



Feelgood Friday Newsletter

10th
December
2021



LEARNING

OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY

PERSONAL
BEST

LEADERSHIP



From the Headteacher's Office...



Dear parents and carers,

This week has been extremely busy with so many wonderful festive activities including a Year 2 trip to the theatre and decorations appearing across the school. Next week the countdown to the Christmas holiday really begins with craft activities, Christmas dinner and jumper day, Christmas hampers, Rocky Reward time, a virtual pantomime and lots more!

Unfortunately, there are still rising numbers of cases of Covid-19 across the city and in our school. This week we were advised by Public Health England to 'ring fence' our Year 5 and 6 classes, meaning they are not able to mix with other children or staff inside the school, including eating their lunch in classrooms. Public Health England also advise that all Year 5 and 6 pupils and close contacts (siblings) should undertake PCR testing to identify anyone who may be asymptomatic. A PCR test can be booked by visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by phoning 119. If the test is negative, they may continue to attend school as normal but if it is positive they should isolate for 10 days. We know that everyone is utterly exhausted and tired of Covid after all this time, but as a school community we still need to look after each other and be safe. New restrictions have been introduced across England due to the new Omicron Covid variant and I know all parents, staff and children will do their best to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Christmas can be a special time for many but for others it can be really challenging and a time of loneliness, debt, pressure and difficulties. Please click on these links if you would like some advice and help: [Money worries at Christmas - Money and Mental Health Policy Institute](#); and [Thriving at Christmas.pdf \(time-to-change.org.uk\)](#) (this is an excellent resource for mental health advice). Please do get in touch if you are struggling at this time of year and we will try our best to find and provide support.

Finally, our Chair of Governors, Mr Joe Smith, is retiring from his role at the end of term. Mr Smith has been an amazing support to our school over the years and he has joined us at many events and on school trips – he always joined School Council on their visit to the Houses of Parliament. He will be greatly missed and wish him every happiness in his retirement. Thank you Mr Smith!

Have a restful weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Bowyer and Mr Fry



Christmas Cards

Children can bring in Christmas Cards for their class. We cannot run our 'school postal service', so please only bring in cards for your own class.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

End of Term

It is now only two weeks until the end of Term. Don't forget that school will close for the Christmas Holidays at **1:20pm** for Reception, Year 1, 3 and 5 and at **1:30pm** for Years 2, 4 and 6.

Salvation Army collection



Once again, we are collecting **unopened** food packets, tins, toiletries including shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste and soap for the Salvation Army.

Please bring donations to school by Tuesday 14th December.

Thank you.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Rocky's Diner will be serving up Christmas Dinner next week on **Tuesday 14th December**. Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers that day and enjoy a full Christmas Dinner with their classes.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Friday 17th December - Last day of term
Early finish Y1,3 and 5 **1:20** Y2,4,6 **1:30**

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - School reopens



Pupil details

It is essential that we have up-to-date records for every child in school, particularly home address, email and mobile phone numbers. If you have moved or changed phone numbers, please email office@rps.pkat.co.uk

Thank you



Injuries (outside of school)

If your child has an injury, such as a broken bone, please do let us know as soon as possible – email office@rps.pkat.co.uk

We will need to put a care plan in place before they return to school.

Thank you

Illness/Other Absences

If your child is ill, please call the school office on 01733 263342 and select option 1 to leave a message (the absence line is available 24/7) or email office@rps.pkat.co.uk

Thank you

Free School Meals

Applying for free school meals is quick and simple to do using the online application form below www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and select "no" when asked if you have previously claimed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Medication

If your child requires prescribed medication during the school day, you must complete a medication form, link below

<https://forms.office.com/r/cfRXYcrknQ>



Important

Collection times

Please follow the one-way system at collection times and do not wave across the courtyard for your child to be released.

Please also continue to wear a face covering when on the school site.

Thank you

Attendance

We aim for 100% attendance every day. It is said that good attendance = best achievement: it's not just about learning in lessons, but all the interaction with other children and teachers which can give confidence and self-understanding as they grow. We are sure we can count on the support of all our parents and carers to ensure children are in school, on time, every day. Please see the letter about attendance for more information and please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Attendance for 29th November – 3rd December:

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Barn Owls	80.83%	Snowy Owls	87.69%
Yellowbill Kites	96.69%	Red Kites	89.23%
Sparrowhawks	91.35%	Goshawks	96.9%
Golden Kestrels	95.67%	Spotted Kestrels	90.75%
Western Ospreys	94.96%	Eastern Ospreys	93.85%
Peregrine Falcons	88.28%	Merlin Falcons	89.74%
Sea Eagles	87.88%	Martial Eagles	92.86%



Christmas in the Community

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME
CHRISTMAS SHOW SPECIAL**

If your child is receiving free school meals, you may be eligible to attend the Christmas holiday scheme for **FREE!**

THE SNOW QUEEN

AGES 5-12

CREATIVE WORKSHOP • LUNCH • CHRISTMAS SHOW

MON 20 & TUE 21 DECEMBER 12.30pm – 4.30pm
at **CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION**
Clifton Way, Cambridge, CB1 7GX

A special experience in the Christmas holidays for children aged 5 – 12 years and their supervising adult. Take part in a simple and fun craft activity working up an appetite for a tasty lunch to eat together. Then sit back and enjoy the story of The Snow Queen by award winning theatre company New International Encounter.

