

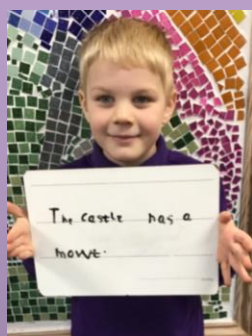
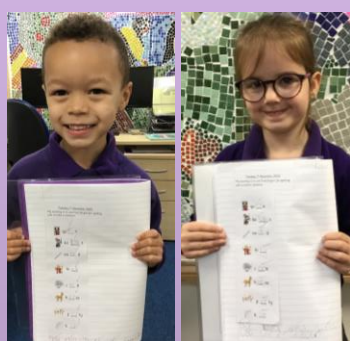
A Message from Mrs Kee

Our assembly on Monday introduced this half term's Jigsaw PSHE theme 'celebrating difference', which links to our school value 'We celebrate individuality'. We took time to reflect on how each of us are completely unique and how special that is and encouraged children to think about what makes them special and unique. We also had a look at some different animals, learning about how they are unique: honeybees have five eyes, and no two zebras have identical stripes. This year, we will be joining in with Anti Bullying week, starting with odd socks day on Monday 14th November and, as part of this week, the children will be 'celebrating individuality' and will also find out who they can 'Reach out' to.

This week, Mrs Dawson has led some fantastic Forest School sessions. The children have been so excited to have a campfire with hot chocolate and marshmallows. They enjoyed toasting them on the fire. The children have all been very well behaved, listening carefully to instructions and learning about how to stay safe.

I continue to be impressed by the children's motivation to read at home. I have had lots of children visiting me this week to receive their Reading Rocket sticker and Marvellous Me badge – keep it up!

I hope you have a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	93.22%
Reception	94.00%
Year 1	91.95%
Year 2	93.69%



Congratulations to
Badgers

for being the class
with the highest attendance this week!
Well done!

**Make sure your
child attends school every day
so that they get the
most from their education.**

Home Achievements



This week we had swimming awards, football trophies, a rainbow award and a horse riding award! Well done!

Merit Award Winners

Our Merit Award winners have achieved their certificates for following our Golden rules, demonstrating our school values or showing star learner qualities – well done!

Reception



Year 1



Year 2





Campfire Fun!



What a wonderful week of campfires. Thank you to Mrs Dawson, who taught the children about safety around fires as well as ensuring there were hot chocolates and marshmallows for everybody!





Fireworks and Bonfires

Bonfire Night is Saturday. If you are planning to attend a bonfire and firework event, we hope you have a wonderful time. Make sure you stay safe! Despite annual safety warnings, firework celebrations still end in painful injuries for too many people, including very young children. Yet fireworks can be great fun for families, not just around November 5 (Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes Night), but also Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year.



Injury figures support the advice that the safest place to enjoy fireworks is at a large public display - far fewer people are injured here than at smaller family or private parties. But if you'll be having a firework party at home, you can make the occasion fun and safe for everyone by following the Firework Code, as well as some sparkler and bonfire safety tips. Read about the Firework Code here: [Firework safety – RoSPA](#) Further information and advice can be accessed here: [Bonfire Safety – UK Fire Service](#)

[Resources](#)

Have fun but stay safe!

Thumbs Up to You!

Marvellous Me thumbs up points were reset to 0 for this half term. Each half term, children earn Marvellous Me Thumbs Up points and can work towards achieving different awards. Children receive Thumbs Up points for a range of reasons, linked to our school rules, values and star learner qualities.



