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body, and each member belongs to all the others'.



This week in book corner we have some author recommendations from Amethyst class:

Corben recommends Ross MacKenzie author of the 'Nowhere Emporium' trilogy.
Thomas recommends Michael Morpurgo - 'Shadow' (a story about a springer spaniel based on a true story) is the book he is currently reading.

Perdy recommends Rick Riordan - 'Percy and the Lightning Thief' - this is all about the Greek Gods, it is very exciting, there are lots of books in the series for you to read and enjoy.

Elliott recommends Tom Fletcher books such as 'The Christmasaurus' and 'The Creakers'.

Edward recommends Phillip Pullman who has written among other stories the Dark Materials trilogy.

Imogen recommends Jacqueline Wilson - such as 'Secrets' and 'The Suitcase Kid'

Finally, Lydia recommends the classic author Enid Blyton, she enjoys the series of books such as 'Mallory Towers' and 'St Clare's'.

Safeguarding

'Rainbow Friends' Warning - Roblox and Youtube

Rainbow Friends is a **Roblox horror experience** that joins games like Piggy, Five Nights at Freddy's, Poppy Playtime, and others, in taking something seemingly nice and friendly and turning it into a terrifying nightmare.

Be advised that children nationally are either playing this on Roblox or watching videos of the game on Youtube.

This link provides advice on how to add restrictions: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/174084?hl=en-GB&co=GENIE.Platform%3DAndroid>

Royal correspondence

Congratulations to Kai W who has received letters from both King Charles and Prince William. Kai very kindly wrote to them both to offer his condolences when the Queen sadly passed away in September. This was a lovely gesture and these letters are a memorable keepsake of this. Well done, Kai.

Sporty stuff

Well done to Zack P who travelled to London at the weekend to represent the North West korfbal team in a national tournament. Zack reports that the team finished 3rd, only missing out on 2nd place on goal difference! Great work, Zack!

Important dates

Here are 3 important dates for your diary:

9 – 12 May: Y6 SATs week

8 – 9 June: Y5 residential

29-30 June: Y6 residential

Please do all you can to make sure your children are able to attend on these dates.



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Strike update

Thank you for your patience whilst we have navigated our way through the NEU announcement of strike action. We can now confirm that school will be **open as usual** on the first strike day on 1.2.23 and all of the other three subsequent strike days. If anything changes with this situation, we will update parents as soon as possible.

Health and Safety

We had a health and safety audit on Monday and are pleased to report that this went well.

One thing that was pointed out is the fact that parents use the school car park/entrance to turn round. This is putting our children at risk and should not be happening. From Monday, we will be closing off the car park entrance between 8:45am – 9:00am and 3:10 – 3:20pm to prevent any cars using this entrance when children are walking past. Parents can use the gated area further up Moorside Road to turn round if needed. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes but have to make sure our children are safe.

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week.

Diamond - Eden for super independent writing this week.

Ruby – Grace F for a fantastic dance in PE based on the Three Little Pigs.

Topaz – Charlie for working really hard in maths, giving fantastic answers and explaining his reasoning really well. Well done!

Emerald - Michael for working hard in maths and using his knowledge to help his classmates.

Sapphire – Sonny for always trying and consistently demonstrating a positive attitude to learning.

Amethyst – Scarlet for consistently working hard in class and for being a helpful and kind person.

Attendance and illness

If your child is ill, please ring every day to inform the office that they are not attending school. Also, please can you be specific when leaving a message on the answer phone. It's really helpful if we can have some details about the illness in order to keep a track on illnesses in school.

We are monitoring any attendance that is under 90% and will work with parents to try and improve this – we are very conscious that lots of illnesses have been circulating recently and most absence is unavoidable.

Finally, please try and make sure your child is in class by **8:55am** wherever possible – this will help with their learning.