

# HANDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th February 2022



## Happy Days!

We were delighted this week to be able to invite parents in for our **Internet Safety Workshop, Year 1 Phonics Session and Year 3 Assembly!** These events, along with **Open Classrooms** last week make us so happy and give us all hope that we are moving in the right direction.

We are so pleased to have you back in school as you are all such a big part of our school community.

## Maths Fluency

On the second page of this newsletter, you will find information about an app that you can download to give children an opportunity to practice their Maths Fluency.

As a school we have subscriptions with [Numbots](#) and [Times Tables Rockstars](#).

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need information about how to log in. We also recommend the **White Rose One Minute Maths** app!

## Future Workshops

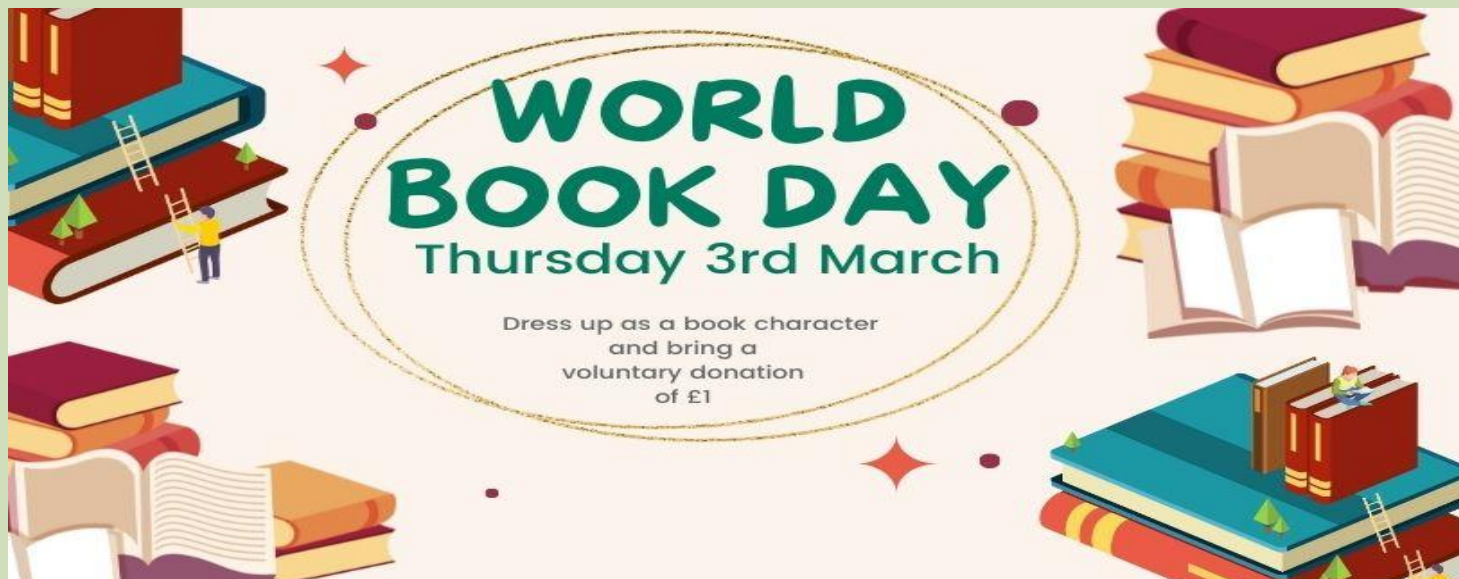
Please remember we have our **Puberty Workshop** with the school nurse on **Tuesday 8th March at 8.30am**. We also have our **Year 5 and 6 Maths Workshop** on **Wednesday 9th March at 4pm**.

We are exploring the idea of having regular lettings in school over the weekend or in the evening. If you are interested in hiring one of our halls or a classroom, please get in touch with the school office.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 3rd March

Dress up as a book character  
and bring a  
voluntary donation  
of £1



# Fluency in Maths

At Handsworth, we recognise that by building **fluency** in Maths, children can efficiently use foundational skills to solve deeper, more meaningful problems that they encounter in the world around them. **Fluency** contributes to success in the classroom and in everyday life.

