



# SEPTEMBER



## A message from Mrs Bower

On Friday, Mrs Wilson and I visited Willersley Castle in Matlock to book the Year 6 residential. We have worked hard to find a residential provider that will keep the cost down for parents whilst also providing high quality activities. I was very pleased on the site visit to view the wonderful adventures available to the children and the bedroom accommodation is of a good standard. Some of the activities on offer include climbing, survival skills, evening walks and campfire songs. We have booked a 2-night stay from Monday 10th February to Wednesday 12th February and Willersley Castle can accommodate 60 Year 6 pupils. There will be a Year 6 parent/carer meeting this Wednesday at 5.30pm in the assembly hall where we will be sharing details regarding the residential and you can ask any questions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs Wilson who will be able to speak to you at another time. The power point will also be put on Class Dojo.

This Thursday is National Poetry Day and Mr Bull is leading an exciting poetry hour where we will be joining other schools across the country contribute to a new Guinness World Record!

## A message from Mr Scott

Last week in our assembly, we discussed the concept of aspirations. I was delighted to share with our pupils my own aspiration of completing the Nottingham Half Marathon this Sunday! To further encourage our students in their pursuit of goals, I read a beautiful poem titled 'The Hope - O - potamus, which highlights the importance of perseverance when chasing our dreams. I encourage you to take a moment this weekend to discuss the poem with your children and inspire them to reflect on their own aspirations.

You can hear that fantastic poem here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q\\_hJ-U12vZs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_hJ-U12vZs)

Looking ahead, next week is particularly exciting as our brilliant Year Six pupils will be striving for the coveted Head Pupil status. We will also begin the process of assembling our Children's Leadership Team. It's a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop their leadership skills and contribute to our school community.

## Important Dates

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 5.30pm

Y6 parents/carers residential information meeting

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

National Poetry Day  
Y6 history trip to Beaumanor Hall

### Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> October

We are collecting for Harvest to donate to St Mary's food bank. Foods with a longer shelf life are most welcome e.g. pasta, rice, tins, cereal, biscuits, noodles.

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

3.30pm – 5pm

Current Year 2s Welcome Evening who are looking to join Year 3 next year

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

World Mental Health Day  
Option to wear yellow

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Parents' Evening

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of term

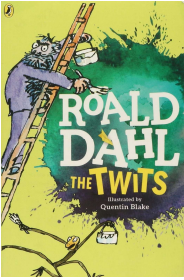
## Attendance

This week's attendance  
**95.52%**

Highest class attendance  
**99.23% Talented Turtles**

# What's been happening this week?

## Year 3



It is nearly time for Year 3 to receive their ipads! Children are very excited about this, and we will soon be completing our ipad lessons so that pupils learn how to use the devices safely.

This week, we finished our retell of a part of *The Twits* where pupils created their own prank for Mrs Twit to play on Mr Twit! Pupils have really enjoyed this topic and their writing is soon to go on display in the corridor by the Year 3 classrooms. Next week, we start looking at the United Kingdom focusing on a non-chronological report linked to our geography topic on the British Isles.

## Year 4



What an incredible week it has been for our magnificent Year 4 pupils! This week, we started our character descriptions on Medusa. Our young authors have been diligently honing their skills in expanded noun phrases, which I am sure will bring Medusa to life! In Maths, our learners have been using a variety of concrete resources to strengthen and consolidate their addition skills. It's amazing to see them engage with their learning so practically! Our history lessons took us back in time as we compared the two great city-states of ancient Greece: Athens and Sparta. Our discussions were insightful and filled with curiosity as we explored their similarities and differences! ...And let's not forget about our music lesson This week, we dove into the intricacies of the clarinet, learning about its key components. Everyone is eagerly anticipating our future music lessons where we will get to practice playing it ourselves!

## Year 5



It's been another busy week in Y5! In English, we have been looking at the plot and structure of the *Pirate Queen* story ready to start our story retell next week. Could be better than the original! In maths, we have worked hard on addition of numbers of to a million (and sometimes bigger). The children have enjoyed getting their teeth stuck into larger numbers, finishing the week by using them in word problems. For science we have started our first investigation of the year, planning how we will investigate air resistance using spinners and paperclips. Results next week! In history we continued researching the life of Henry VIII, his wives and his influence on religion in this country.

Exciting news – your child brought home a letter this week with details of our trip to the Space Centre in November. Please ask them to check their bags and show you the letter.

## Year 6



This week in Year 6 has been full of exciting learning! In maths, we've been mastering rounding numbers, which helps us make quicker calculations and solve problems. In science, we've been investigating electrical circuits, learning how adding more components affects the brightness of a bulb. Our history lessons have taken us back to World War II, where we've been exploring the Allies and Axis powers and their role in the war. In English, we're just about to publish our fantastic character descriptions from *Goodnight Mr Tom* – they're sounding amazing! Plus, we're all looking forward to our trip to Beaumanor Hall next week, where we'll experience life during WWII firsthand! A huge thank you for responding so promptly to Mrs Bower's plea for the remaining payments and consent for our upcoming trip!