



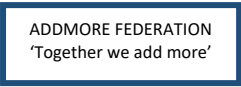
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Friday 15th March 2024

This Half Term's Value Compassion

'Phrases of Faith'



'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you' – Ephesians 4:32

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well. It has been an extremely exciting week for many of us in school, and especially for our Mini Formula 1 Car designers who set off to the Magna Science Adventure Centre in Rotherham on Tuesday this week in hot pursuit of pole position!

Having successfully secured sixth position at the regional competition in Birmingham back in January, and having received the prestigious Judge's choice award, they were then invited back to Finals in Rotherham. This accomplishment is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and exceptional skills. The whole team's success is indeed commendable, and we are extremely proud of them and of **ALL** our teams' achievements who, whilst perhaps not having made it to the finals, have learnt such a lot during this process.

We are also extremely proud of (and grateful to) our teacher, Miss Jones. This is not Miss Jones's first competition (so she knew what to expect!) however she has been through thick and thin with the teams in the lead up to this and given both generously and graciously of her own time. Thank you, Miss Jones, – you are one in a million!

The Team have been interviewed and subsequently featured on BBC Radio Shropshire. The interview shed light on the impressive achievements of our students. It is heartening to see our school receiving recognition for its achievements. This exposure not only reflects the commitment of our staff and students but also showcases the high standards we uphold.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of all our students during the recent assessment week. I am pleased to report that everyone displayed tremendous effort and worked exceptionally hard.

As we move forward, I would like to remind you about our upcoming parent-teacher consultations (dates below). These meetings provide an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and gain valuable insights into their learning journey. I strongly encourage you to attend these meetings, as they are vital in ensuring a collaborative partnership between parents and teachers. If you are unable to make your appointment,





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please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can. Thank you once again for your support.

As we approach the final week of the Spring Term may I remind parents that we break up for the Easter Break on Friday 22nd March and return for the Start of the Summer Term on Monday 8th April.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

With all best wishes,

Mrs S Henney

Attendance



This week's winners are Wrekin – Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
Lawley	95%	97%
Wrekin	99.57%	95.65%
Caradoc	88.21%	93.93%
Stiperstones	95.79%	97.89%
Whole School	94.22%	95.89%

This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Ercall – Olivia for settling into our nursery so well. Well done Olivia!

Lawley – Gus, for sharing his fabulous marine knowledge with us and showing great listening at Blue Planet.

Wrekin – Delilah for working hard on her writing in English, producing some brilliant instructions on how to make a toy soldier.

Caradoc – William - for your amazing shark knowledge on our trip!

Neve - for showing amazing resilience this week, even when not feeling your best- Well done!

Stiperstones - Pheobie S - for always displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards your learning and working hard. Well done, Pheobie!



Class News

Ercall

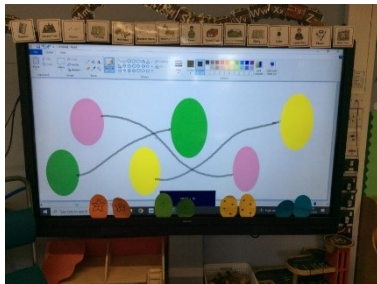
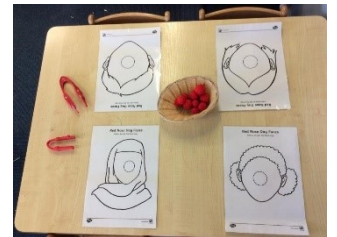
During the week our nursery children have been following the literacy topic, "The Pirates are coming".

We have been exploring treasure, making telescopes, sailing ships on the water and playing with sea creatures in the gloop.

We have begun our Easter activities too; we have been using tweezers to pick up cotton wool balls to decorate our Easter bunny and matching easter eggs by colour and pattern.

Our sound of the week is, 'b' so we have searching for objects beginning with this initial sound such as- bear, ball, bird and bus.

We have also been developing our fine motor skills with tweezers. Our challenge was to place a red nose pompom on the faces for Red nose day.



Best wishes, Mrs Butler, Miss Hughes and Miss Sanders.