Join Gerda on her amazing quest to save her best friend Kaj from the Snow Queen in the frozen north. Featuring 6 actors, live music, a bicycling reindeer and a sprinkle of snow.

HOW TO BOOK

Please visit Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf to get your unique booking code. Email cat.moore@nie-theatre.com with your code to book your place.

For any queries, please call 01223 403343.
All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.



This offer is part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. More info on the show at junction.co.uk

Free adult Christmas craft sessions!



South Bretton Family & Community Centre

- **Christmas cards**
Tuesday 30 November 1pm-2.30pm
- **Christmas decorations**
Tuesday 14 December 1pm-2.30pm

Westwood Community Hub

- **Christmas cards**
Thursday 2 December 1pm-2.30pm
- **Christmas decorations**
Thursday 16 December 1pm-2.30pm

To book your place on a session call 01733 396404 or scan the QR code to complete the booking form on our website.



News from Year 1...



Dear Queen
 You need to
 hug
 him we tight
 tight.
 7:00pm Emily
 Brown.

Wednesday 10th November
 Dear Queen GLORIANA,
 I want to help you
 make the golden
 teddy life staler.

you must
 play with him all day
 and sleep at night
 go on lots of adventures
 and cuddle him.

from Alfie

10th November
 Dear Queen thank You for
 your Let^{er}
 You will need
 hug him
 and go on loads
 of adventures. ©
 from Emily Brown.



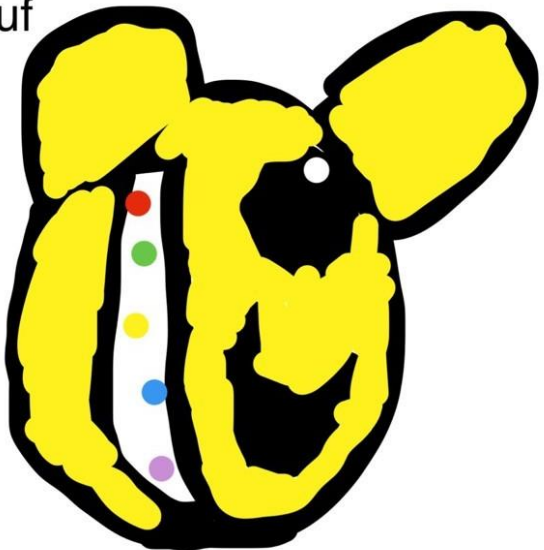




Sock Puppets



Yusuf



Nate



PIC•COLLAGE



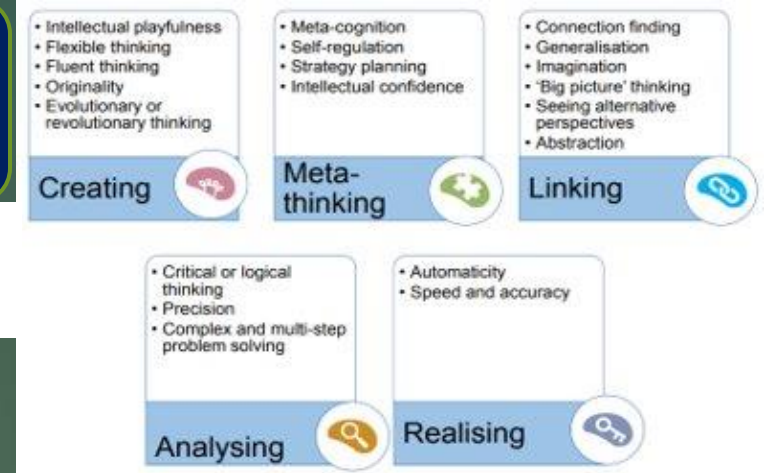


Our Champions of the week.



Celebrating our best!





These children have demonstrated the skills of *Realising* this week and are on the way to being High Performance Learners.



Barn Owls:
Lirael

3 Spotted Kestrels:
Ollie-Ray

5 Merlin Falcons:
Akshan

Snowy Owls:
Israel

3 Golden Kestrels:
Ethan H



1 Yellowbill Kites:
Lily

2 Sparrowhawks:
Anya

5 Peregrine Falcons:
Sidra

4 Eastern Ospreys:
Shayaan

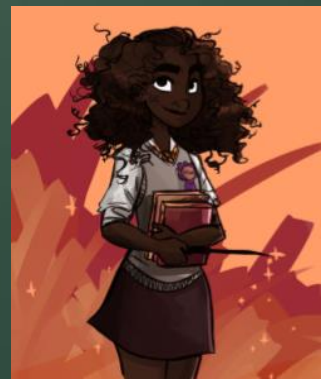
6 Sea Eagles:
Robert

1 Red Kites:
Vakaris

4 Western Ospreys:
Mel

6 Martial Eagles:
Christopher

2 Goshawks:
Teejay





High
Performance
Learning

Realising

ACPs

Advanced Cognitive Performance
Characteristics



Realising

Realising is knowing information instantly. You know how to count to ten without thinking or counting because it has become automatic. If you practice your tables you are aiming for speed and accuracy of recall.

