I think I have got a bit better in story writing. I would like to get better at writing independently as I sometimes get initially stuck for ideas. I'm looking forward to going on camp next year and doing Lifeskills, drugs awareness, being in the Space Dome again and doing the year 6 production. I am also looking forward to sitting on the bench and doing year 6 jobs!

Yr6

In Year 6 I have enjoyed preparing for the school production; not only is it exciting and fun, it also lets me indulge in two of my favourite things: singing and acting. I have also enjoyed having the chance to do fun Maths tasks! For example, approaching Maths through challenge tasks and riddle has been more engaging and allowed me to work with friends. Of the things I have achieved over the year, I am pleased to say that I am better at working as part of a team when that team is made up of people I wouldn't normally choose to work with. (Although I still prefer working with friends!) I think my targets are to be better at getting information to stick in my brain and to have neater handwriting. (Your handwriting is lovely! - Mr Groves). I'm really excited for next year. I'm particularly looking forward to making new friends and experiencing different subjects, such as chemistry, science experiments and P.E. I promise to try my best in all subjects and not to be grumpy!

Throughout Year 6, there has been reason to laugh: be it Mr Groves' teasing scrutiny, Year 6's excessive sense of humour or the enjoyment of the work we're doing. I feel that I've done well this year and that the activities we have done were not only fun but also a preparation for the years ahead e.g. camp, choir concerts and visiting the Lifeskills centre. Some activities have been less fun, like SATs, but they have helped me revise and taught me a lot. I am particularly proud of my progress in Maths and have done well reinforcing my friendships. However, an area where I could improve would be general accuracy of punctuation.

Most people think that camp is the best thing about Year 6 but I just appreciated the chance to be with my friends in school and have the chance to learn useful facts - I thought the science lecture at St. Bede's was particularly interesting. I have achieved a lot this year and am proud of the improvements in my writing: using a range of punctuation, writing that flows and a wider vocabulary. I think I've also had a good year for sport and am still pleased about my rounders performance on camp! I think my target is to improve my understanding and knowledge in Geography. Next year should be fun and I'm looking forward to having a fresh start and making new friends.

We say 'goodbye' to our year 6 children and wish them well in their new schools.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the end of term Book Token:
Navin (Rec), William N (Y1), Poppy (Y2), William S (Y3), Freddie (Y4), Anita (Y5) and Tamsin (Y6).



Can I also take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the staff for your kind thoughts and words and many end of year gifts. Also to those of you who have completed the feedback forms and questionnaire – we will still be happy to receive them at the start of next term. Your continued support of your child and the school is always appreciated and without this we would not be the school we are today. If you are a year 6 parent who is leaving us, many thanks for your input over the years and good luck as you move to a new stage of family life.

To all our families, may you all enjoy a lovely summer with plenty of sunshine and fresh air.

Monday 4 September is an Inset Day
School re-opens for children Tuesday 5 September