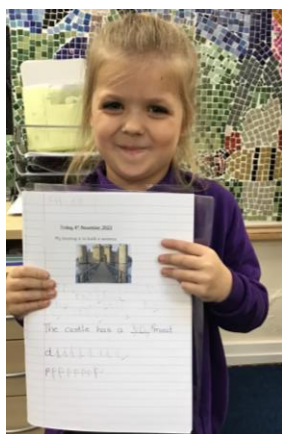
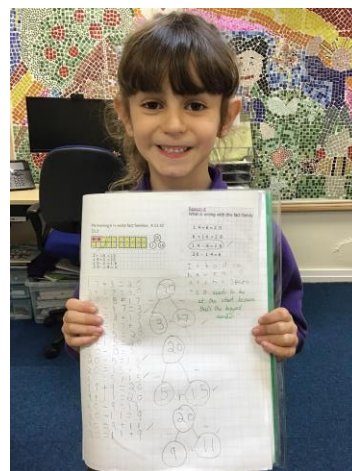
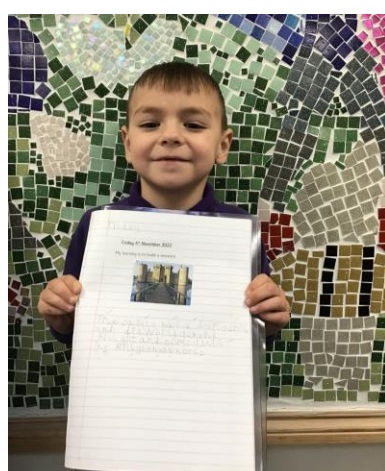
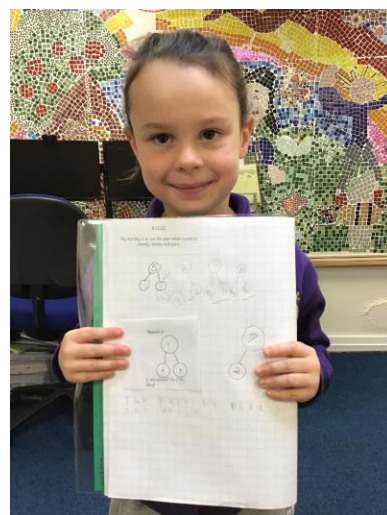
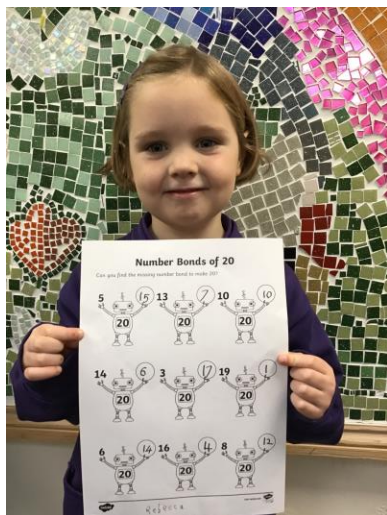
Here are some examples of how children might receive a Thumbs Up point:

- ❖ Showing good manners – remembering to say please and thank you
- ❖ Being kind to someone
- ❖ Helping to tidy up
- ❖ Being the first to be looking and listening, ready to start their learning
- ❖ Not giving up, even if they find something challenging
- ❖ Sharing with others





Lovely Learning!



Mrs Kee has been so pleased to see lots of lovely learning this week – well done!





Parent Reading Sessions

Many parents attended our Parent Reading meeting last half term and we have shared the Powerpoint with all parents on the website. Following on from the meeting, we would like to would invite parents into school to join your child during one of their Read Write Inc (RWI) lessons. Reception children currently have whole class lessons as they learn 'Set 1' sounds. Y1 and Y2 pupils are spilt into groups across the year groups.



By joining your child for their lesson, you will gain further understanding of how we teach reading at school. If you are unable to attend, you can find further information about phonics and reading on our website. Visit the following web pages: [English Curriculum](#), [Parent Guide to Phonics](#).

Parents are invited to join their child for a RWI lesson in school on the following dates (9:00am-9:40am):

Year 1 and 2:

- Monday 21st November – Year 2 Kestrels and Year 1 Dragonflies
- Tuesday 22nd November – Year 2 Woodpeckers and Year 1 Ladybirds
- Wednesday 23rd November – Year 2 Owls and Year 1 Busy Bees

Reception:

- Tuesday 22nd November – Squirrels, Foxes and Badgers Group 1
 - Wednesday 23rd November – Squirrels, Foxes and Badgers Group 2
- NB Class teachers will send you a message letting you know if your child is in Group 1 or 2.*

On these days you can come into class with your child at the start of the day, where you will be asked to sign in. In Reception, the children will stay in class for their RWI lesson. In Y1 and Y2, parents are asked stay with your child as they go to their reading group. The RWI lesson will finish at 9.40am. At the end of the session, please leave school through the main entrance.

We look forward to welcoming you into school. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Williams.