For example, Maths **fluency** is useful for:

- \* adding scores while playing a game
- \* using mental maths to decide the best buy while shopping
- \* estimating a percent when determining a tip for a delivery driver and so much more!

Throughout everyday life, **fluent** Maths thinkers use strategies and methods they understand to efficiently compute operations and check that their answers are reasonable.

## What is Fluency in Maths?

**Fluency** in Maths is about developing number sense, knowing key mathematical facts, recalling them efficiently, rapidly, accurately and being able to apply a skill to multiple contexts. The National Curriculum states that children should **become fluent in the fundamentals of Mathematics** through varied and frequent practice. When children have a range of efficient strategies at their fingertips, they are comfortable in applying their knowledge in different situations. Building mathematical **fluency** gives them the skills and confidence necessary to succeed as mathematicians.

Your child is provided with many exciting opportunities to develop their fluency in their classrooms. As a school we have subscriptions with these fluency online resources: [Numbots](#) and [Times Tables Rockstars](#). Please encourage your child to spend a few minutes daily to practise their number skills to develop their mathematical fluency. Please see your child's class teacher for their login details. You can also download this free 1-minute Maths app!



Well done to our Year 2 [Numbots](#) and [Times Tables Rockstar](#) Superstars! Keep up the great work.

## Cognitive Science for Parents

Cognitive Science is now at the forefront of education and it can be tricky for parents and carers to keep up-to-date with the latest research and tools.

We would like to share this webinar with you all.

**Empowering the Teaching Triangle: Student, Parent, and Teacher.**

- **Speaker: Patrice Bain**

**Tuesday, 15th February, 5.30 pm, online**

- **Costs: Free**

Have you watched your child struggle with schoolwork? Would you like to know how best to help your child with learning? Patrice Bain (@PatriceBain1), teacher and parent, has worked with cognitive scientists for over 15 years in identifying principles and strategies that increase learning and decrease anxiety. Author of Powerful Teaching: "Unleash the Science of Learning" and "A Parent's Guide to Powerful Teaching", Patrice will discuss evidence-based tools and strategies that work.

- **Link to register:**

<https://bit.ly/Parents-Webinar-Learning>

**Free Webinar for parents!**

SENECA

**Help your child learn more effectively!**

A great way for you to understand how learning works, so you can best support your kids.

Free tickets: <https://bit.ly/Parents-Webinar-Learning>

**15th Feb**



**Patrice Bain**  
@PatriceBain1





# OUR CHILDREN AS LEADERS

After the success of the Christmas Food Bank at All Saints Church, it was agreed (thanks to the great campaigning of Year 3) that for many people in our community a food bank is vital all year round.

As a school, we have decided to contribute to a monthly food bank with Highams Park Food Aid or the 'The Hub'.

The Hub, located at All Saints Church, provides a regular service to people living in Chingford and Highams Park. A number of parents and carers whose children attend(ed) Handsworth also volunteer there!

Whilst general food/non-food donations would be gladly accepted by The Hub, they do request certain items to be donated that are in short supply on a month-to-month basis.

This month, they are currently in need of the following items:

- Nappies - all sizes
- Oil
- Washing up liquid
- Coffee
- Hot chocolate
- Jam
- Honey
- Antibacterial spray
- Soap powder
- Bleach
- Other cleaning products

The following dates have been agreed by The Hub for donations which the School Council will lead on:

- Tuesday 22nd February
- Tuesday 29th March
- Tuesday 26th April
- Tuesday 24th May
- Tuesday 28th June
- Tuesday 19th July

A trolley has been set up in the main foyer by the office.



