



*Give your best, expect success!*

9-Feb-24

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of another term has arrived! This week we started with an assembly that included a bit of maths magic ready for our Numbers Day celebration. The children might tell you it wasn't really magic, just a trick using our number knowledge but it was a reminder that we can always find the magic in the ordinary if we try, sometimes it's how we approach it and sometimes it's thinking about everyday miracles.

Have a lovely half term, I hope it's full of wonder!

Mrs Lewis

Here's a Maths Magic Trick to try at home:

- Ask someone to pick a number
- Add the next higher number to it
- Add 9
- Divide by 2
- Subtract the original number



The answer will always be

**5!**

Can you explain why?

Can you make up your own?

**House Captains' Holiday Challenge:** You should have received a letter from the House Captains last week telling you about the Holiday Challenge they have set. A quick reminder that the theme this year is around looking after the environment. The children are invited to create something to promote environmentally friendly behaviours, both big and small.

**Nursery and Reception:** *Our classroom and outdoor space - keeping things tidy, looking after resources, wildlife habitats.*

**Year 1 and Year 2:** *What can we do in school? Lights off, taps off, recycling, reducing waste in school. Taking care of our resources and outdoor spaces.*

**Year 3 and Year 4:** *Our local environment - protecting wildlife, air quality near schools, litter, recycling, looking after our river.*

**Year 5 and Year 6:** *Global protecting environments for nature, fair trade, responsible shopping and travel, reducing waste*



Here are some suggestions for what you might like to make:

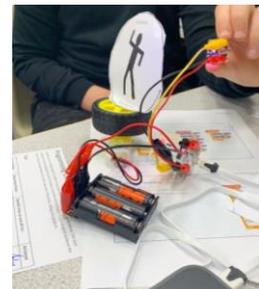
Entries should be brought or emailed into school by **Wednesday 21st February**, judging will take place the next day with the winners announced on **Friday 23rd February**.

Poster - Leaflet - Comic Strip - Poem or Story - Quiz or Puzzle - Mini-Movie - 3-D model

We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

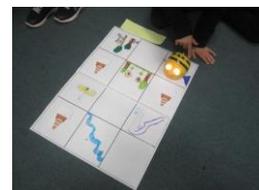


**Year 5:** Year 5 wanted to share what they've been up to this week across the curriculum. They had great fun getting messy with mono-printing but also explored the world of coding using crumbles, sparkles and motors! Mrs Champness said they enjoyed being really active in their learning and exploring new skills and of course, showing off what they can do!



**Year 2:** You may recall that we recently experienced the miracle of the whole of Year 2 being able to thread their needles. Well, we can now reveal the finished items, these wonderful monogrammed pen holders!

Well done Year 2! They even managed to fit some Beebot time too!



**Movie Night:** Last night's Movie Night was a great success - had over 150 children watching their movies and enjoying popcorn and hotdogs! A big thank you to our staff and parents that came along to help. event looks to have raised about £300 to the TEMPO fund and Mrs Gee's Fund.

**Celebration Assembly:** We loved welcoming Butterfly Class to their first Celebration Assembly, they looked fabulous in their ocean themed dress-up and joined in brilliantly. We look forward to seeing them every week.

We got off to a lively start with our music today, as it was Numbers Day for us, we had to have Steps' 5, 6, 7 8 for our music. Mrs Champness and Lola led some fabulous dancing as the children came in! Certificates to day were awarded for, amongst other things, independence, handwriting, art, a class one for Year 6 for being super helpful all around the school!

**Attendance:** Temple had a busy week with Year 3, building castles and helping in maths! For the first week of the term, temple will be with Year 5. This week whole school attendance stood at 93 % and is at 95% for the year.

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
50	68	92	114

Well done to Ruby House, they have also achieved the most house points over the term and so will be having their Colours Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Dates for your diary: (Full details and booking etc to follow)**

- 19/02/2024 Term 4 starts
- 27.02.24 Sports for Champions Visit and sponsored event
- 29.02.27 – 11.03.27 Parent Sharing afternoons
- 12.03.24 and 13.03.24 Parent Consultation Evenings
- 13.03.24 Book Fair arrives
- 28.03.24 Term Ends
- 15.04.24 Term 5 starts.

