

31st January - Issue 19



**Well done to year 1, who had 99% attendance last week.**

**The schools target is 97%**

**100%**

**Value of the Month:**

**Spirit of Adventure**



| Date           | Class     | Event                               |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Mon 3rd Feb    | Community | SEND Parent Reviews begin this week |
| Wed 5th Feb    | Yr5       | Parent Inspire Workshop 2pm         |
| Fri 7th Feb    | all       | Headteacher Awards Rec-Yr6 9am      |
| Mon 10th Feb   | Community | SEND Parent Reviews                 |
| Tues 11th Feb  | All       | Parents' Evening 1                  |
| Wed 12th Feb   | Yr6       | Visit Kings Norton Seniors          |
| Thurs 13th Feb | all       | Parents' Evening 2                  |
| Fri 14th Feb   |           | End of Half Term                    |

Mrs Ward, our SENDco, will be available to talk to during Parents' Evening on Tuesday 11th February and Thursday 13th February @ 3.15-4.30pm.

### Safety and Wellbeing

Please be aware of a chat room application called Discord. This app is commonly used by gamers to talk to each other whilst gaming. The Discord social networking tool is geared towards adults, not children and young people. The link below provides more information about Discord, with some parental advice relating to the app.

[https://41d1fc02-de09-4df3-896a-35006c4ca0d7.filesusr.com/ugd/73774b\\_094d07a9b57249769f39438fba35b4c2.pdf](https://41d1fc02-de09-4df3-896a-35006c4ca0d7.filesusr.com/ugd/73774b_094d07a9b57249769f39438fba35b4c2.pdf)

### Message from Mrs Williams

#### Reception Class Assembly

Fairway Reception children have just started to join whole school assemblies, but this week they ran the assembly! They shared their Chinese New Year knowledge with pupils, parents, friends and family watching. The hall was filled with Chinese lanterns and many rats! Together with Mrs Davis, they wrote and retold their own version of the Chinese New Year story, sang and danced.



#### Reading corners

The pupils in Miss Hartford's class are enjoying their new reading corner, which includes a natural wood frame, kindly created by Mrs Farmer's husband.

#### Tree Octopus

Year 4 pupils have been creating amazing writing about the tree octopus, including non-chronological reports and tweets from the rainforest. Mrs Williams was blown away by the use of punctuation and vocabulary.



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## Book Review

Trying to pin me down to a favourite book is a big ask! In the end, I shared three absolute favourites from my childhood with the school this week: *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Horse and His Boy* (another of the Narnia books that Mrs Ward picked as her favourite) and *Moominland Midwinter*. I read each of these books to shreds as a child, getting through more than one copy!

Thinking about them, I've realised that they each have a main character that is suddenly thrust into a new world - in *The Wind in the Willows*, Mole abandons his comfortable home underground and starts a new life with Ratty, living on the riverbank; in *The Horse and His Boy*, Shasta runs away from home in the night with a talking horse, hoping to reach Narnia and freedom, while in *Moominland Midwinter*, Moomintroll wakes early from his winter hibernation, while his family carry on sleeping, no matter how much he tries to wake them. He finally braves the winter world alone, finding his valley completely transformed and hiding strange, new creatures.

Each story took me into their new world with them, through the wonderful characters, adventures and strange, beautiful or outlandish settings - they make me think of my favourite quote about books (though I can't remember who said it...) 'Books give you somewhere to go, when you have to stay where you are.' I need to read myself to the riverbank soon!



Ms Hammett-Kay

## Stars of the Week

Rec- All of rec for a great performance, Liam for extra learning at home, Ava for amazing art work & Grace for Fantastic writing!

Year 1-Arosha for being a kind and caring member of year 1 & Jaxon for fantastic effort in Literacy!

Year 2-Charlie for good contributions to literacy lessons & Alex for always being helpful and keen!

Year 3-Taylor for quick, accurate work in maths & Dae-Shawn for gorgeous ideas in his poetry!

Year 4-Seth for always having a positive attitude towards his learning & always showing 100% in all lessons, amazing attitude to learning!

Year 5-Josiah for effort in swimming & Laicey for great work during close reading!

Year 6- Brooke for excellent effort in numeracy & Ruby for wonderful writing- a real improvement!



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