Lawley

We had the most amazing trip to Blue Planet Aquarium on Wednesday. We started the day in the classroom learning about habitats and what different animals need to survive. The children really impressed staff at the aquarium with their animal knowledge, especially about how fish breath by taking oxygen out of the water! Our teacher at the aquarium also showed us lots of different shark jaws with all the rows of sharp teeth. We enjoyed watching the divers feeding the stingrays and event learnt how to say OK using diving sign language. After lunch, we had a great time exploring the aquarium. Our favourite part was the tunnels under the shark tanks.

Back in school, we have been very busy practising our singing ready for our Easter service next week. We can't wait to see you all there.

In Literacy this week we have been busy developing our sentence writing with adjectives linked to our Pirates Topic The children were able to write things that a diver might find underwater and include an adjective to go with the objects, such as Silver coins or shiny shells.



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We have been continuing to look at The Easter story in R.E and why it is an important time for Christians. This week the children learnt about symbols of Easter and Spring. We discussed these as a class and drew pictures for our class floor book.

To carry on our Science topic, some children helped make dinosaur slime this week and helped scrub the dinosaurs clean practicing fine motor skills.

Mrs Rawsthorne, Mrs Greenway, Mrs Arblaster and Miss Hughes

Wrekin

Well done to all of Wrekin class this week, completing a range of assessments in Maths, Reading and Phonics. You have all worked really hard and should be proud of your achievements.

In English we made toy soldiers. We then wrote instructions for others to follow so that they could make one. We focussed on including imperative verbs to make our instructions clear, and Year 2 also included fronted adverbials and subordination 'so that' to expand and specify.

We continue to observe our caterpillars and nest boxes each week. The caterpillars have more than doubled in size and we're sure they will be preparing to turn into chrysalis soon. Although we see birds in and out of the nest boxes, they have yet to start building nests, we hope they will soon.

You can follow them on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HvPvwymVxl>

Miss Jones, Mrs Jones and Miss Henshall

Stiperstones

Well done to Stiperstones for tackling assessment week with a resilient and hardworking attitude! I am very proud of how they have managed the assessments. Well done all!

In amongst this, we enjoyed the drama workshop where we were able to show how well we understand how everybody is different and how we should celebrate each other as unique and wonderful individuals. I think we already demonstrate this as a class daily, but it was a great opportunity to explore this in a different way. Thank you to Barry for making this fun and engaging!

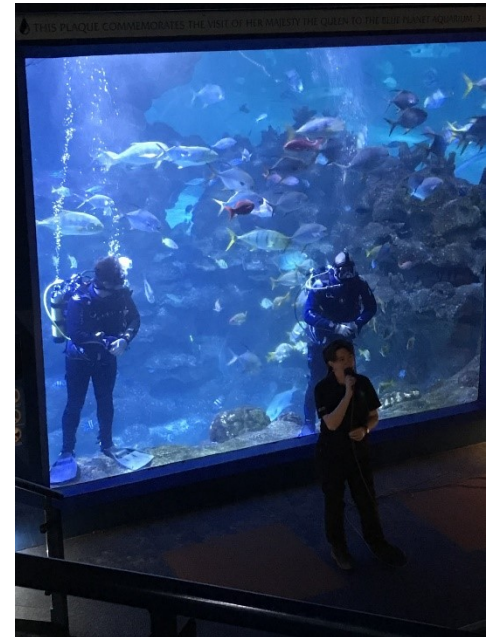
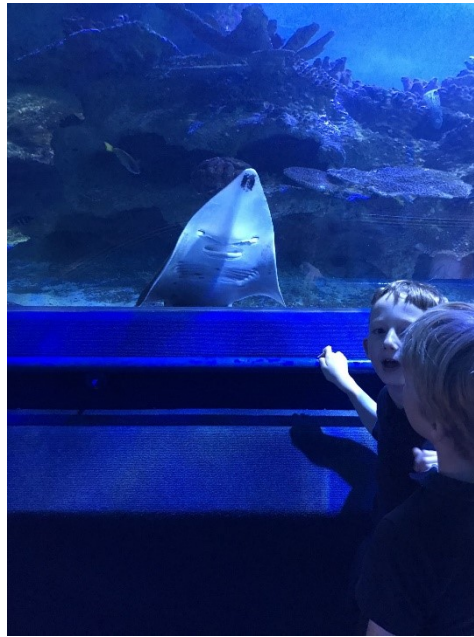
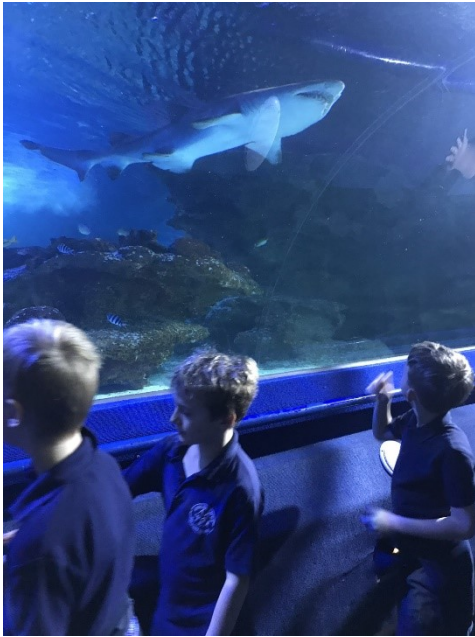
We have also enjoyed exploring a DT linked website called 'Tinkercad'. Your child will be coming home with logins so that they can further explore the site in their own time. They picked it up really quickly in the short time we used it in class and started creating some amazing projects!

