



RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

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Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was **94%**.

The class with the winning attendance was
Flamingos Class.

Congratulations to Taramiah Malara (Robins) and
Corey White (Blue Jays) for winning the £5.00 gift
cards for having 100% for a whole week.

Owlets Class Attendance for last week = 89.1%

Swans Class Attendance for last week = 96.9%

Robins Class Attendance for last week = 90.7%

Blue Jays Class Attendance for last week = 92.1%

Flamingos Class Attendance for last week = 97%

Finches Class Attendance for last week = 95.8%

Ravens Class Attendance for last week = 95.1%

The national average for attendance is **96%**; if a child isn't at
school this **will** negatively affect their academic progress and
their relationships with other children.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each week will
win a £5.00 gift card.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each
half-term will win a £10 gift card.

At the end of the school year, one child with 100%
attendance will win a £20.00 gift card.

Our Stars of the Week

Owlets Class Stars = Seeley Winston

Swans Class Stars = Lenny Sherraton

Robins Class Stars = Phoebe Hancock

Blue Jays Class Stars = Eleanor Sayers

Flamingos Class Stars = Declan Leggatt

Finches Class Stars = Samuel Kendrick

Ravens Class Stars = Kieran Hughes

Star of the Week certificates are awarded for
exemplifying our Core Values (Respect,
Resilience and Teamwork) and for showing
excellent Behaviours for Learning.



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Message from Miss McCarthy:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New year! 😊

I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas Holiday, and a well-deserved break.

Some of our Y5 children had a fantastic time competing in a sports event in Newmarket earlier this week, you will see a photo and their write-ups, together with some quotes from the children further on this newsletter; a huge thank you to those parents who provided transport for the children, enabling this event to happen, and also to Mr. McDonald and Miss Hodges who volunteered to accompany the group on Tuesday evening.

We have **FREE** access to a range of materials from the Solihull Approach to Parenting!

Their courses include the following:

- ❖ 'Understanding your child's feelings' (6 months to 19+ years);
- ❖ 'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing' (6 months to 19+ years);
- ❖ 'Understanding your child with additional needs' (6 months to 19+ years);
- ❖ 'Understanding your teenager's brain' (preteen to teenager);
- ❖ 'Moving up to secondary school for children with additional needs' (preteen to teenager);
- ❖ 'Understanding your relationships';
- ❖ 'Understanding your own trauma';
- ❖ and more...

We have a group of parents and carers which meets (usually on a weekly basis) to use these materials, working through them at their own speed...to find out more about how children develop, reasons why they might behave the way they do, and what we can do as adults to best support the children in our lives. The parents and carers who have already been coming to these sessions have said that they find them really useful, and enjoyable and interesting! Please phone or message me or the school office if you are interested in joining us, or in finding out more about the group and what we do.

Just a reminder that we do still have some vacancies for local governors on our Academy Council...we meet once each half-term (once every six to eight weeks) and in return for gaining your thoughts and voice as part of the management of the school, you would gain an overview of how the school runs, e.g. the school finances,



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staffing, future plans etc. Please let me, Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White (in the office) know if you would like more information about this.

Please check the 'Dates for your Diaries' at the end of this newsletter for events which might be of use to you, or any events involving your children.

As always, many thanks for all your encouragement and support; please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office if you have any questions or concerns, and they will ensure that the right member of staff gets back to you.

With all best wishes,

*Tracey McCarthy
(Headteacher)*

Under 11s Sports Hall Athletics:



An account and some quotes, written by the children who attended:

"On Tuesday afternoon, nine Glade children participated in a sports event at Newmarket Leisure Centre. We joined with another school, Kennet, and became 'Team Glennet.' We competed in lots of track and field events including relay races against the other schools. I enjoyed the Over/ Under relay where we had to jump over two obstacles and dive under a tunnel. It did slow me down having to go through the tunnel.

