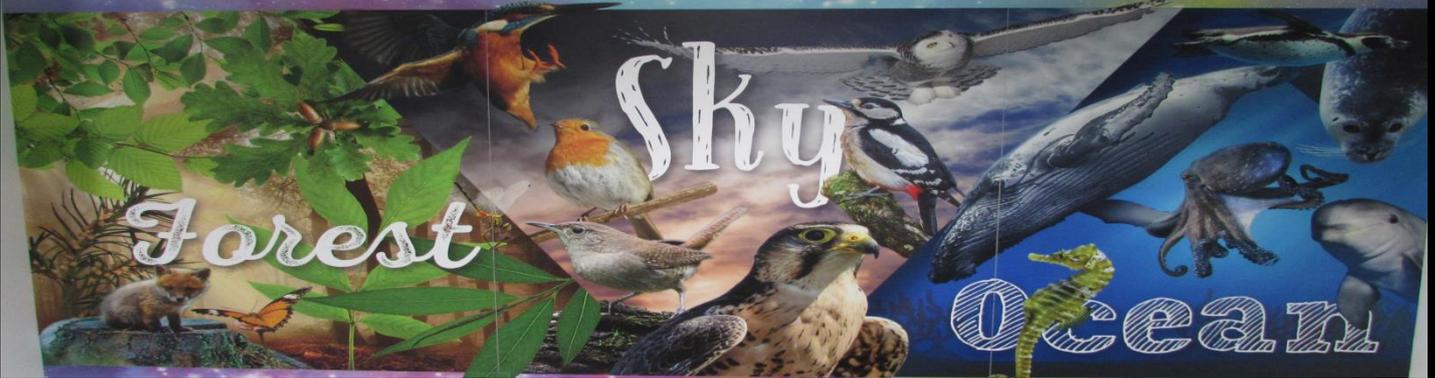


TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



Ocean Community Newsletter Christmas 2018



Welcome to the first Newsletter of the new academic year. It's almost unbelievable that we have completed 2 terms already! I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of what's been going on at Iwade School and in Ocean Community in particular.

Mrs Bunning

Reading:

Since we returned in September, we have had a huge focus on reading at home. Ocean community has made a great effort with this and there is a real buzz around the classes, related to reading.

Dolphin deserve special congratulations for having the highest % in Ocean for the whole of term 2 and being the first class in the Academy to hit 100%! Well done! They are the ones we are all trying to beat.

Other classes have made tremendous improvements too, but there is still a way to go for some.



Children and parents ... GET READING!!

Sporting Achievements:

Thanks to our great PE team, we have taken part in a number of events so far this year. These include:

Yr 1&2 Infant Agility Festival (4th place)

Yr 3&4 Change 4 Life Festival

Yr 3-6 Cross-Country (Various medals)

Yr 5&6 Football Strike Force Tournament (2nd Place)

Yr 5&6 Football English Schools Football (1st Place)

Yr 5&6 Football Swale League (won 1st round, 2nd Round Dec)

Yr 3&4 Sportshall Athletics (4/12)

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In addition, Yr 5&6 Football Represented Swale at Kent English Schools Final (3rd Place). Well done everyone!

In school, we've also had Yr 6 Bikeability, Yr 5&6 Go-Ride Coaching Sessions, Yr 6 Sports Crew Training, National Fitness Day Event and the introduction of Active Mile running alongside Freddie Fit programme.

Next term we look forward to: Yr 1-6 Key Steps Gymnastic Competition, Yr 5&6 Oasis Dodgeball Festival, Yr 5&6 Swimming Gala, Yr 5&6 Football Swale League

Attendance Update:

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year lots of classes have risen to the challenge:

Rainbow Fish: 96.8% Whale: 95.2% Seal: 97.4%
Penguin: 96% Octopus: 97.6% Seahorse: 97.5% Dolphin: 97.9%

Hall of Fame:

Well done to those who earned Challenge Champion in terms 1 and 2:

Rainbow Fish: Willem, Una, Tahara, Samuel, Elsie R, Belle C, Leo C, Matilda, Jack T

Whale: Arlo, Annabelle, Thomas, Evan, Elsie, Alfie, Benjamin, Ralph, Tommy, Hermione, Toby, Leo

Seal: Annabelle, Lacey, Katie, Meredith, Callum, Benjamin A, Ava T, Mollie, Benjamin A, Archie, Amaya, Daniel.