Mrs Baillie and Miss Yeomans



Caradoc

Amid all the assessments this week, Caradoc had a lovely visit to 'The Blue Planet Aquarium', in Chester, linking in with our current English topic. The children took part in a shark workshop, where some of the children were extraordinarily knowledgeable! We also got to watch a scuba diving show, which was very funny and generally had a lovely time exploring the wonders of the aquarium. A particularly exciting part of the day was walking through the 'tunnel' and hoping that the glass would hold! The children all had a lovely day and learnt lots about sea life.



**Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Burns,
Mrs Ritchings and Miss Pugh**



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other news

F1 in Schools

On Tuesday the Bolting Gingerbreads heading to the Magna Science Adventure Centre in Rotherham to compete in the National Finals, after receiving a wild card at the Regionals in February. Leaving at 6.15am they arrived ready to set up their amazing pit display before the opening ceremony. Throughout the day the teams presented in front of panels of judges, showed off their pit display and raced their car down the 20m track. They met industry experts from various universities and enjoyed exploring a range of technologies, including virtual reality and computer simulated testing. The team was also able to meet other students from across the country as well as two teams that had travelled all the way from Hong Kong! While the judges went away to add up the scores the team had chance to explore the science museum, before returning to hear the results of the day. The team received a nomination for 'Recognition of Achievement', but sadly didn't come away with any awards on this occasion. This didn't dampen their spirits though, and they were all incredibly proud of what they had achieved and have taken away many memories and lots of new skills from the experience.

Many thanks to Miss Von-Dinther for her support at our after-school club, as well as accompanying us to the final, and to Mrs Dutton for helping set up a radio interview with Radio Shropshire for our teams. If you haven't heard the interview or seen the social media reel, you can check them out here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qv0dweFLGjw>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cd18jgj7d2yo>

also visit,

BBC Radio Shropshire official Facebook page.

Miss Jones is going to take a well-earned rest for the summer but is already excited to see what next year brings for our new teams. Look out for more information towards the end of the summer term.





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Easter Service

We will be holding our Easter Service on Thursday 21st March in St Margaret's Church at 2.30pm - parents/carers are welcome to join us.

Altru Drama

On Thursday we were joined in school by Barry from Altru Drama. We had fun learning about respecting our differences through role play. We talked to partners to find out what we have in common and realised that the more we learnt about each other the more differences we found, discovering that we are all individuals. We discussed how and why we need to respect our individualities within the community.

We learnt about democracy, where we all have a say in decisions within our community and how adults use their voice by voting. We finished our workshops with a mock trial including a judge and jury, listening to other people's opinions, and ensuring a fair outcome for all.