Message from Fierté Vice CEO

The Fierté Trust are proud that all our academies are inclusive, meeting the needs of all pupils within the localities they serve.



Our values of *We are brave, We care, We celebrate individuality* and *We leave no one behind* are realised through our commitment to all children whatever their additional requirements.

We recognise that this can create frustrations for parents and carers at times where adjustments are made for individuals that may seem unfair. Such adaptations are entirely in line with our duties under the Equality Act and enhance the experience of all children preparing them to be empathetic and responsible citizens of the future.

Whilst completely committed to inclusive practices, where we are unable to provide a suitable environment or where the physical safety of pupils or staff is repeatedly compromised, we seek to work with parents and agencies to find suitable alternatives. This is extremely rare and would very much be a last resort. We would like to thank staff, children, parents and carers across the Trust for sharing our values and ensuring that all are welcomed and feel a genuine sense of belonging.

PTA meeting & wrapping!

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated some Christmas wrapping paper or cellotape to our PTA to help them with wrapping end of term Christmas gifts for our children. We really appreciate every donation we receive. Next Monday 7th November, our PTA (and a couple of lovely parent volunteers) are going to be in school to start wrapping, if anyone would like to join, please get in touch with the office!



If anyone would still like to join Violet Way's PTA, it isn't too late, please get in touch with the office to find out more!





Christmas – Santa's Bike Toy Run!

Last year we were kindly asked to be a 'donation station' for the Santa Bike Toy Run, supporting Derek's Trees charity, and we are delighted to have been asked again this year, following our # success last year.

We are asking that the children bring in a small donation of a toy that can be donated to families who are less fortunate than others. Santa bike will be supporting Derek's tree again this year, who support families living with hardship and may be facing extra struggles this Christmas. No child should wake up on Christmas morning and find that Santa couldn't make it to their house this year.



If you are able to donate a new toy to help us support this year's Santa Bike, we would really appreciate it. Please bring any donations to the office! Thank you in advance.

PTA Letters from Santa!

As another PTA Fundraiser, we have decided to do Letters from Santa this year!

Next week, we will be sending out a Microsoft Forms link through MarvellousMe (the link will be included in next week's newsletter) which we would require filling out in order for us to be able to ensure your child receives a personalised letter from Santa.



Nursery children will also be able to access this fundraiser. Nursery staff will ensure that the link is sent out to parents through their communication platform.

We would also require a contribution of £2, which will be payable on ParentPay, in order for your child to receive a letter. Letters will be sent out closer to Christmas.

The deadline to fill out the online Form will be Monday 28th November!





Fierte Parent Forum



Inspiring All to Excellence
The Fierté Multi-Academy Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

The partnerships we foster with parents and carers in our schools are vital in making our schools the best that they can be. It is important that as parents, you are given the opportunity to share your thoughts, concerns or wishes. The Trust Board would like to receive your views and, with this in mind, establish a **Parent Forum**.

This is what the Trust Forum would look like:

- 1 or 2 parents representing each school who are committed to attending a meeting each term.
- Meetings will not last more than 2 hours in duration.
- Meetings will be chaired by the CEO, Mrs Maria Hamblin.
- A record of the meeting will be shared with all parents via the usual school communication channels. Parents will act as Trust Parent Forum Members for one year.

This is what the Trust Parent Forum will be responsible for:

- Representing parents' thoughts from across all schools. This could be feedback, suggestions or wishes.
- Giving ideas for ways of improving or strengthening communication between the Trust Board and schools.
- Acting as a soundboard to the Trust Board on behalf of parents.
- Championing the Trust and our Trust schools.

It will not be:

- A forum where personal issues or complaints are resolved or raised.
- A meeting where individual names of staff can be identified or raised in any negative manner.
- A meeting where parents who are vocal take up the time of the group and do not enable all to have representation.

I would welcome parents who would genuinely like to make a difference to step forward. In my experience, parents give a supportive and fair perspective to how we educate their children. If you think that you are a fair minded, committed, and team-spirited person I would love to hear from you.

Closing date for applications of interest: Monday 14th November 2022. Email: CEO@fierte.org

Kindest regards and thanks,
Maria Hamblin (CEO)





Our School Council

Our School Council had their first meeting on Wednesday this week and they were all very proud that they had been chosen by their class. They were able to share with Mrs Williams why they had been chosen by their class. Some children said they were chosen because they are always kind and helpful. Others because they wanted the best for their class and school. Another reason was because even when it's hard they always try their best to be kind.