Penguin: Charlie, Thomas, Natalia, Rani, Finlay, Zara, Ammie, Harry W, Mylie, Alex, Evelyn, Hayden

Octopus: Savannah, Lilli, Harry, Dylan, Hollie, Jenson, Charlotte, Thomas, Lottie, Luca, Hayden K-P, Edison

Seahorse: Millie, Phoebe, Amelia A, Bethany, Patrick, Bella, Amelia A. James, Quinn, Lawrence, Ruby, Rebecca

Dolphin: Georgia, Cruz, Jamie, Angelique, Emma, Crystal, Violet, Harvey, Kenzie, Thomas, Alex, Hannah

PE Champions: Ocean: Violet (Dolphin), Jacob S (Whale), Stephen (Octopus), Oliver (Seahorse), Ava T (Seal), Savannah (Octopus), Rani (Penguin), Maisie and Sophie (Dolphin), Poppy (Seahorse).

Trip to Waterstones

At the end of term 1, we held our first prize draw for a trip to Bluewater to spend a £10 voucher. To qualify, children needed to have met their Accelerated Reader points target and averaged 85% or above accuracy throughout the term. Jenson from Seal Class was the winner for Ocean Community. He said, "I liked seeing all the fascinating books in the shop!"

Ocean Community can't wait to see who the next lucky winner will be!

BREAKING NEWS ... Savannah in Octopus Class wins for term 2 ...

Attendance Prize Draw:

Darcie from Octopus also went on the trip to Waterstones as she was the Attendance Draw winner for term 1. Well done Darcie.

Terms 1 and 2 WOW days



"In our Wow day we learnt about Fair Trade and the Eat Well Plate. My favourite part was tasting my smoothie because it was delicious." Ben in Octopus Class



Lucy in Seal Class: "I liked making the lemurs but the tails were hard."

Noah: "I liked going on the aeroplane and trying the food."



"I learnt the different types of sport at the Olympics in those times."

"Our second Ancient Greek wow day was jam-packed with information. I learnt that there were different types of Greek columns." Alfie in Seahorse Class

"I learnt about the new play things. I love going on the climbing frame." Samuel in Whale Class



"I enjoyed learning about what happened when the sirens would sound and how quickly the people had to react." Angelique in Dolphin Class

"It was a good day and I learnt about the geography of the UK. I also learnt how to listen to my team mates." Luca



"I enjoyed making the mountains from paper mache as it was something I hadn't done before. I learnt about where rivers start and about all of the different parts. I also learned about mountains from all over the world." Hayden D in Penguin Class



"We coloured in patterns on paper hands." Natasha in Rainbow Fish
"We retold the story of Rama and Sita and the demon king with 10 heads." Leo C

Staff shout-outs

Proof that learning never stops – Mrs Elmer and Mrs Wakefield have embarked on the journey to gain degrees in Primary Education. Good luck ladies!

Miss Ginn has taken the huge step of buying her first home. She is now looking for volunteers to decorate ...

Mrs Claridge has taken part in a number of 10k runs in preparation for the London Marathon – what a fantastic thing to do.

A big welcome back for Mrs Robinson (who will be joined by Ms Stannett) in Penguin Class.

GOODBYE and GOOD LUCK to Mrs Ware and Mrs Hudson from all in Ocean Community as they embark on their next adventures!

Coming up in the next two terms:

- Wow days to start all our new topics
- Year 6 trip to Capel-le-Ferne
- Safer Internet Day
- Red Nose Day

Merry Christmas to everyone from all in Ocean Community!

Other successful events:

In term 1, Year 5 took part in the Litter Angels poster competition. Finalist attended the prize-giving ceremony at Kemsley Hall where Victoria D (Seahorse) was declared the overall winner from our school. Well done!

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of parents with the incredible number of donations for our Harvest Festival – thank you!

Once again, the school joined in with the community for Remembrance Day, this time by taking wreathes made by each class to the church. The church looked amazing and it was a very moving sight.

We finished term 2 with two very exciting events – Christmas dinner and a visit from Father Christmas. Great fun was had by all and the Christmas outfits looked fantastic!