



# THE WEEKLY FLIGHT

As the weather closes in the children made the switch from Summer to Winter uniform this week. The return to class and small group singing has lifted our spirits as Mr Reed introduces new songs as well as reminding us of the songs we love the most.

In our own school bubble we often forget the trials and tribulations that go on in the world outside and whilst we all observe the rules for staying safe it is good for the children and staff to be in a place where laughter, song and friendship are very evident.

Next week will bring the whole school together as Mr Babra launches Black History Month with a week of activities and inspiring stories to enrich and broaden our understanding. I hope at home you will be able to have good conversations about the work the children will be doing in school and about your own family experiences and heritage. Wrap up warm this weekend we are in for some stormy weather!

*Mrs Campbell*  
*Head Teacher*

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the parents who donated to the Epping Forest Food Bank last week.

The total amount donated came to 210 kgs which is a terrific amount of food and will go a long way to helping people in need.

## HOT OF THE PRESS!



The National Quiz Club Science Finals for last year's team finally took place today - in school and online this year, due to the pandemic. The team competed against 51 other teams and

around 200 other children! The questions, I can confirm, were exceptionally challenging and left me very puzzled at times. The team tried their very best and managed to come an impressive 12<sup>th</sup> out of 51 teams with a score of 1310 points. Well done to Zak, Zain, Araya and Maahin for an impressive performance. We are very proud of you.

## ONE FOR THE HISTORY 'CHROME' BOOKS

Year 3SG completed their History work on their Chromebooks, we examined the physical impact of the Roman invasion on Britain. We discovered that the Romans built roads, towns and many ruins can still be found today. The children really enjoyed uploading their work to Google Classroom and we produced some excellent work! Well done 3SG



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Foundation 1: **Hamza**  
Foundation 2: **Kaelan & Eesa**  
Year 1: **Aaron & Mahen**  
Year 2: **Dylan & Molly**  
Year 3: **Keerit & Zayaan**  
Year 4: **Yaseen & Zunaira**  
Year 5: **& Zain**  
Year 6: **Maahin & Christian**



*"We are delighted that our daughter is growing into a fine and able young lady. We have a lot to thank Avon House for. We may not say this often enough but we really appreciate all your time and effort in going beyond the call of duty for our children."*



## WEEKLY AWARDS ORGANISATION

Foundation 1: Niamh & Isa  
Foundation 2: Ravi & Maryam  
Year 1: Evie & Seren  
Year 2: Rian & Aadi  
Year 3: Ajay & Arvin  
Year 4: Oskar & Maiya  
Year 5: Owain & Ammad  
Year 6: Belle & Christian



## INDEPENDENT LEARNERS!

This week in English Year 3 had to think for themselves. With nothing but their equipment and the learning objective, the children had to figure out what the task was!



They couldn't believe Miss Erratt and Miss Greenin just sat back with a cup of tea and offered no help! By the end of the allotted time, the children all completed the task perfectly. The lesson was to learn how to categorise information under the correct subheadings.

## INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Thankfully the weather was kinder last Friday and the Prep School Inter-House Cross-Country competition saw some excellent individual performances with the three returning champions Steven, Sahib and Eva, all retaining titles now that they had gone up a Year group. The tussle between our own "Brownlee twins" Eva and Oskar was the closest finish of the day and particularly exciting.

Overall Churchill came first by just ten points from Pankhurst.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Churchill 377 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pankhurst 387 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Morris 425 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cavell 453 points

## WHEN NATURE CALLS

In our year group assembly this week we were given an insight into life in Africa. Mr Purkiss shared stories of visiting the Democratic Republic of the Congo to climb an active volcano and be in the wild with endangered mountain gorillas as well as day to day life living among African wildlife in a school setting. Pupils engaged very well and demonstrated excellent geographical knowledge. In Art, pupils put the finishing touches on their fantastic fabric paintings using personalised handmade stamps.



## FOUNDATION 2 GOES BOX CRAZY

During Literacy this week Kingfishers and Mallards have been reading stories that encourage their creativity with an empty box. The children were excited to put their own ideas down on paper and then use the resources to create their box design.

There were many fantastic ideas such as a rocket bus, a princess in a castle, a trampoline, bunk beds, a jet car, a four eyed robot, a bunny and many more besides.



## YOU LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

"I know that there are 7 continents in the world and 5 oceans." - **Yaseen**

"I am using my chrome book to help find the correct spellings for specific countries and continents" - **Aarav**

Year 4 have been watching Michael Rosen performing his poems. They learnt lots of tips and techniques from him and then used these tips to perform a poem based on a Greek Myth.

"It is important to engage your audience" **Dhaya**





## FACT OR FICTION?

The children in Year 2 have enjoyed learning about the features of non-fiction books this week focusing on a text about The Great Fire of London, as well as applying what they had learnt about the features of non-fiction to other books during guided reading. There has been some fabulous performances about the Great Fire of London in drama using what they have learnt!

Spanish saw the children doing some learning how to say if they like or dislike something while tasting drinks.

*"This was the best lesson ever as we got to learn and drink orange squash!"* said Sebastian in Flamingos.



## SING A LONG SONG

Year 1 have been having lots of fun singing and playing drama games with Mr Reed! We even have our special name song for each class!



## MATHLETES OF THE WEEK

**School Mathlete**  
Nayan

**Classes:**  
2nd: 4JB  
1st: 6JP

### Class Mathletes

Mallards: Azrael  
Kingfishers: Haala  
Pelicans: Aaron  
Cranes: Bella  
Heron: Krishni  
Flamingos: Aarya

3GE: Arvin  
3SG: Raina  
4JB: Ava  
4CSu: Niam  
5CS: Nayan  
5NH: Bailey  
6HD: Safia  
6JP: Aaron

## MEET MRS GRAINGER

Hello. I am Mrs Grainger and very happy to be teaching at Avon House in Foundation 2 this year.

Before moving to New York with my husband and two daughters I taught at a school in Hainault, in full and part-time capacities for 5 years. Since moving back to the UK I returned to do supply teaching at this same school, until recently.

I grew up in Chigwell, and I now live very close to Avon House, so I am familiar with the local area. In my spare time I enjoy reading, pilates, training for half marathons and of course spending time with my family, friends and our labradoodle Henry!

It's such a shame that the current climate makes it difficult to properly chat to parents - hopefully this will change sometime soon! Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome.



## PUFFINS PUFFINS WHAT DO YOU SEE???

This week the children have been exploring the story of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?' The children enjoyed being able to join in with the repeated phrases and were also able to discuss their favourite animals in the story. In expressive art the children were learning how to mix primary colours together to form another colour. Additionally, the children created their very own Autumn style tree using various colours.