The school council have been set their first challenge. They have to go back to class and find out what the children in their class already like about playtimes and lunchtimes and how they could be even better. Mrs Williams is looking forward to hearing their responses next week.

We will share further school council updates in future newsletters.



Disco, Disco, Disco!

We are going to be starting up discos again, and all proceeds will go to our PTA! This term, we are starting with Y1 and hosting a disco on Thursday 17th November from 5pm-6pm! It will cost £2.50 for entry and this is now payable on ParentPay. We hope to see lots of you there!

Remembrance Day & Poppy Appeal

Next week we will be raising money for the Poppy Appeal, as we usually do at this time of year. Poppies with pins, reflector poppies & zip tags will be available for children to buy at a suggested donation of £1. Snap bands & wrist bands will be available at a suggested donation of £2! **Cash only please!** Please send money to class teachers or feel free to come round to the office at drop off or pick up, to help us support this worthy cause! Items will be available every day next week (or until we run out!!)





HOPE Virtual Parent Support

Nurturing Positive Friendships



Tues 15th Nov 7pm & Thurs 17th Nov 10am

Difficulties of peer pressure

Online behaviour/group chats

Managing conflict & bullying

Starting the conversation with your
child/YP and resources

Reassuring
Insightful
Caring

Hopeful
Encouraging
Validating

Time for chat and questions

*Feel free to listen off camera and mic
or use the chat facility to participate*

HOPE Parent Support Sessions;

**a safe place to find information, chat and learn from
each other through shared experience.**

To find out more contact your HOPE
mentor in school or Keddie on
07508 176043

keddieHOPE2021@outlook.com

Register HERE



SCAN ME



[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



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Forest School and Library Dates

Forest School Days Autumn Term

Week 1:

Monday – Badgers

Tuesday – Foxes

Thursday – Squirrels

Friday – Busy Bees

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 12/9 26/9 10/10 31/10 14/11 28/11

Week 2:

Monday – Dragonflies

Tuesday – Woodpeckers

Wednesday - Ladybirds

Thursday – Kestrels

Friday – Owls

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 19/9 3/10 17/10 7/1 21/11 5/12

Parent Library Mornings Autumn Term

Reception - Tuesday Mornings

Foxes: 1/11 22/11

Squirrels: 8/11 29/11

Badgers: 15/11 6/12

Year 2 - Wednesday Mornings:

Kestrels: 14/9 5/10 2/11 23/11

Owls: 21/9 12/10 9/11 30/11

Woodpeckers: 28/9 19/10 16/11 7/12

Year 1 - Thursday Mornings:

Dragonflies: 15/9 6/10 3/11 24/11

Ladybirds: 22/9 13/10 10/11 1/12

Busy Bees: 29/9 20/10 17/11 8/12





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 6 September

Half Term: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 17 April

Term starts: Tuesday 18 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 5th September

Friday 21st October

Tuesday 3rd January

Monday 17th April

Monday 19th June



What's Coming Up?

Toddler Morning – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

Y2 Planetarium visit – Thursday 10th November

Y1 Trip to Tamworth Castle – Friday 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week Theme: Reach Out – week commencing Monday 14th November

Odd Socks day – Monday 14th November – Children wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. Let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality

Children in Need non-uniform day – wear spots or yellow! – Friday 18th November

YR Robot workshop – Friday 18th November (postponed from 4th November)

Parent Reading sessions – Details of dates and times included in Newsletter this week

Cake Shop – Friday 25th November 2:30pm

YR – Christmas Nativity – Wednesday 7th December
Badgers 9:15am, Squirrels 10:15am, Foxes 1:45pm

Christmas Jumper day & Christmas dinner day – Thursday 8th December

Y1 – Christmas Songs – Wednesday 14th December
Busy Bees 9:15am, Ladybirds 10:15am, Dragonflies 2:15pm

Y2 Christmas Carol Concert – Monday 12th December at St Peter's Church 1:45pm

GLOW UV CHRISTMAS DODGEBALL Sports Enrichment day – Thursday 15th December

Pantomime time! Friday 16th December

