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Celebrating Achievement and Success for all

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I'm so proud of everyone in our whole school community this week: children, staff and families for embracing live lessons with enthusiasm and commitment. I know that so many of the children enjoyed seeing their teachers and their classmates. Seeing the screens and the joy on the children's faces was a real pleasure. The quality of the work that the children are producing both at home and in school is excellent and this week's celebration of excellent work is super!

Next week, we continue with our live learning supported by resources on DB primary. We know there have been teething problems for some but we managed to iron these out as the week has gone on. Thank you for your perseverance and resilience. Please remember, all we ask is you do what you can. We know that family homes are busy places and when you are juggling work, children and home learning, this can be tricky. As always, we are here to help and support. Please just get in touch with your child's class teacher.

I am so delighted that our application to the Greenham Trust - Good Exchange was successful. We received a grant for approximately £4000 to buy more IT equipment for those families who need it. Our IT team have ordered them this week and they will be with us shortly. We have also been fortunate in securing a number of BT free Wi-Fi vouchers, so if you are struggling to access the online learning due to connectivity issues or hardware issues, please contact Mrs Broad - sbroad@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org. We are also able to take advantage of the free mobile data provided by some phone networks, again please contact Mrs Broad for further information.

I was very proud to read about our achievements in the West Berkshire Health and Well Being Hub Newsletter for achieving the Healthy Schools Award. Well done and thank you to all staff for their work in achieving this especially Mr Page and Mrs Osmond. You can read what they said in the extract below:

Health and Wellbeing in Schools Award

Congratulations to Speenhamland on achieving the Health and Wellbeing in Schools Award in December 2020. Speenhamland focused on creating opportunities and building confidence so that pupils achieve 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Speenhamland had to adapt the targets during 2020 and focused on the least active and confident group of pupils in KS2.

One pupil said - 'I have really enjoyed the sessions, especially the dance session which I was able to do at home with mum.' Their teacher said - "Working with some reluctant PE girls, I have seen them blossom in their confidence and ability. Being proactive in choosing activities for the sessions and showing the additional work they have completed at home.'

Next weekend 29th-31st January we will start our RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, there will be more details in Monday's assembly so you might want to get yourselves ready and have a practice this weekend looking at different birds in the garden or when you are out and about enjoying the fresh air.

Thank you all for your continued support of everything we are doing.

Dr C Wilson
Executive Headteacher

If you require any writing materials such as paper or exercise books to support the children's learning at home, there will be supply available from school on Mondays from 1pm. Please email off to organise this before turning up: office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust

PE Challenge

It is fantastic to see so many children completing the PE challenges both at home and those that are in school. The photo below is taken from Thursday's PE challenges, working on tennis related skills.

We will continue to set challenges on a Tuesday and Thursday and look forward to hearing your scores and seeing how you get on with the challenges.

Good luck boys & girls!

COVID19

If your child tests positive for Covid during this lockdown, please do inform the office office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org so that we can log this and make a note telling the class teacher your child may be unwell and not able to access the online learning. Similarly, if your child is in school and they or a member of your household tests positive, they will need to stay at home and isolate.

Please let us know immediately of any positive results.

This Week's Teacher Awards

Class 1	Xavier Pereira Marques
Class 2	Priyansh Kumar
Class 3	Katie Baker
Class 4	Charlie Alston
Class 5	Nozima Sapiahunova
Class 6	Alec Down-Giddens
Class 7	Artur Riley
Class 8	Owen Cowap
Class 9	Lewis Wiggins
Class 10	Hansika Bolli
Class 11	Bethany Whorton
PE Award	Lizzy Mildenhall

Well done to everyone!

School Council Challenge

Some great facts have been sent in for last week's challenge:

- Catfish have over 27,000 taste buds but humans only have 9,000! Caleb Rees Class 10
- The total number of ants have the same weight as the total number of people in the world because there are 10 quadrillion ants and there are 7 billion people. Dhairya Joshi – Class 11
- Brazil is the only country in South America to speak Portuguese. Jasmine Rocha Class 5
- Brazil can actually get really cold and in the South it sometimes snows in August which is their winter time. Isabelle Rocha Class 7
- A man in India once sucked 509 fish through his mouth and snorted them out his nose in one hour! Thomas Breslin Class 10
- Soldier ants carry their comrades back to the nest. Dexter Sewell Class 10

Next Week's Challenge

Monday 25th January is Burn's Night in Scotland. It is an annual festival to celebrate the life of Robert Burns. Watch the video to see who Robert Burns was https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMxIBqpryG0 As is it a Scottish festival, your challenge this week is to make some Scottish Tartan by weaving paper.

