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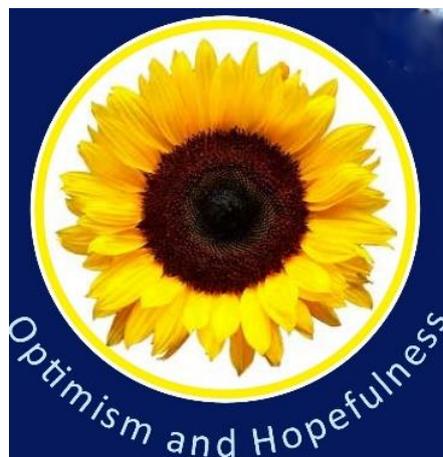
**Friday 29th
January 2021**

NEWSLETTER 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into February, I feel like we should reflect on what we have collectively achieved this month and for the start of 2021. The efforts by all involved; our dedicated staff working onsite and offsite, parents and carers who are having to juggle so much at the moment and of course our inspirational children. No doubt, most of us have had to overcome difficult days but the way that we continue to support each other will be absolutely pivotal as we move through the weeks and months ahead.

Our Term 3 value is all about 'Optimism and Hopefulness'. I don't think this value has ever been so needed than during this time. Optimism and Hopefulness are important because they are all about believing that we can make things better in our own lives and for others. Believing that we can make ourselves, our relationships, our learning, and in the wider sense, our world, a better place through our personal efforts and commitment.



Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins

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Executive Deputy Headteacher

The BBC Big garden Birdwatch 29th-31st January

If you want to sign up as a family just access the RSPB website on the address below. Fun and educational – it might provide some distraction from the daily news! Please click on the link below to access:

[BBC Birdwatch](#)

Congratulations!

Aurora (Y4) has been awarded 2nd prize in the Gordano Breakfast Rotary Art Competition . We are super proud of your achievement Aurora- well done!

Holly (Y6) won the 7-11 yr old category for South West In Bloom, after winning the Portishead In Bloom competition originally, and received a £20 Waterstones voucher for her efforts! Well done Holly!



Term 4 celebrations

Our children on and off site have been remarkable over the last few weeks. They have adjusted to the current lockdown incredibly well and we appreciate the efforts they have made. Attached to this newsletter is a certificate for **everyone** to receive. Please display this in your homes with pride! Below are a few names the teachers wanted to give an extra special mention to:

Infant Celebration:

Reception: The teachers would like to say an enormous 'well done' to all the children, both in school and at home, for working so hard and coping so well with all the changes that are happening at the moment. You are all superstars!

Y1 Lillie (Ducks), Freddie (Ducks) (Mrs Francis)

Y1 Sidney (Blackbirds), Millie (Blackbirds) (Mrs Betts)

Y2 Ben (Pelicans), Didi (Pelicans), (Ms Blackford)

Y2 Cali (Owls), Ally (Falcons), Mrs Dane

Y1 Aiden (Swans), Joshua (Ducks) (Mrs Peprell and Mrs Ward)

Y1 Rhys (Ducks), Freya (Penguins) (Mrs Keys and Mrs Arnall)
Y2 Elizabeth and Rhys (Pelicans/Falcons) (Mrs Bates and Mrs Godden)
Y2 Elena and Frankie (Owls/ Pelicans) (Miss Skinner and Mrs Meacock)

Junior Celebration:

Y6 Holly (6G), Dominik (6G) (Mrs Gore, Miss Edwards and Mrs Bruntlett)
Y5 Jacob (5W), Poppy (5W) (Mrs Coates/Mrs Gear)
Y5 Imagin (5D), Rowan (5D) (Mrs Davies)
Y5 Lewis (5S), Eryn (5CH) (Mr Geary)
Y4 Isla (4W), Jacob (4W) (Miss Wilson)
Y4 Emily (4F), Jonny (4F) (Mrs Harrison)
Y3 Louise and Jacob H (3W) (Mrs Davies)
Y3 Archie and Belle (3T) (Mrs Taylor)

Y6 Euan, James and Maia (6H) (Mrs Hankey/Mr Hopkins)
Y6 Roxanne and Elizabeth (6G) (Mrs Gooch)
6B Miles and Mollie (6B) (Miss Bennett)
Y5 Alfie T and Evelyn (5S) (Mrs Sage)
Y5 Nathan and Lexi (5CH) (Mr Culverhouse/Mrs Hill)
Y5 Alfie B and Max (5W) (Mrs Wallace)
Y4 Zoe and Hannah (4D) (Mr Fullan)
Y4 Alissa and Thorley (Mrs Fackrell)
Y3 Olivia and Rio (3W) (Mrs Wright)
Y3 Isla (3AB) and Tom (3T) (Mrs Bjergfelt)

Key Diary Dates-

Infant school Junior school Both schools

Updated events highlighted in red

Term 3

Friday 12th February Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 22nd February Start of Term 4

Thursday 4th March World Book Day (details to follow shortly)

Monday 8th March INSET day

Thursday 1st April Last day of Term 4