Mrs Rawsthorne

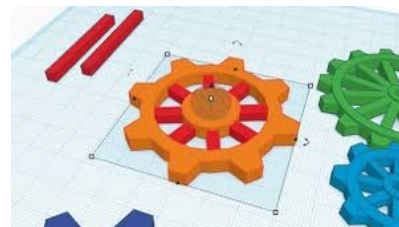
Maths mastery workshop – Tuesday 30th April, 2pm-3pm.

We would like to invite all reception parents to a mastery maths workshop, this will be a great opportunity for you to work with your child to develop their maths skills and learn more about how we teach maths as they move through the school. The workshop will comprise of 2 sections, firstly a presentation for parents/carers and then we will be joined by the children to complete activities together. We are hoping that every child will have an adult to work with whether this is parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle. At the end of the session each child will also receive a maths pack to take home.

DT - Tinkercad



Shortly your child will be bringing home a log in for Tinkercad. This is an online platform where pupils can develop their 3D modelling skills. We aim to integrate these skills into our DT curriculum but children can access the site at home too, exploring all of the functions, watching tutorials and even having a go at the monthly challenges.





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Careers and Aspirations Week.

On Monday 20th May we will be holding our first Careers and Aspirations week. We want all children within our school to feel empowered by the world of opportunities that await. We aim to deliver an informative and fun week, introducing children to a broad and balanced range of careers and future job prospects - this is where we need your help!

In order to facilitate Careers and Aspirations Week, we are seeking the support of any parents

and carers who would be willing to come in and speak to the children about their jobs. To make our Careers Fair as interactive as we can for the children, we are also asking if any parents would be interested in running small group activities or demonstrations. We can always help you if you need some ideas.

If you are interested in supporting us with our Careers Fair and/or coming in to speak to the children about your job/career, please email the office. If we do receive a large response, we will select the broadest range of careers that we can. Equally, if you know of any local companies that you know well enough for us to approach, please do let us know.

Mrs Rawsthorne

Gardening and Home Crafts

This week we looked at the Native American story of The Three Sisters and how it relates to how they practice companion planting. Every tribe has its own version of the story but they weave together the same idea about planting squash, beans, and corn together.

The children had an opportunity to try fresh green beans, sweet corn, and courgette (a summer squash). They also tried corn tortillas made from blue corn which gives the food a very special colour. We talked about how eating a grain (corn, rice, etc) and a legume (beans, peas, etc) together creates a complete protein, which is important for a varied healthy diet. Meat was not always available for people who lived off the land and hunted for their meat.

Lastly we headed outside to sow seeds for our own purple French beans, courgette, and rainbow gem sweet corn.

The story video that we watched was from the Odawa tribe: <https://youtu.be/0qIYzqGFTJU?feature=shared>

This is also a very good video about how native Americans still use this planting tradition today: <https://youtu.be/ISwGxJe4bVs?si=MZGHreJVptYNCwkl>



Mrs Truman, Mrs Greenway and the Gardening Club

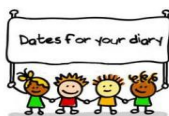




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Moreton Say Diary Dates 2023 – 2024



MARCH

Monday 4th March – Dress up as a Scientist Day

Monday 18th March – Parents Evening from 3.30pm

Tuesday 19th March – Parents Evening from 3.30pm

Thursday 21st March – Easter Service in Church 2.30pm – all welcome

Friday 22nd March – School breaks up for Easter Holidays

APRIL

Monday 8th April – School re-opens for Summer Term.

Tuesday 30th April – Maths Mastery Workshop, 2.00-3.00pm (Reception Parents)

and finally....