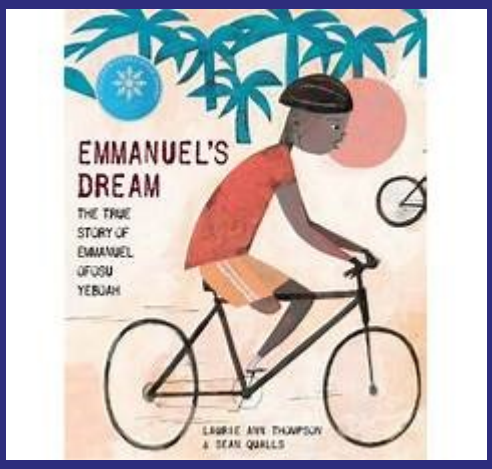
Email pictures of your work to: kosmond@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org

THEME OF THE WEEK

Goals and Dreams

Thank you to everyone who sent their work on goals and dreams to me this week.

The story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah was truly inspirational and taught us the importance of resilience and perseverance.
These are values that we all need at present to support us through these challenging times.
They are values which at Speenhamland we hold dear, as they are incredibly important in order to be successful learners.



HEADTEACHER'S CHALLENGE

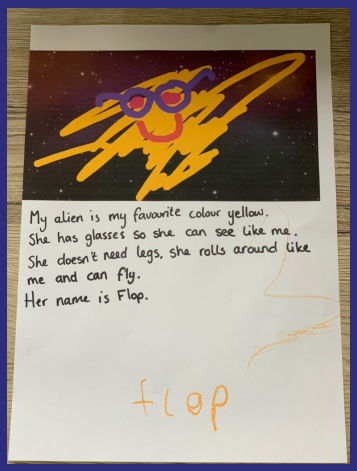
Things to make us

smile

My challenge this week is about finding and noticing things that make us smile.
In order to be resilient and persevere having a positive outlook is key, finding joy in everyday things is important.
So as you go about this week, I would like you to think about three things that you have seen or done that make you smile. As always, you could take a photo, take a picture, write it down or choose another way to show us. Please send your three things to your class teacher or straight to me at:

headteacher@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org

PUPILS' AMAZING WORK

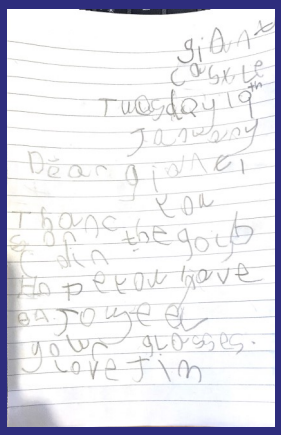


Marley from Class 1 described an alien she had created.

Ruby from Class 1 went on a super number hunt around the house finding representations of 6.

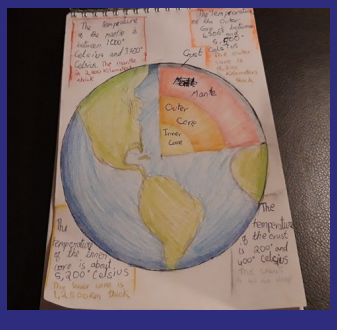
Xavier from Class 1 wrote lots of facts about an alien.

Jack from Class 2 wrote "My alien is green. He has two arms and two legs. My alien is my friend. He is called Jack like me.



Eddie from Class 5 has written a letter to the Giant as Jim. He has thought about all of his sounds and letter formation.

The Planet of Mars
On the planet Mars
They have clothes just like ours,
And they have the same shoes and laces,
And they have the same charms and same graces
And they have the same heads and same faces...
But not in the
very same
Places.
By Joshua Class 11



Hansika from Class 10 identified the different layers of the Earth

Live Learning Timetable

Your child will have the following slots for live learning across the week. They should be logged into teams at this time.

Key Stage	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
EYFS	9.00	13.00	9.00	13.00	9.00	13.00	9.00	13.00	9.00	
KS1	9.30	14.30	9.30	14.30	9.30	14.30	9.30	14.30	9.30	
LKS2	10.00	13.30	10.00	14.00	10.30	14.00	10.00	14.00	10.00	
UKS2	10.30	14.00	10.30	13.30	10.00	13.30	10.30	13.30	10.30	