Most of my friends went and it was fun when we were cheering on the children from Glade and Kennet. I liked working with the children from the other school because we had to work together with people we had never met and use our core values. I did not enjoy the 1 by 1 relay as much as I only got to run once, but we did come 3rd in that race. We came second in our heat a few times as well. The javelin was challenging because I struggled to get it in the right direction!

Although we did not win, we had lots of fun and I would like to go again next year."

Martha – Finches Class



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“The sports festival was really fun and the Newmarket Academy helpers were super kind and encouraging. It was exciting doing the events and working with other people. The schools beat us but that didn’t matter; what mattered is that we had fun and we achieved. I loved it and I am sure everyone else did too. Everyone was so encouraging and I loved that. Overall it was fantastic, amazing and exciting.”

Antek - Finches

Other quotes:

“We didn’t have enough people so we got to work with the other school and that was really fun.”

“I enjoyed the six lap relay race because I didn’t get that tired, because we had a strategy: we ran one lap and then I waited on the next while my partner ran.”

“I enjoyed working with the other school; they helped us and they had different strengths.”

“I enjoyed the over and under relay because it challenged me as I am quite tall.”

“You have to work together and that makes it fun.”

“I enjoyed that I’ve got to meet my friends from other schools and we’ve got to compete against different people and try different events like the chest push ups, some jumps and the relays.”

“I like javelin because I like to throw things really far. It was good to have different people and see how far they can do it.”



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Dates for your Diaries:

January:

Monday 20th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
 Friday 24th 9am: Ravens Class Sharing Assembly;
 2:15pm: Solihull Approach to Parenting.
 Monday 27th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
 Tuesday 28th 6pm: Parent's Forum at Breckland School with Forest Heath Community Police Team
 Thursday 30th 2:15pm: Solihull Approach to Parenting.
 Friday 31st 9am: Finches Class Sharing Assembly.

February:

Monday 3rd 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
 Tuesday 4th 2pm: EYFS Parent Workshop.
 Wednesday 5th 5.30pm: EYFS Parent Workshop.
 Thursday 6th 2pm: Owlets Parent Café.
 Friday 7th 9am: Flamingos Class Sharing Assembly;
 2pm: Blue Jays Parent Café.
 Monday 10th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly;
 2pm: Ravens Parent Café.
 Tuesday 11th 2pm: Swans Parent Café.
 Wednesday 12th 2pm: Finches Parent Café.
 Thursday 13th 2pm: Flamingos Parent Café.
 Friday 14th 2pm: Robins Parent Café.

Monday 17th – Friday 21st Half Term.

Monday 24th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.





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March:

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| Monday 3 rd | 9am: Star of the Week Assembly. |
| Friday 7 th | 9am: Blue Jays Class Sharing Assembly. |
| Monday 10 th | 9am: 9am: Star of the Week Assembly. |
| Thursday 13 th | 2pm: SEND Drop In for parents with children with SEND. |
| Friday 14 th | 9am: Robins Class Sharing Assembly. |
| Monday 17 th | Interim Reports go out; 9am: 9am: Star of the Week Assembly. |
| Tuesday 18 th | Parents' Evening. |
| Thursday 20 th | Parents' Evening. |
| Friday 21 st | 9am: Swans Class Sharing Assembly; 9am: SEND Drop In for parents with children with SEND. |
| Monday 24 th | 9am: Star of the Week Assembly. |
| Tuesday 25 th | 2pm: Ravens Parent Café. |
| Wednesday 26 th | 2pm: Finches Parent Café. |
| Friday 28 th | 9am: Owlets Class Sharing Assembly; 2pm: Flamingos Parent Café. |
| Monday 31 st | 9am: 9am: Star of the Week Assembly; 2pm: Robins Parent Café. |

April:

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| Tuesday 1 st | 2pm: Blue Jays Parent Café. |
| Wednesday 2 nd | 2pm: Swans Parent Café. |
| Thursday 3 rd | 2pm: Owlets Parent Café. |

Monday 7th – Tuesday 22nd Easter Break.

