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# Mundford Mail

The newsletter from **Mundford C of E Primary Academy** - Your school, your news!

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Worship Theme: Curiosity "Can anyone be courageous?"



# Saxons

139 Points



# **Vikings**

122 Points

# **Romans**

104 Points



# **Danes**

106 Points



This week's winning house team is Saxons. Congratulations!

( " = previous winners, three in a row = non-uniform)

## Star of the Week

Oak: Oakley
Hazel: Jack
Maple: Ollie
Cedar: Eadie

Rowan: Noah & Oscar

**Elm**: Amelia

Sycamore: Kiri & Millie

### Wow of the Week

Oak: Sienna Hazel: Indi Maple: Lillie Cedar: Vinnie Rowan: Stanley Elm: Riley

**Sycamore**: Everyone!

Thanks for all the things you have donated to help with our reduce, reuse, recycle week. Helping the environment is an issue which many of our children are very passionate about and this week they have both learnt more about these issues as well as the skills to help them make a difference. Community-minded Maple Class went on a litter pick through the village. Rowan Class designed and made their own musical instruments out of unwanted items. Our youngest children in Oak Class had a go at making their own paper. Teaming up, Maple and Sycmaore worked together to organise a bring and buy sale so that unloved toys could find a new home. In Hazel, they learnt how to sew. This is just a small sample of the many things children have been doing and we encourage you to ask your child about what else they have learnt this week.

#### **Kindness**

The world is a difficult and stressful place at the moment and now more than ever we need to treat each other with kindness. We are always here to help support you and your children and are keen to help with any concerns. Our overall aim is to always build a school community that supports one another other and is there for all children. Unfortunately there have been a few incidents over the last few months that require a reminder that we will not tolerate any aggression or verbal abuse towards members of staff. We ask that everyone is treated with kindness and respect at all times.

#### **Masks**

With the relaxing of restrictions we are no longer asking parents to wear masks during drop-off and pick-up and are now leaving it up to personal choice. If cases begin to rise in the school and local community we will monitor and review this as per our risk assessment.

#### **World Book Day**

Reading for Pleasure is proved to have numerous benefits for children, both now and as they grow older and World Book Day gives us a chance to promote this love of reading. You can join in at home too, by:

- Talking about the books you are reading, revisiting old favourites, reading together, reading to your child or listening to an audiobook.
- Using the token all children will bring home to visit a book shop and buy a free book.
- Visit the website for video stories to watch, author & illustrator academies and much more: https://www.worldbookday.com

#### **Extreme Reading Competition**

Please submit photos of your child reading in an unusual place via google classroom. The winners will be announced on World Book Day: Thuursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### **World Book Day Costumes**

We invite all the children to come dressed as a character from a book on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We know that some children LOVE dressing up and others are a little more reluctant, so remember that there are lots of book characters who are just ordinary children. More costume ideas can be found here: <a href="https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/">https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/</a>

#### **Showcases and Mundford Junctions**

We are really looking forward to being able to welcome parents and families back into school and hope to be able to start up Mundford Junctions and Class Showcases again this half-term.

Mundford Junction is a time for parents to learn alongside their children in class, giving you a chance to see how we teach key skills as well as ideas for how you can help your child with these at home.

Showcases happen at the end of a theme and give the children a chance to share with you what they have learnt. In the Autumn, we shared them digitally but look forward to being able to share our learning with you in person in the future.

Look out for emails from teachers with dates for your class soon...

# **Pom Poms Needed**

Maple Class have been busy making pom poms to support Brandon with their ambition of making the largest chain of pom poms to enter the Guiness World Records and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. BIG thank you to Lizzy Johnson for coming in to help us. If you have time to make a pom pom and would like to, please send them in to Maple Class.

Please leave a long string attached to each pom pom so that they can be joined together. *THANKS* 



#### **After-School Clubs**

Choir Years 3-6: Tuesday 3:15 to 4:15
Taekwondo Year 1 & 2: Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 & Year 3-6 Wednesday 4:30 – 5:30
Chess (for those with a keen interest to learn to play) Thursday 3:15 – 4:15

Clubs will run through to the end of term, in the event of cancellation we will give as much notice as possible.

There are still spaces available if your child is interested in joining please contact the school office

# We are Reading

As a school, we want to promote a love of reading in every child. As well as daily reading sessions, each class also listens to a class reader. These books are carefully chosen to inspire children, broaden their reading experience and expose them to language they may not read independently.

Currently we are reading ...

Oak: The Water-Babies by Charles Kingsley
Hazel: The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan
Maple: Jungle Tales by Dick King-Smith
Cedar: The Orchard Book of Greek Myths
Rowan: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
Elm: The Last Wild by Piers Torday
Sycamore: Boy Giant by Michael Morpurgo

Why don't you ask your child about the book? Have they enjoyed it? Can they tell you the story so far? What do they predict will happen next?

# **Diary Dates**

Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thanks for understanding!

Half-Term Holiday 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

21<sup>st</sup> Feb – 4<sup>th</sup> March: Parent-Teacher Consultations (teachers will email you to arrange these)

3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day – Dress as a favourite book character

1<sup>st</sup> April – Last Day of Term

Easter Holiday

20<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

#### **Online Resources**

Our main online platform is Google Classroom, and class teachers will share your child's log-in to their new class. The following resources can also be used to support your child's learning at home.

<u>Letterjoin</u> <u>www.letterjo</u>in.co.uk

Desktop Login username: Mund password: ford

Tablet Login username: **Mund** passcode: a capital **'L'** shape starting at top left

This site allows children to practise their handwriting and spelling.

Purple Mash https://www.purplemash.com/sch/mundford

We use Purple Mash for teaching computing, but it also contains games sections for practising English & Maths at home.

Bug Club <a href="https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/">https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/</a>

Bug Club is our online library of reading books, where you will find books assigned to your child's reading ability.

**Spelling Shed** https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/

Here you can play online games to practice spelling, as well as the assigned weekly spellings for your child's class.

Numbots https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35246 & TT Rockstars https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth

Practice number facts and times table in a fun game-based situation.

If your child needs their log-in details for any of these, please contact the class teacher.

Maths Frame Maths Games for KS2: designed by a teacher for teachers - Mathsframe

Username: Churchside Password: maths123

#### **School Uniform**

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