**Congratulations to the children who represented our school in the Netball tournament this week. You all played very well and I know you thoroughly enjoyed the experience!**

**Well done to you all.**





Peaceful Panda



Equity Elephant



Learning Lion



Safety Snake

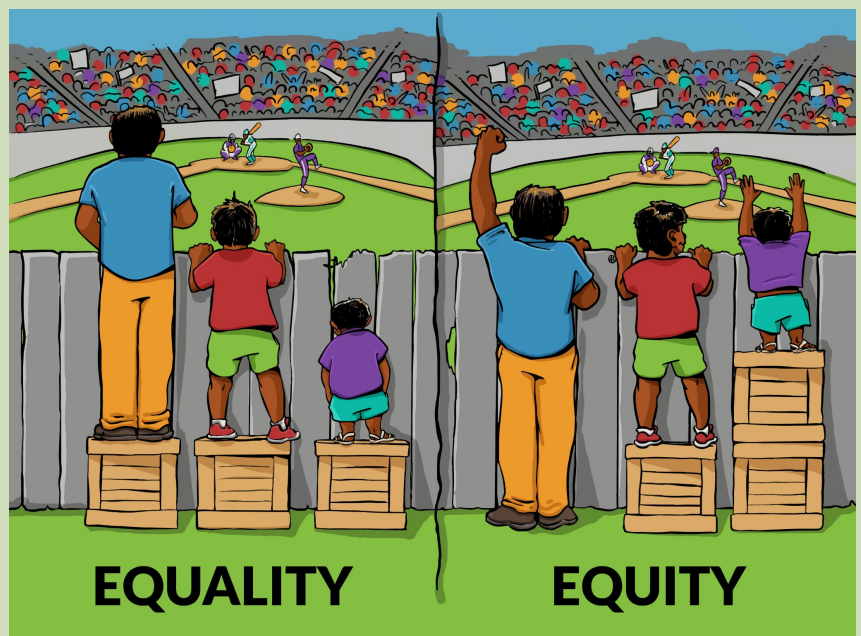


Understanding Unicorn



I was incredibly proud of our house captains this week! We are working to produce a Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy. We started by discussing what Safeguarding means. The children then worked together and came up with 5 main principles that will underpin our Child Friendly policy. We had discussions about the difference between equality and equity and how we can educate the children to understand that. We also discovered our Safeguarding characters spell the word PULSE and believe this was just perfect 'a strong regular beating,' the heart of our school!

We are in the very early stages, but I know with this team we will have something to share with you all soon!





I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. It really means so much to us. Also, a huge thank you to our wonderful staff who are so committed and dedicated. Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful half term.

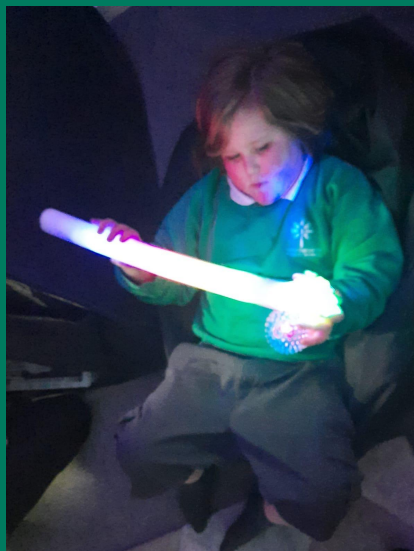
**THANK  
YOU**

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our parent session. Please click on the image below to see the Safer Internet Day Parent Meeting Information.



**SAFER INTERNET DAY 2022  
PARENT MEETING  
INFORMATION**





Thank you Friends of Handsworth for our amazing Sensory toys! Our Sensory Room is great now with so many different activities and experiences for our children to engage with. We really appreciate your help and support.



Thank you to Ms Davey for providing us with such fantastic photos of our children!  
@lauradaveyphotography



## Puberty Information for Parents and Carers

On Tuesday 8th March at 8.30am,

Our school nurse will deliver a parent/carer  
workshop about puberty.

This will give you an opportunity to ask questions  
and get advice.

The nurse will be sharing information about how  
to deal with issues surrounding puberty.

