

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear parents and carers

We've had a lovely week despite nature's best efforts to get in the way; including last minute playground swaps due to autumnal bees looking for fruit; torrential rain just as we reached pick-up time; and dodging in and out for photos as the rain toyed with whether to mess up all those beautiful photo-day hairstyles!

On the rain theme, Monday saw the slightly damp but still enjoyable launch of our year-long Wilder Schools Project with the support of Surrey Wildlife Trust. Year 5, as the 'focus' year, had a fabulous time with Lizzie, our SWT Engagement Officer, surveying the grounds and coming up with suggestions for what our focus might be.

As the year goes on, other year groups will also have a chance to take part in outdoor activities, staff will receive lots of training and support and we'll be asking for your help too! There will be opportunities to support fundraising for outdoor projects and, even more importantly, we hope to have a 'groundforce day' to come together and complete some of the bigger projects in the grounds and the copse. Workbenches, log circles, putting up bird feeders, creating wildflower beds and painting a nature-themes mural on our aging metal sheds are all potential ideas at this stage- watch this space for a date in Spring.

We will also be sharing events, advice and ideas from Surrey Wildlife Trust- all with the aim of getting even more people involved with protecting and enhancing our local area for future generations to enjoy.

Finally today, on the subject of Felbridge generations past, present and future and for all those who know or who have been taught by Mr Law, we were all very excited to receive the news that his wife Sophie gave birth to a beautiful baby boy yesterday: Ruben Eliot Law, 7lb 9oz for fans of baby weights! Mum, Dad and new big sister Florrie are all doing very well (although Mr Law looked suitably tired when we saw him this morning!) and we all send them our very best wishes.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims



Term Dates

25th September - 29th September
Jaguars Residential Week

3rd October
Jaguars Heights & Weights Screening

4th October
Jaguars East Grinstead Museum

5th October
Pandas Grattons Park Rivers Visit

6th October
INSET Day

10th October
Whole School Flu Vaccines

10th October
PTA AGM 4.30 pm

12th October
Monkeys Ashdown Forest Visit

16th October
Parent Consultations

17th October
Jaguars Junior Citizen at Lingfield Park

20th October
Last day of term

Class Assembly Dates

Teachers have now set provisional dates for class assemblies this year. All are at 9am in the hall and families of those involved are very welcome to join us.

R Geckos: Friday 10th May
1 Monkeys: Friday 22nd March
2 Leopards: Thursday 23rd May
3 Pandas: Friday 1st March
4 Toucans: Wednesday 27th March
5 Macaws: Friday 15th March
6 Jaguars: Friday 1st December

School Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen by their peers to act as school councillors this year and who were given their badges this afternoon in assembly:

1 Monkeys: Frankie and Iris **2 Leopards:** Oscar and Naya **3 Pandas:** Darcie and Finlay **4 Toucans:** Freddie and Poppy
5 Macaws: Jackson and Olivia **6 Jaguars:** Tommy, Sophie and Oliver as Council Secretary

Fun Maths Club!



In fun maths club this week the children made tangrams.

And in case you don't know what a tangram is (Mrs Warland had to Google it!),

A tangram is a dissection puzzle consisting of seven flat polygons, called tans, which are put together to form shapes. The objective is to replicate a pattern generally found in a puzzle book using all seven pieces without overlap.

Pandas Class - Surrey Feet First

Pandas class have been learning road safety skills following a programme provided by Surrey County Council called *Feet First*. The lessons enable the children to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers, and prepare them for independent travel. This learning has been taught through a combination of classroom and practical roadside sessions - the green cross code, recognising safe places to cross, how to cross between parked cars and the benefits of active travel.

This week trained Walk Instructors from Surrey took small groups of children for an on-road practical session within close walking distance to the school to practice what they had learnt.



Mathletics - New and Improved!

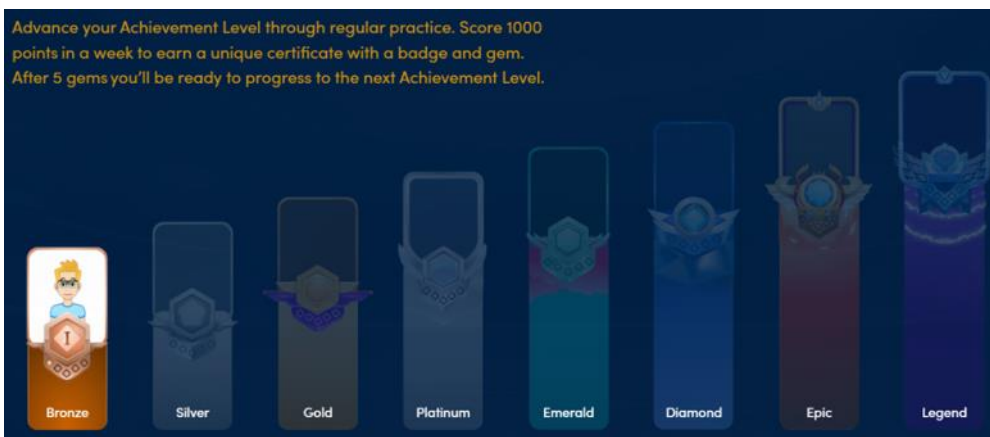
Our regular Mathletics users will have noticed that Mathletics has had a very exciting revamp! The Bronze, Silver and Gold awards have been replaced with: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Emerald, Diamond, Epic and Legend! To achieve a Bronze 1 award, children need to earn 1000 points in one week. The next time that they earn 1000 points in a week, they will earn a Bronze 2 award and the following 1000 points earns a Bronze 3 award, and so on... When they reach Bronze 5, their next award will be Silver 1 and this continues, with 5 levels in each of the award bands. Please note that the Mathletics week runs from Monday to Sunday; points for the week reset to zero every Monday.

