

SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

What a blustery week it's been! In school however, the children have all been settled, engaged and working diligently. It has been a pleasure to watch them learning! This calm was interrupted with a ripple of excitement when Mr and Mrs Flowers brought Felicity in to meet everyone! We look forward to welcoming Mr Flowers back next week - a supply of matchsticks at the ready!

Today sees our first whole school enrichment session this afternoon. All the children have signed up to one of the seven activities being offered. We look forward to feedback and photos on Dojo later.

Mr Clark and Mrs Fox ran the tuck shop this morning, apologies for not sending a reminder beforehand. This will now be open weekly during Friday break time. All KS1 children still have daily access to the fruit provided by the government. Talking of food, I will be working with the School Council next week to carry out a survey with their peers asking which vegetables and fruit they prefer and will eat. We have noticed that vegetables are being left and thrown away daily. On Wednesday for example, I would say that of those children having the roast dinner option, 80-90% of the carrots and green beans were thrown in the bin. Additionally, there are also quite a number of children opting not taking a dessert from the selection available (dessert of the day; fruit pots; jelly pots; yogurt pots). I will be sending a Dojo message to parents asking the same question. This will help the caterers to plan and provide veg and fruit the children are more likely to eat.

This week, during our staff meeting the staff had a webinar run by 'Picture News' on the nine 'protected characteristics' and the four 'British Values'. Do parents know what these are?! The children are expected to! (Ofsted) Picture News now link and refer to these in their weekly news story that we use with the children (Yrs 1-6).

Also in the daily main news at the moment is the 'cost of living' crisis and strikes over pay. The Governors Finance Committee met to go through the figures and start looking ahead to budgets for next year. Whilst we have certainly had to tighten our belt and try to save money, I am pleased to report that we are solvent! Thank you to all you parents and the PFA for helping to fund all the additional things that you do for the children. This is hugely appreciated. Starting next week, we are going to run a fun feature in the newsletter profiling a different member of staff each week. I will start the ball rolling...

The sun is finally shining. I hope it lasts into the weekend and you have a good one!

Coming up

January

Thur 19th

No Year 5
swimming

February

Fri 17th Last Day Term 3
3.20pm finish



**A very Happy Birthday to all
those celebrating birthdays
this week**

Rose Toussaint
Ethan watts
Kitty Gingell
Christina Vickers
Skye Conlon



Head Teachers Awards



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

The **Reception** Head Teacher award this week goes to **Jack Free** for being an all-round super star! Jack always listens and is ready to learn. He takes part in every learning time with enthusiasm and always gives his answers. This week I have been particularly impressed with his amazing letter formation. Jack has showed he knows all the sounds we have learnt so far and can form them brilliantly. Keep up the hard work Jack, we are all very proud.



In **Year 1** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **James Dibble** for his super work in the Maths lessons this week. James has shown fantastic engagement, has been eager to share his answers with the class and shown excellent understanding. Keep it up James!



This week in **Year 2** the Head Teacher award goes to **Christian Graham** for his fantastic contributions in class discussions. Chris always has a thoughtful considered idea to share with the class during lesson contributions which supports the whole class in developing ideas and learning. Continue to let your light shine Chris, we are all really proud of you.



The **Year 3** Head Teacher award this week goes to **Darcey Bettles**. Darcey has shown an amazing attitude to her learning this week. She has made some amazing contributions to class discussions, had a real thirst for learning and she has also done some great quality work. I was particularly impressed with her work in RE where she had to identify celebrations and explain how and why they are celebrated. Darcey gave a great example about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and was able to go into great detail with this.

This week in **Year 4** the Head teacher award goes to **Oscar Oliver** for having an outstanding attitude to learning this week. Oscar always sets a fantastic example for everyone in the class, he is ready to learn and completes his work to a high standard. Well done Oscar, another great week, keep up the hard work!



In **Year 5** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Tommy Crowden-Naylor** for the fantastic work he has produced this term so far. Mrs Stanfield has been so impressed with the attitude and effort he shows in all his learning. He is showing he has great reasoning skills in Maths and also loves the creativity in Art and English. Keep letting your light shine, Tommy.



The Head Teacher award in **Year 6** this week goes to week is **Darcey Daw**. Darcey has shown true resilience in her learning this week, she produced a fantastic 'monster' in descriptive writing and been very committed to providing a very high standard of work. Darcey is a great friend and will always go above and beyond. We are very proud of you.



Winners of the House
Cup this week:



Gwash
Well Done!

Tuck Shop

Every Friday

Snacks 50p
Drinks 50p

**After School Clubs
16th – 20th January**

**Monday – Bricks4kidz
Gymnastics Invite Only**

Tuesday – Boccia/Curling Yr 1/2

Wednesday – Boccia/Curling KS2

**Thursday – Gymnastics Invite
Only**

Sports Diary

Sat 14th Jan

Thur 19th Jan

Thur 26th Jan

Cross Country

Boccia League

Boccia Finals

CHARITY QUIZ & CURRY EVENING

**Thursday February 9th 2023 - at Rutland Showground
LE15 7TW**

6-30pm for 7-00pm start

Teams of 6 @ £25.00 per person

'Rutland And Stamford Sound is supplying a special guest quizmaster for the night'

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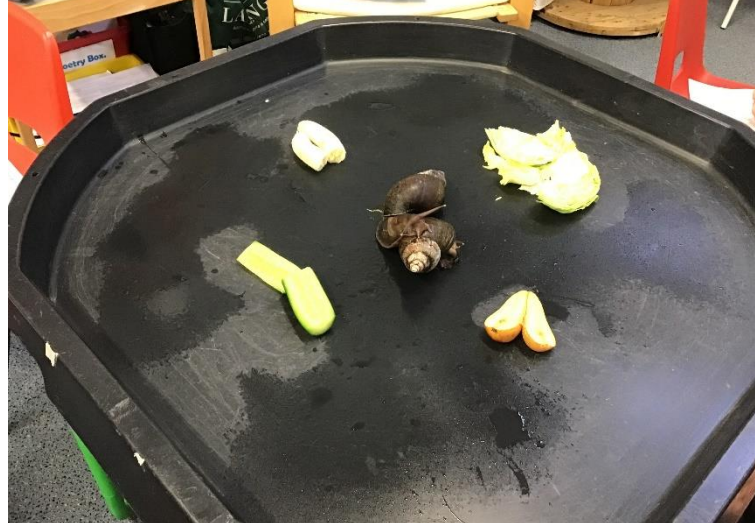


**Rutland
Showground**



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ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON



Arts & Crafts Science Experiment

Gardening
Lego
Games
Photography
Boccia & Curling

Codebreaking