

Platt Primary News



'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for following our request to keep the lay-by as a drop and go area in the mornings. This is helping to keep the flow of traffic moving through the school site. We are doing our best to keep the spaces outside of our car park clear for you also. Please use these spaces first if you turn up early and **wait for a member of staff to open the vehicle gates at 2:50pm**—they are kept closed for safeguarding reasons.

In classrooms, the learning is active and busy. We have had a focus on ensuring the learning is clearly understood by the children. They now use the acronym (we do love an acronym in education) WALT which stands for: 'We Are Learning To'. This little change is supporting children in fully understanding what they are learning rather than what they are doing. So do please ask them what they have learned today rather than what they did.

The choir are off to perform in Young Voices at the O2 today. This will be my first experience and I am very much looking forward to it—we will share some photos with you next week.

A reflection we shared in Collective Worship this week:

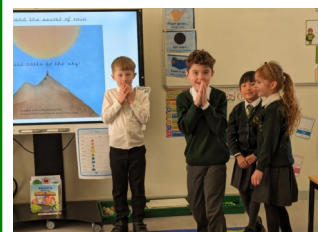


Have a lovely weekend,

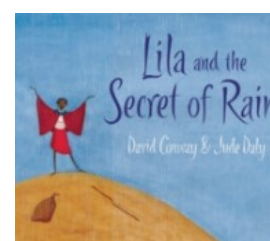
Mrs Emma Smith

Astronauts Class

The Astronauts have enjoyed what we have been doing in our English lessons this term. Our focus has been on a captivating book "Lila and the Secret of Rain." Throughout this term, the children have had the opportunity with exploring the characters, the setting, and immersing themselves in the rich cultural elements of Kenya.



In our recent lessons, the Astronauts embarked on a journey into persuasive writing. This week, they had a fantastic opportunity to bring the narrative to life by acting out a drama scene from the book. The scene of Lila, standing at the top of the tallest mountain in her village, trying to convince and persuade the sky to rain. To achieve this, our students stepped into Lila's shoes, sharing their saddest stories with the sky. The Astronauts demonstrated great talent in portraying this scene, capturing the essence of the narrative with enthusiasm and creativity.





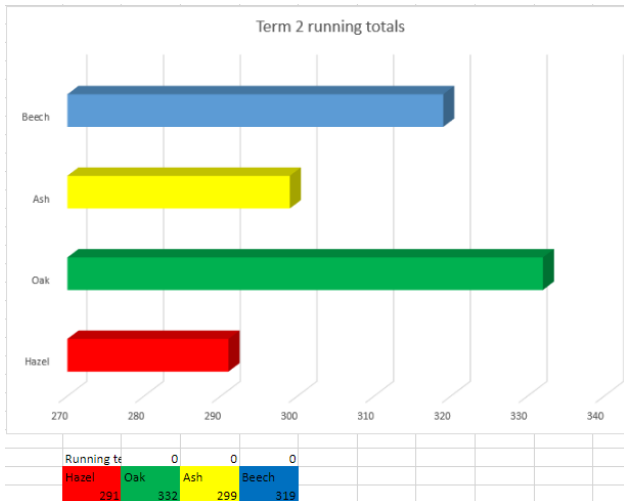
Achievement Award



Well done to this week's recipients for showing the value of
fare:

- Creators: Daisy
- Explorers: Arthur
- Astronauts: Monty
- Inventors: Jairu
- Adventurers: Sophie
- Voyagers: Jeremy
- Ambassadors: Jiabo

House Points



Best Seats in the House at Lunch:

Congratulations to:

- Creators: Noah and Stanley
- Explorers: Florence and Christian
- Astronauts: Charlotte and Kit
- Inventors: Esme and Charlotte
- Adventurers: Ava and Rihanna
- Voyagers: Molly and Lilly
- Ambassadors: May and Iris



Diary Dates

Please note that all events and dates listed below are accurate at the time of printing this newsletter, but, could be subject to change in the future.

Spring Terms 3 and 4

- 30th January Bags to School collection
- Friday 2nd February Number Day
- Monday 5th February – school photos
- Tuesday 6th February Safer Internet Day
- Tuesday 6th February Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February Parents' Evening
- 12th – 16th February – Half Term
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day
- Monday 18th – Friday 22nd March Year 6 Residential Trip
- Monday 25th March Whole School Open Afternoon from 2:45pm
- 29th March – 12th April School Holidays

Summer Term 5

- Monday 15th April term 5 begins
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (Children not in school)
- 13th – 16th May Year 6 SATs
- 27th – 31st May Half Term

Church Services this academic year:

- Wednesday 21st February—Lent—Year 1
- Friday 22nd March—Easter—Year 4
- Friday 7th June—Communion—Year R
- Monday 22nd July Leavers' Service—Y6

If you can support the school and volunteer to walk both to and from the church on these dates, please let your child's class teacher know.

For more dates for this academic year, please see the diary dates list that has been emailed to you or the school website.

Mrs. Smith and the school team

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