# Good News

**Year 6** We started SFA in English this week and we are reading a book called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. It is a fictional fantasy story about a girl called Lila and her dream to become a firework maker, like her father. So far, we have found out that she needs to find the Royal Sulphur in order to make the best fireworks but her father would rather she became a dancer and got married. We predict that she will become a famous firework maker and that she may well fall out with her father in the process. However, in the end, we think he will be supportive. We will have to wait and see.

In maths this week we have be revising our rounding techniques and thinking about how to order ascending and descending decimal numbers. We are doing really well with our times tables challenges and our weekly arithmetic.

In topic, we have moved on to Science and are learning about living things (vertebrates and invertebrates). There are many differences between the two but the main being that invertebrates have no backbone, such as some reptiles and worms.

Xakiera and Freddie

**Year 5** This week in maths we have been rounding to the nearest ten, hundred, thousand, ten thousand and hundred thousand.

In SFA we have been learning about the Egyptians. We researched how they made their houses and the different materials that they would have used. We learnt that they made their houses from straw and mud and they would only use stone if they were rich. The houses had flat roofs which meant if it was hot they could sleep on the roof and even use it to cook on. The men had master bedrooms in the houses as they were more important than women. The girls helped their mums to cook while the boys went to school. The girls didn't get an opportunity to go to school and we thought that it was very unfair.

We have also been looking at Online Safety and making animations to create videos to tell other children how to stay safe when using the internet. It was really fun and we can't wait to show our videos in class. Emily and Yvonne

**Year 3** This week, I have enjoyed learning more about rocks in Science – we did an experiment where we dropped vinegar on different types of rock to see what would happen. If the vinegar fizzed or frothed, the rock was made of chalk or limestone. The chalk fizzed a lot! In SFA we have been reading a book about the Oceans; I learnt that sea otters lie down and relax in kelp which is a type of seaweed. Hermione

In PE with Mrs Paskell we played the Toilet Game – we had to run around and tag each other, if we were caught we had to sit on the toilet – it was very funny. I have also enjoyed the Oceans book in SFA; my favourite page was called Down in the Depths. I found out that sea creatures on the ocean floor produce their own light to help them catch prey. Some of the fish at the bottom of the sea are very ugly and the sea bed looks like the surface of the moon. William

Year 1 I love PE. I liked it when I climbed up the hoops. I liked writing about the dog in the story, Dogs Don't Do Ballet. Freddie

We did gymnastics and I climbed really high on the big apparatus. Eddie

Year 4 This week in SFA we have been reading a book called Dear Greenpeace which is about a little girl who thinks there is a whale in her pond! Greenpeace try and persuade her that there can't be a whale in her pond as it is too big and lives in salt water.

In maths we have been learning to round to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand. We are becoming experts in rounding numbers. History this week has been all about the Anglo Saxons. We know that when the Romans left England the Anglo Saxons came to help defend from the Scots and the Picts in return for land and money. Lila and April

Year 2 I have enjoyed my SFA this week. I liked the story Mrs Head read, called 'The Magic Paintbrush' it was about a magic paintbrush and a girl called Shen, who used it to paint some shrimp, ladder and melon to help the poor. Brayden

I liked finding micro-habitats in science this week. I found a woodlouse, ladybird and spider. I found the woodlouse under a log. It was lots of fun looking for different habitats. Elsie

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In Reception we have started our theme, 'I am Amazing! I feel fine!' We have been looking at what makes each of us unique and exploring feelings.

#### Reception



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# Mrs Moore's Memorable Moment

This week, we have been focussing on the Ditton Lodge High 5 of Respect: respecting each other during lunch time. We have been looking at table manners: using a knife and fork, not speaking with our mouth full and using indoor voices in the dining room. The children have really worked hard this week and have continued to impress us.

When they demonstrate wonderful lunchtime behaviour, they receive a card in the Lunchtime box for their year group. Each Friday in assembly, a card is drawn at random from the box and that class receive 5 minutes extra playtime. The children have learnt a good lesson in probability: the more cards you earn, the more likely it is that your class is drawn!

This week year 1's card was drawn (last week it was year 4). One pupil in year 1 was so excited and told me that is was definitely their card that I pulled out in assembly this morning because they cut up their dinner all by themselves.

Well done Ditton Lodge! Keep up the wonderful lunchtime behaviour.

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Amelie C	Owen W
Henry F	Dexter P
Ayse S	Xakiera A
Scarlett W	Luca P
William P	
Frankie F	
Emily P	
Jack S	

## Who received a Good News Certificate this Week



# This week's House Points Winner is :

Palace House	970
Tattersalls House	1135
Severals House	1120
Hyperion House	1335

