



The Mordiford Mail



What a soggy week and looking ahead at the weather forecast it is not predicting a very dry weekend through into next week. Hopefully we will experience some beautiful spring sunshine at some point in May !!

Inspired by Mental Health Week we have tried to connect with nature this week...splashing in puddles is always a favourite and rain never stops play at Mordiford. Year 3 children have been proactive in picking up litter from the school field and showing concern for nature. Some Year 1 children spotted a tiny chick had fallen into a wet drain and with Mr. Sibcy's help managed to bring it out safely.

Whatever the weather I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes, Miss Finney

This week's Writing Showcase features writers from Pentaloe and Arrow Class. Each week the published writers will receive a pen and at the end of term we will award prizes for the best published pieces.

Here is an extract from Maya's (Y6) brilliant story about "The Highway Man"

It was an incalculably vast galleon sailing above rough waves of purple moons; the moon – the silver sun— flickered its brilliantly illuminated beams among the turbulent forest of trees. A figure. A figure adorned with incandescent emeralds, shining sapphire, radiant rubies and divine diamonds—rose from beyond the moors. A hat, which was askew, upon his furrowed brow bobbed as he meandered towards the inn to follow through with his never ceasing harrowing life story.

His ghastly silhouette moved towards the aged inn door. His velvet coat which cascaded from his broad, dashing shoulders, fluttered as he tapped his leather whip against the wooden decaying shutters, which vibrated as he tapped them.



Our Christian Value this half-term is

EQUALITY

“No two leaves are alike, and yet there is no antagonism between them or between the branches on which they grow.”



Lydia (Y2) has written a lovely character description of Mr Grinling

Mr Grinling works in a lighthouse on the rocks. He sleeps in the little white cottage perched high on the cliffs. Mr Grinling is a lighthouse keeper. The ships toot to him at night to say that his light is shining brightly out to sea.

Mr Grinling lives with his wife Mrs Grinling and his cat Hamish. He looks very wise and friendly. He sometimes wears some sunglasses and a red and white t-shirt when its sunny and in normal weather he wears black boots, a big jumper, a purple hat and brown trousers. When its raining he wears a coat, trousers, a hat and some black boots.



Messages and Reminders

Due to Class photos taking place on Thursday 20th May, Teme Class will be doing PE on Friday instead of Thursday next week.

In order to help school run smoothly and to help children to continue to ease back into more normal school routines please can you help us with the following:

- All children wearing school shoes and correct uniform on non PE/walking days. Please label all items clearly
- Coats on wet days, sunhat and sun cream on hot days. Again all items labelled please
- Providing fruit or an alternative healthy snack for break time, aside from the health benefits of a healthy option we are unfortunately finding a great deal of litter on the playground and field from crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. Please remember that we are a nut aware school so do not send in any items that may contain nuts
- The drinks bottles that we ask you to send in each day are to replace the water bottles that, pre Covid, were provided by school. We therefore ask politely that these are to be filled with water and a separate drink is provided for those children having a packed lunch if required



We are hoping that as national restrictions begin to ease we too can take small safe steps towards a more normal way of doing things. Therefore from Monday each bubble, instead of sitting in rows to eat lunch, will be able to sit around the dining table with a small group of 6 classmates. We really hope that this will give the children a more sociable time to eat and chat with their friends. All hygiene measures and other restrictions around lunchtimes will remain in place to keep the children as safe and healthy as we can. Miss Finney is also looking forward to introducing a bubble version of Top Table on a Friday as this is something we have missed so much since last March.

Drop Off

The afternoon Drop Off seems to have become a little congested at 3.00pm. Please do not arrive so early that the car park becomes grid locked and begins to block the road before the children have finished their school day. It is really important that parents and carers use the whole 10 minute window as this then helpfully allows for the traffic to flow. If we start the process with a backlog then it really does have a knock on effect and causes inconvenience and frustration for the local community.

We understand that it is difficult to always to time a journey so if you do arrive unavoidably early then please feel free to pull into the overflow car park at the top, turning left through the gates or pull into one of the diagonal spaces at the top on the right hand side (looking down the car park) rather than parking on the road as this can add to the problems. When things are running well the system operates very smoothly, what we don't want is to be taking backward steps where the road outside becomes a problem for the village and dangerous for all users.

Thank you for your support.



Stars of the Week



Headteacher's Award

Tobias, Oliver, Lawrence and Charlie —Thank you so much boys for your enthusiasm to pick litter and care for the school environment. Keep up the great work!!

Little Cup of Kindness

Thank you David for your polite and helpful attitude each morning when the taxi drops you off.

(Reception) Amelia

We have been so impressed with your focus this week. You have tried really hard to use your letter sounds in your writing. You are also trying hard to listen well on the carpet. Well done keep up the good work!!

(Year 1) Lola

For your caring and thoughtful attitude to others. You are a shining star! You are a great role model and are always trying to be the best you can be. Well done!

(Year 2) Bryn

You have really impressed me this term. You are showing fantastic resilience and determination to succeed in your work. It's so great to see your enthusiasm. Keep trying to be the best version of yourself. Well done

(Year 3) Sariya

Each and every day you make the whole class smile with your energy and enthusiasm. Throughout your work, you always try your best, no matter the challenge. You are a joy to have in the class. Thank you for everything you do Sariya.

(Year 4) Ollie

For your resilience and hard work in mastering how to divide with remainders. Your excellent times table knowledge has really stood out too to support you. Well done and I am pleased to see the increased effort you are putting into all your learning this week.

(Year 5) Sid

For a great week sharing your amazing ideas and knowledge with the class during our discussions. Your effort, focus and enthusiasm this week have been brilliant! Well done.

(Year 6) Ben

You have impressed Mrs Broadbridge with your French work and Mrs Cooper is very proud of the effort you put into your creative writing, which shows excellent progress. Top work this week!

Well done to all of our stars!

Term Dates

Summer Term 2021

Thursday 20th May Tempest Class Photos

31st May—4th June: Half Term

Monday 7th June: Children return to school

Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June: Y6 PGL

Wednesday 7th July— Sports Day (provisional)

Tuesday 20th July: Last day of term.

Please note the new date:

Wednesday 21st July: INSET

(School Closed to Children)



Will and James

Tempest Class Photos

On Thursday 20th May Tempest Photography will be coming into school to take class photographs. Please ensure that children come to school in full school uniform that day.

School Vacancies

We have a vacancy for lunchtime supervision for 2 hours a day and cleaning in the Portacabins for 1 and a half hours per day. Both positions are to begin as soon as possible. Please contact the office for further details if you are interested or know anyone who might be.

Prayer Corner

Prayer for Nature

We thank you for the healing rain that washes the curving hills bright green. We thank you for the beams of sunlight that falls softly on a child's face. We thank you for butterflies and flowers, birds and fish, stars and trees, all of these beautiful things you created for us.

Amen