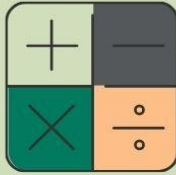


Year 5 and 6  
Parent and Carers

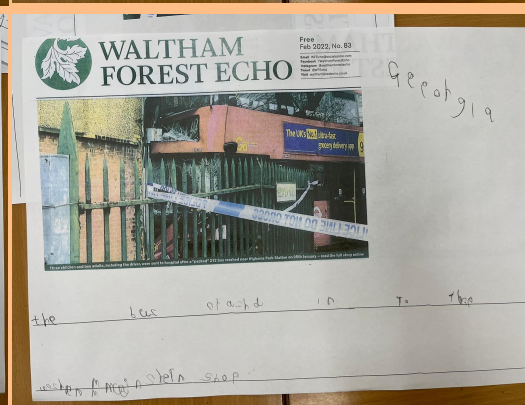
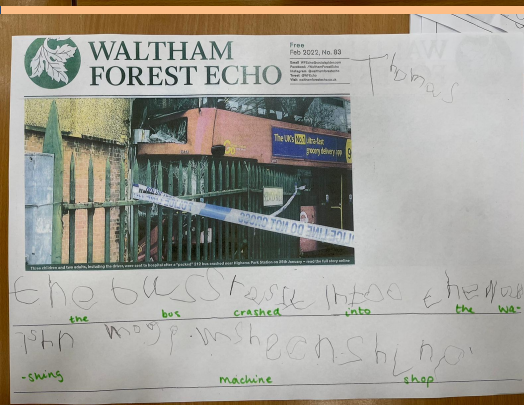
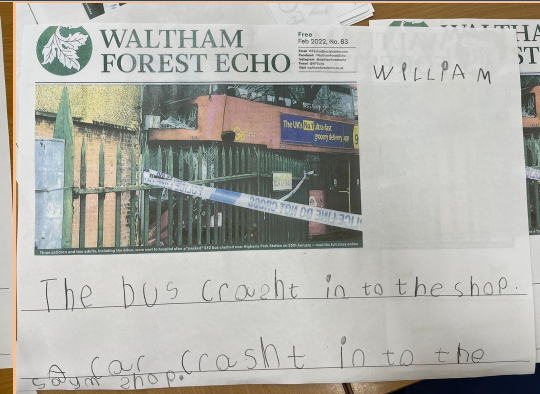
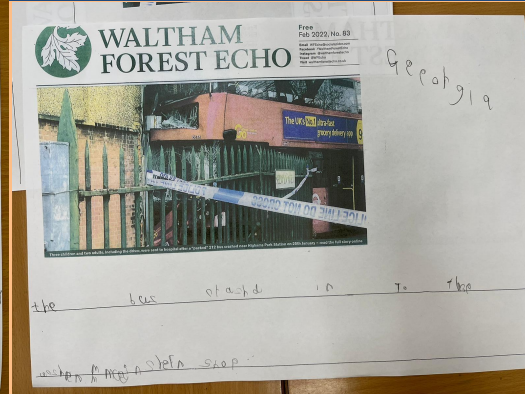
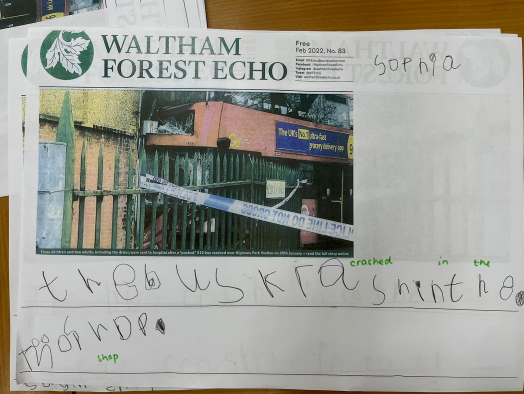
## MATHS WORKSHOP

Wednesday 9th March

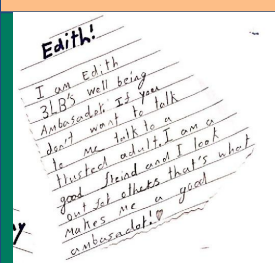
4pm - 5pm  
In the large hall







Our Reception children became journalists this week and provided news reports about the local bus incident.



