# Good News!

**Year 6** It has been really good to be back at school this week. In English we have been continuing our learning around the Harry Potter theme. We have been focusing on how we answer specific types of questions and making sure that we use quotes and evidence from the text to support our answers. We have learnt how to improve the content of our writing by using expanded nouns phrases. For example, 'The mouse was under the table.' is a boring phrase. 'Beneath the ancient, crooked table sat a devastated, frightened brown mouse, quivering in fear' is much more interesting.

In maths we have continued working on our fractions looking specifically at adding and taking away fractions with different denominators. We have moved on adding fractions using mixed numbers.

We have focused on Art in the afternoons and produced some lovely pieces for Christmas ...you will have to wait and see what they are. We had the most amazing game of dodgeball on Thursday afternoon!

William and Summer

**Year 5** This week we have been researching online about Nelson Mandela's life. It has been really fascinating and a bit shocking to learn about Apartheid.

We have made Christmas cards to send to the elderly and we asked if we could make an extra one to send to someone in our street who may be feeling lonely this year because of Covid.

It was great to watch Newsround explain about the vaccine coming.

In Maths we have been learning about statics, using line graphs and plotting data.

Abia and Darcey

**Year 3** SFA has been great this week; we have been reading some brilliant poems. We have watched Benjamin Zephania and Michael Rosen perform their poetry using actions and expression. Our favourite poem is one about socks and how they all come in different colours and patterns. We all agreed that washing machines eat socks! In maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions and identifying the numerator and the denominator. We know that two quarters is the same as a half. In PE we have carried on with our volcano dancing and for tennis we had a go at serving by bouncing then hitting the ball.

On the classroom door, we have a Friendship Advent Calendar – every day we read a postcard to someone in the class and they get to keep it. Year Three won the lunchtime award this week, so we get extra playtime – in the snow!! We are extremely excited.

Oskar and Josie

**Year 1** In maths we have been learning greater than and less than, we had to sort some numbers and counters. I liked playing the alien game in PE! Rudi

We have been learning our word of the week – by
In PE I played meet the aliens with Mrs Paskell, it was
fun! Joe

#### Year 4

This week in SFA we have been reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl and writing why we like his stories. We have been solving puzzles in maths and trying to find numbers with clues we have been given. We have also been learning about weather, including storms, tornadoes and lightning - there are so many interesting facts to learn!

Ivy and Lily-Mai

### Year 2

I enjoyed making my moving monster in DT. It has really sharp teeth and we made levers and pivots to make the monster move. Ayse

I have enjoyed making moving monsters in DT and I have also enjoyed using money to problem solve. I had to find all the different ways to make 30p using only silver coins. Rocco

### Reception



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# Mrs Moore's Memorable Moment



This week it has been wonderful to be back in Ditton Lodge. The children have been so excited to share all of their learning with me and I have really enjoyed seeing the work they have completed and hearing them read to me their writing which they are so proud of. Each of the classes have been working on the presentation of their work and the formation of their letter and digits. It has been great to see the care and determination to improve that they have shown: they have showcased our Ditton Lodge's High Five values of 'Aim High and Achieve' as well as 'Never Give Up'.

Today was an exciting start to the day with a blanket of snow covering the school grounds. The children have had a wonderful day and have been working hard to impress their teachers so that they can go out and play in the snow!

Thank you for all of your support to us as a school as we work together. Have a safe weekend.

## Who received a Good News Certificate this week



Freya D Azariah B

Ava C Daglar D

Arthur H-M Sophia G

Darcey W

Dario S

Summer N

Peggy-May S

Angie C

Isla D



# This Week's House Points Winner is:

Palace House 2980

Tattersalls House 3270

Severals House 3355

Hyperion House 3365