



Dear Parents / Carers

Well we have been up to all things scientific this week: sublime slime, growing plants, exploding liquids, whizzing rockets, travelling colours, germly potatoes and even mouldy apples. The children enjoyed sharing their homework posters and also creating their own science video presentations in some of the classes as well. We hope the children have been inspired by all the activities this week and will continue to ask questions, make predications, test theories and draw conclusions about the amazing world that we live in. Thank you to Mr Elliott for leading the week and the staff for their creative ideas and organisation. Thank you also to all the parents who were able to come in and share with the children about their science related careers. They were fascinating presentations.

Along with this newsletter, I have included the results of our parent survey. Thank you for your feedback. We have had a chance to look at our pupil surveys as well. It was lovely to see how many children felt that their class was a fun and happy place to be and that they also know that their teachers want them to do their best. A small number of children shared that they had worries and it provided a good platform to be able to discuss these with them. Class teachers have spoken to children individually about their responses and to parents if there were concerns. We will use the results of both surveys to see how best we can continue to move the school forward and get the best out of our experiences here.

I hope to see lots of you at the quiz tonight. If not, I will see you on Monday.

Mrs Cary

Value Awards

Our values are: **Courage**, **Determination**, **Respect** and **Kindness**.

Congratulations to these well-deserved recipients of our Values awards this week.

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Arya	Maple	Ege	Beech	Yasmine
Elm	Jesse	Rowan	Vladimir	Oak	Frankie
Holly	Flick	Willow	Lenny	Sycamore	Henry
		Pine	Odin		

It's not what you say. It's also how you say it.

Artist of the week: George Benson

Jazz, R&B, Funk and Soul



First starting out on the ukulele, he later became a skilled jazz guitarist.

Listen to his music here:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5MHQejpnhNctNPX0mwp5y?si=99f0f70d094d41c8>

See you at The Orchard Quiz Night tonight!



Dates for the Diary....here comes Summer!

Friday 22nd March

PTA: Quiz Night



Tuesday 26th March

PTA: Easter Disco & Easter Colouring Competition



Thursday 28th March

School finishes @ 1:45pm



Monday 15th April

Start of Summer Term



A few things coming up....

Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Year 1 Phonic Screening - Meeting for Parents @ 2:40pm

More details to follow shortly



Friday 26th April

Lazer Lions Circus Skills Workshop - All year groups



Monday 6th May

May Day Bank Holiday



Tuesday 7th May

Reception: Space VR Experience



Thursday 16th May

Class Photos



Friday 17th May

Break the Rules Day



w/c Monday 20th May

Year 1 Dance Residency - Performance to Parents on Friday 24th May



Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May



Monday 3rd June



Tuesday 4th June

Summer 2 begins



Monday 10th June

Phonic Screening Check Week



Wednesday 12th June

Father's Day Golden Ticket

Shhhh! It's a surprise!



Friday 14th June

Sports Day and Family Picnic



(Monday 17th June - Back up date)

Thursday 20th June

Year 1 Wildlife Trip



Friday 21st June

Muffi Day for Bottle Tombola

Saturday 22nd June

Orchard Summer Fair - 12 noon – 3pm



Wednesday 26th June

Elmbridge Schools' Choir Festival



Thursday 4th July

New Reception Families: Teddy Bears' Picnic Tea

4:30pm – 6pm



Monday 12th July



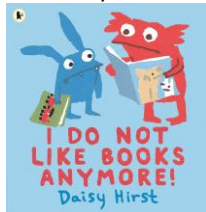
Orchard Reading Recommendations



You can click on the book covers to link you to Amazon to read more about each book.

Year 1

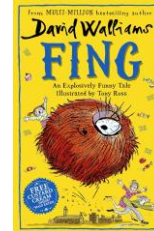
Julie in Rowan Class recommends
I Do Not Like Books Anymore!
Daisy Hirst



Julie loves this book because the little girl in the story learns how to read and makes her own book. This book celebrates the joy of sharing stories and the frustration and pride that comes with learning something new.

Year 2

Teddy in Beech class recommends the book
Fing by David Walliams



'This book is about a spoilt little girl called Myrtle and her nice parents who daren't say no. I would recommend this book because it is very funny and I like the illustrations. My favourite part was when Mr Meek found the Fing in the deepest, darkest jungle. I think the story is suitable for children aged 6 to 9.'