Thank you to Edith and Nancy for your posters!

## Children's Mental Health Week

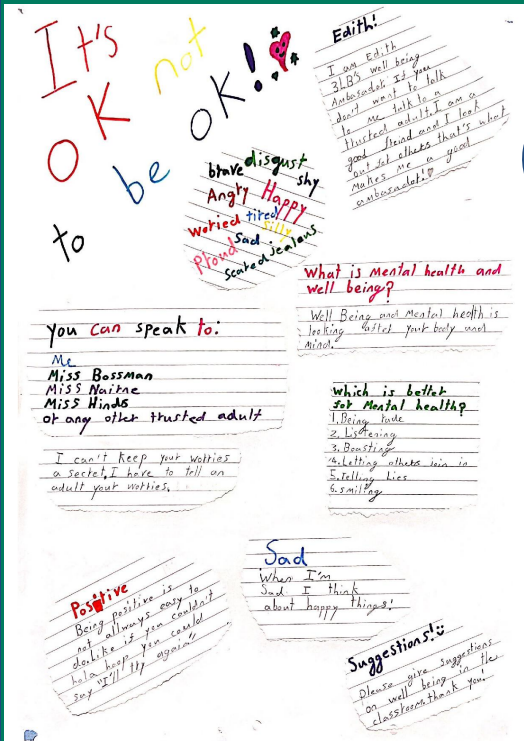
As part of Children's Mental Health week, children had discussions around the theme Growing Together.

We had a visit from a parent who spoke to Year 4 and 6 about the importance of being aware of our own mental health.

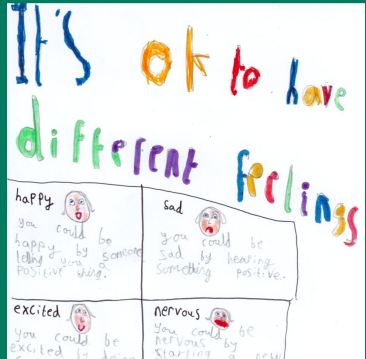
It is important that as a community we continue to raise awareness and teach our children that it is ok to find things difficult. Life is hard sometimes and we experience negative emotions. We must educate children to know what strategies and approaches they can use to help when they experience negative emotions.



I can't keep your worries a secret. I will have to tell an adult.



Being positive is not always easy to do. Like if you couldn't hula hoop you could say "I'll try again."



Click on this link to find some resources that help parents and carers with supporting children in relation to their mental health. [Helpful Resources for Parents and Carers](#)



# Handsworth Primary School

Calendar 2022/23

## Autumn Term 2022 (72 days)

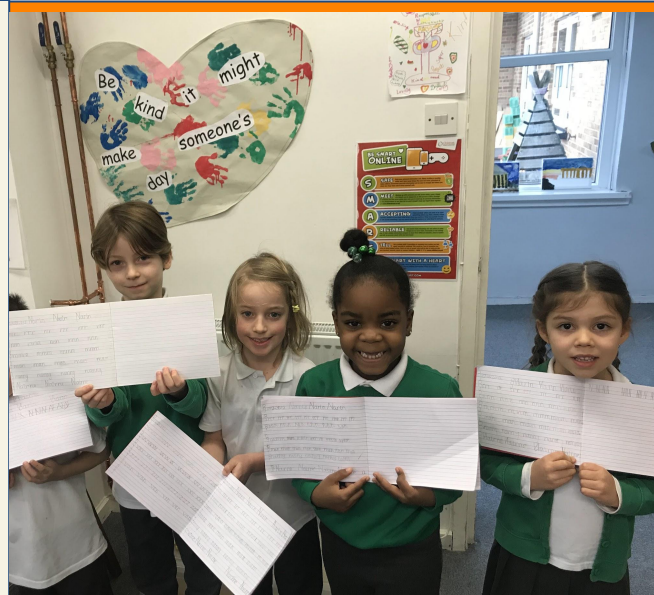
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| Inset Days:           | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022<br>Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022 |
| <b>Start of Term:</b> | <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>                                      |
| Half Term:            | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022          |
| <b>End of Term:</b>   | <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2.30pm</b>                            |
| Christmas:            | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 to<br>Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2022  |