We will continue to celebrate these awards, both in our Friday assemblies and in the weekly newsletter, and children will be awarded a Mathletics badge, in assembly, upon reaching Legend status!

In addition to the exciting new levels of achievement, children will now earn points that they can 'spend' in the Mathletics store to customize their avatar and change their backgrounds.



Advance your Achievement Level through regular practice. Score 1000 points in a week to earn a unique certificate with a badge and gem. After 5 gems you'll be ready to progress to the next Achievement Level.



Mathletics is available for Years 1 – 6 and Numbots/Times Tables Rockstars is available for Years R – 6. Please contact the school office if you have misplaced your login details. Thank you to those of you that are promoting the use of these resources at home; it really does help to secure children's mathematical knowledge and skills whilst having fun!



Monkeys Class - Animal Visit

On Thursday Monkeys Class met Lilo (a bearded dragon), Cleo (a royal python), Salem (a western hog-nosed snake), Stella (a giant African land snail) and Lily & Figgy (rats). This was to start our learning about animals. We learnt that Lilo, Cleo and Salem are all reptiles, they are cold-blooded and are covered in scales. Stella is a minibeast and Lily & Figgy are mammals as they are covered in fur and are warm blooded. Alyssa let us hold or stroke Lilo and lots of us stroked Lily and Figgy too but they were too wriggly to hold!



Reading Buddies

Geckos and Jaguars had a brilliant time last week for their first Reading Buddies session! Thank you to Year 6 for being so patient and kind whilst helping Geckos to settle into school!



How to make simple compost



You will need

- A compost bin, with a lid*
- A well-drained, easy to access area
- Green compostable ingredients
- Brown materials, like straw and scrunched-up paper
- A gardening fork

Compost worms are brilliant recyclers so put them to use on your green waste. The finished compost will enrich your garden soil, benefiting even more earthworms! This rich soil also boosts flowers, veggies and other plants.

- Carefully make holes in the base of your bin if it doesn't have any. Then place it on or close to bare soil to let worms wiggle in.
- Start putting stuff in... mix brown materials, like straw and paper, with nitrogen-rich ones like veggies and tea bags.
- Stick a fork in and turn over the contents of the bin (ideally once a month) to let more air in. The more you turn it, the quicker you make compost.
- It can take from six months to two years, but when it's ready you'll find rich, dark, fabulous compost. Use it!

Don't worry if there are lumps, bumps and bits of eggshells.

Check out the worms that have moved in!

✓	tea leaves	raw fruit and veg peelings	grass cuttings	straw	scrunched newspaper	soft prunings & dead plants	coffee grounds
✗	woody stems	cooked food scraps	cat or dog poo	meat or bones	weed seedheads	perennial weed roots	diseased plants

www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk *An old recycling tub or a smaller ready-made compost bin (recycled plastic ones are available) could save space.

Wilder Schools

This year, as part of the [Wilder Schools](#) programme, [Surrey Wildlife Trust](#) will be joining Felbridge Primary to help students improve their school grounds for nature and take more of their learning outdoors.

Surrey's wildlife is in decline, but by taking some simple actions at home, we can all help create a Nature Recovery Network across the county.

Action for Nature – Pick of the (leaf) Litter!

As Autumn arrives and our deciduous trees start to shed their leaves, instead of sending your green waste to landfill, why not create your own compost?

The benefits of composting your garden and kitchen waste are two-fold. You're reducing the amount of waste sent to

landfill and providing a habitat for a range of minibeasts. The community of creatures who live among the waste help the decaying process, and in turn, provide a valuable food source for hedgehogs and other animals. Once your compost has turned rich, dark and crumbly, you can use it to enrich pollinator-friendly plants in your garden.



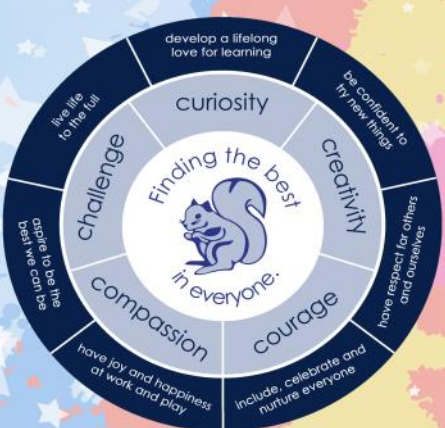


Values Champion

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:

Annabelle for Courage - Geckos
 Iris for Compassion - Monkeys
 William for Challenge - Leopards
 Noah for Curiosity & Courage - Pandas
 Jack for Curiosity - Toucans
 Brooke for Courage - Macaws
 Louie for Challenge - Jaguars

Well done!



Mathletics									
 Bronze			 Silver	 Gold	 Platinum	 Emerald	 Diamond	 Epic	 Legend
<u>Monkeys</u> Spencer I Eloise I Holly II Imogen I Mudaseer I Seb W II Timos I	<u>Leopards</u> Wilf I Billy II Naya III <u>Pandas</u> Hattie I Darcie III	<u>Toucans</u> Delphine I Beau N III Florence II Jack II Maddie I							
<u>Leopards</u> Audrey I Florence I Martha I Jasmine III William IV Leila II	<u>Leopards</u> Rohan II Finlay III Josie I Freddie I Alina II Husna I <u>Toucans</u> Pavel I Evan IV	<u>Macaws</u> Jenson II Tyler I Lena I Alisha II Jaguars Ayla IV Florence I Tegan II							

Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos:	Monkeys:	Leopards:	Pandas:	Toucans:	Macaws:	Jaguars:	Whole School:
	100%	98%	99%	97%	98%	98%	95%	98%