Congratulations

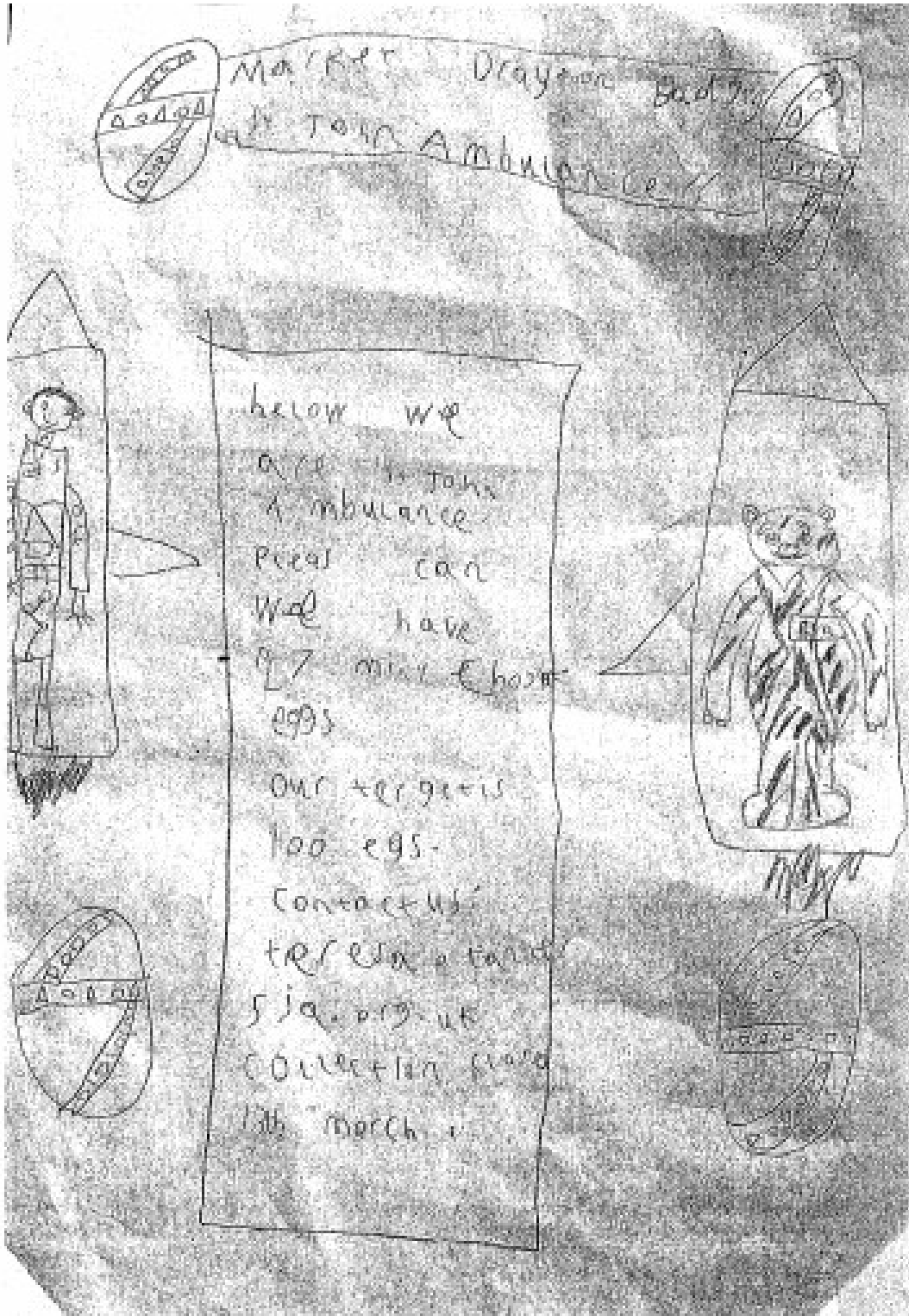
This week we would like to congratulate Rupert for his super achievement at the Wenlock Olympian Live Arts Festival on Saturday Evening. He was awarded Silver Medal for his Junior Solo Performance performed live on stage in Theatre! There was stiff competition with competitors from all over the UK so he did incredibly well. He has qualified for next competition later this month just before Easter!!! Well done Rupert!



We would also like to congratulate Jasper Dutton who has been selected to attend Tennis Shropshire County Training. This is a fantastic achievement. Tennis shropshire Country Training is an initiative supported by the LTA which focusses on getting the top 6 players in each age group together on a monthly basis to train together. Well done Jasper!



Dylan and his friends at St Johns Ambulance are collecting easter eggs. They are aiming to collect 100 eggs. If anyone would like to donate to his cause, please send any eggs in by Monday 18th March. Thankyou.





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