## Spring Term 2023 (59 days)

|                       |   |
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| Inset Day:            | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023                                      |
| <b>Start of Term:</b> | <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>                              |
| Half Term:            | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 |
| <b>End of Term:</b>   | <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 2.30pm</b>                      |
| Inset Day:            | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023  |

## Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

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| <b>Start of Term:</b> | <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>                             |
| Spring Bank Holiday:  | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023                                      |
| Inset Day             | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023                                     |
| Half Term:            | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023 |
| <b>End of Term:</b>   | <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at 2.30pm</b>                    |



Wonderful handwriting Year 1



**WELL DONE**

## Year 3 Assembly



Thank you to those who attended our Year 3 assembly! We hope you enjoyed it. The children were very proud of what they produced. Well done to the children.





# Eco Council

We are so pleased to introduce you to our new **eco-council representatives**! As a school, we want to make a conscious effort to make greener choices wherever we can. Our first meeting was a great opportunity to listen to the children's priorities and ideas for our first steps. We were so impressed with the children's knowledge and thoughts about this important subject. We collected the children's main priorities, and voted on the first action that we want to focus on. This half-term, the chosen theme is **SAVING ENERGY**. Which light is the 'naughtiest' in the school, and gets left on all the time? How can we try to save energy in our classrooms? How could we save more energy within our homes?

RHH – Mila

1IL – Natalia

1MJ – Leo

2MW – Henry

2KC – Ces

3FB – Roel

3LB – Zack

4BD – Toby

4SN - Athena

5TC – Mishan

5JG – Gabriella

6RT – Sasha

6SM – Leon

Next we will be conducting a review of the school using an eco-schools questionnaire. This will help us to get a clear picture of what we are doing really well as a school and ways in which we could improve.

**Well done eco-council!**







## PIZZA & COOKIE EVENING

### FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (**regular or vegan**), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.



Orders to be placed via PTA-Events by Friday 25th February  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhandsworth/>

Orders will be sent home with children on Friday 4th March



£6.50  
PER PIZZA  
KIT

£4.50  
PER COOKIE  
KIT  
(MAKES  
5 COOKIES)

**EACH KIT MAKES 1 X 12" PIZZA  
AND INCLUDES:**

- 01 1 Fresh dough ball perfect for baking that evening, or within 48 hours
- 02 80 grams of special tomato pizza sauce
- 03 80 grams of fresh, cubed mozzarella (or vegan mozzarella)
- 04 10 grams of grated Parmesan cheese for an added depth of flavour
- 05 A pouch of stretching flour to help stretch your dough balls

#### COOKIE OPTIONS:

- 01 Chocolate brownie
- 02 Chocolate Chip
- 03 Oat and Raisin



Bring the family together for a fun mealtime activity

Each kit includes printed instructions, and the Doughies website contains videos and tips to help you stretch and cook the perfect home oven pizza

Orders to be placed via PTA events by Friday 25th February. Please click [here](#) to order!



## SAVE THE DATE

### FRIDAY 22ND APRIL

# KYLIE ON SHOW

KYLIE MINOGUE TRIBUTE ACT PERFORMING AT THE SCHOOL

Tickets on sale soon from  
Friends of Handsworth



FRIENDS OF  
HANDSWORTH



# Star of the Week



**NHW**

GUS

**RAO**

KAI

**RHH**

MILA



**1IL**

CHARLIE

**1MJ**

ISABELLE

**2KC**

LOLA

**2MW**

NETA



**3FB**

KEON

**5TC**

APRIL

**3LB**

HARRY

**5JG**

LYLA

**4BD**

GEORGIA

**6RT**

LEAH

**4SN**

MAIR

**6SM**

OLIVIA

The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn. The stars also have the opportunity to have tea with Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!