

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 11th September**
Current Topic: **'Hello'** Current Value: **Resilience**



Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

EYFS — Chicks 97%
KS1— Robins 99%
LKS2— Doves 97%
UKS2— Toucans 98%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 339
Lancaster — 312
Hurricane — 362
Wellington — 312

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:

Charlie D, Henry, Cohen, Kaleb, Harry and Ralfy

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee

This week, we held an assembly with the children to introduce and explore resilience, our first school value of the new academic year.

We talked together about what resilience means and, importantly, what it can look like in everyday life. The children thought about how they can show resilience in school, at home and during activities outside of school – whether that is keeping going when learning feels tricky, trying again after making a mistake, learning a new skill, or persevering with a sport or hobby.

Throughout the school week, staff are looking out for children demonstrating our school values. When we spot them putting these values into action, they are awarded a School Values Raffle Ticket.

Every Friday, six raffle tickets are drawn, and those children are invited to a special tea party with Mrs Anstee and Mrs Gardner to celebrate!

Take a look at the front page of this week's newsletter to see which children were our first lucky winners of the year. We are looking forward to seeing lots more examples of resilience across Gateway over the coming weeks!



An update from Mrs Gardner

Our enhanced provision, The Hangar, is continuing to develop to support children across Gateway with high-level SEND needs.

Mrs Diamond is working hard to develop the provision and create a welcoming, engaging and purposeful environment that supports communication, interaction, emotional regulation and learning.

As part of this, we are looking to build up our resources. If you have any good-quality items at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for donations of:

- Dressing-up clothes and accessories
- Turn-taking games
- Simple board games
- Memory and matching games

Other good-quality games that encourage interaction and communication

Please bring any donations to the school office, where we will happily give them a new home in The Hangar.



An update from Mrs Summers

Each month, I host a coffee morning that we call Mingle in The Mess. This is from drop off and for approximately an hour. This is an opportunity to meet up with other families and chat to me in an informal environment. On some occasions we have guests including the school nurse team or representatives from Community Support.

For the first one, next Wednesday, we have Jess, who works for CAMHS, she comes to our school to support some of our families. Please come along if you want to find out more but also if you just want to attend for a cuppa, some cake and a chat. Younger siblings are welcome, we have plenty of toys to keep them occupied.



EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been busy settling into even more routines and talking about starting school. We have listened to lots of stories about characters who started school, just like us.

We have started our Corefulness sessions, where we are practising moving our bodies with control and we all took part in a skipping games workshop on Wednesday.

We have been singing some counting songs and representing numbers to 5 with our fingers. We have been playing 'bunny ears'.

Everybody has painted a self portrait and we have been busy writing our names.

Our EYFS stars of the week this week --

Reggie - for joining in and working hard during our maths songs

Dollie - for trying her best all of the time

April - for some amazing cutting to create her Chick

Harry - for careful drawing and name writing.



Year 1 and 2

It's been another fantastic week in Key Stage 1! In English, we have been enjoying our new book, *Mixed*. We learnt about a town of colours and how our different skills, talents and personalities make the world a better place. In Maths, Year 1 has been working very hard counting across 100. Year 2 has learnt about the multiples of ten, estimating on a number line, using equations and ensuring our work is presented clearly and neatly in our books. In Art, we have

learnt about Lorna Crane's home made brushes; using natural items such as feathers, grass and sticks. We had a go ourselves to mark make in different ways. We all loved the skipping workshops this week! We had super fun skipping forwards and backwards and not getting caught by the shark! Finally, we have enjoyed sharing our 'Me Bags' and learning more about each other. Well done to all our children for settling in so well and being such brilliant learners!



Experimenting with colour

My colours

My favourite

My new colour

[illegible]

It has been a fantastic week of learning and we are so pleased with how settled and engaged the children are.

Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 16th September — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Monday 21st September — Year 3/4 Trip—Coleshill

Tuesday 22nd September — Year 3/4 Trip—Coleshill

Monday 28th September — Friday 2nd October — Year 6 Yenworthy

Wednesday 14th October — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Friday 16th October — Parent Book Look 8:30 — 9:00am

Wednesday 21st October — EYFS Open Day

Friday 23rd October — Inset Day—School Closed

Monday 26th — Friday 30th October — October Half Term

Monday 2nd November — Start of Term 2

Wednesday 11th November — Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th November — Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd December — EYFS Nativity to CHICKS Parents

Friday 4th December — EYFS Nativity to DUCKLINGS Parents

Friday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 4th January — Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January — Start of Term 3



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