- Automaticity – to be able to recall skills without thinking.
- Speed and accuracy – to be able to work at speed and with accuracy.

Our KS2 literary character for this characteristic is J K Rowling's Hermione Granger. She works hard to commit complex spells to memory in order to reproduce them at any given moment automatically with speed and accuracy.

Hermione





ACPs

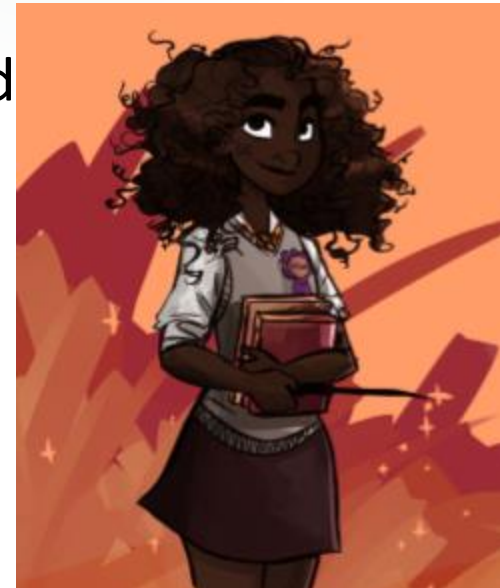
Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics

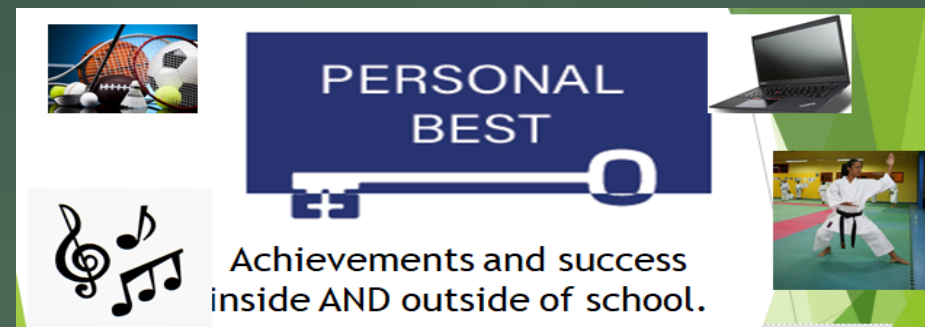
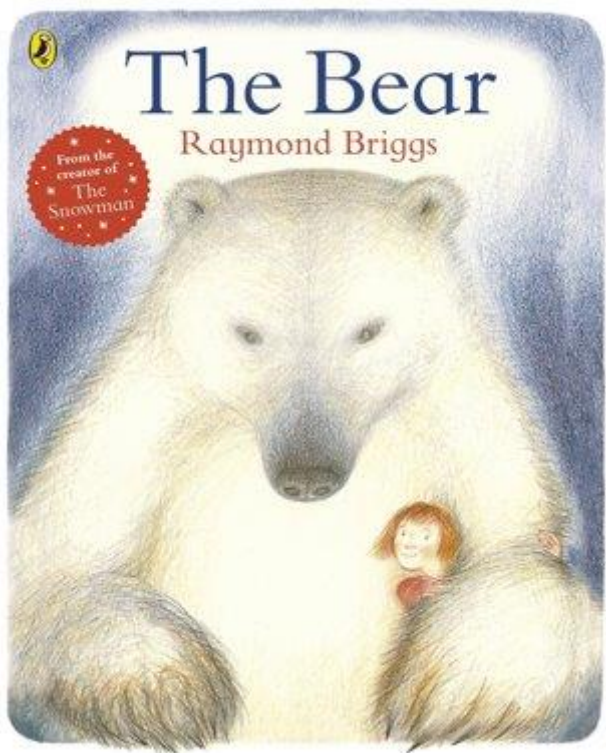


Realising – school based examples

- Automaticity – learning your times tables or common spellings.
- Speed and accuracy – developing a fluent handwriting style and presentation skills for every activity.

Hermione





Year 2 School Trip



On Tuesday, children in Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the New Theatre in Peterborough to enjoy a musical performance of 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs. School staff were so impressed with the children's behaviour on the coach and at the theatre. A great experience for all in our Hawks classes!

Well done – we are very proud of you!

If your child achieves a 'Personal Best' out of school, please email in to office@rps.pkat.co.uk so we can share their wonderful achievements.

Birthdays this week



Healthy snacks & water bottles

Children can bring in a healthy snack to have at break time. This **MUST NOT** be chocolate or nuts – we are a nut free school.

Children **must** bring in a named water bottle.



Suyena
10

Davis
11



Marko
5

Melanie G
6

Sumnima
10

Thomas B
9

Mr Fry

Pratik
5

Matas S
8

Annabelle
5

Iylah
6



Happy Birthday from everyone at Ravensthorpe!