



Newsletter

6th January 2023



Headteacher's Cup Awards Awarded 16th December 2022 Computing

- Reception:** The Cup in Reception class this half term is for 'Understanding the World' and is going to Jago! Understanding the World involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. We have explored different environments this half term and visited the Eden Project to allow the children to see, feel and hear the differences between them. Jago immersed himself in this learning and is able to recognise that some environments are different from the one in which he lives. He can use new vocabulary and is able to name different animals that live in the environments. Well done Jago!
- Year 1:** The Year 1 winner of the cup was Delilah. During her ICT lessons, she has learnt how to turn the laptop on, log in with the password, open the Paint program and successfully use all the tools in the Paint program to develop her drawing skills on the computer. She worked extremely enthusiastically throughout the lessons over the past term. Well done Delilah.
- Year 2:** Ellis loves computers and IT. He was very knowledgeable about how to stay safe online. He could explain what he needed to do if he accessed something that made him feel 'funny in his tummy'. He knew who his trusted adults were. This alongside his enthusiasm for work on the Kindles, his ability to help his peers, all strengthened my knowledge that he was the person to receive the Computing award this term.
Well done Ellis.
- Year 3:** The cup for Computing in Year 3 went to Chase! During Autumn 1 we looked at Computing systems and networks. Chase was great at identifying the difference between input and output on a digital device. During one of the lessons, the children were tasked with creating a piece of art work on a digital and non-digital device to compare and contrast the two approaches. Chase had amazing keyboard skills when drawing and colouring his picture. He also was very supportive to his peers and helped them. Well done Chase!
- Year 4:** Harry D has put in super efforts into our Computing learning so far this year. Mr Moore has been particularly impressed with his knowledge and skills. He was really good at describing the features of a network and the roles of a switch and router. He was confident at directing members of his group to set up a network for the opening task of our Super Learning Day. Additionally, he excelled in the problem solving element of the day which involved finding routes between networks.
Well done Harry!
- Year 5:** Computing was a challenging cup for Year 5 as a lot of our unit was theory. Therefore, the Year 5 adults came together to consider who has shown computing skills in other areas such as using the Kindles or talking confidently about staying safe online. We are delighted to announce that the Year 5 cup winner is Max A!
- Year 6:** The cup for computing this term goes to Alfie. His knowledge of computer systems and networks is impressive and he can explain well how messages are sent across networks. He has also really enjoyed our computing work this half term.

Attendance

YEAR 2
98.03%

Games

It may well be that for Christmas, you received new games and activities. If your game cupboard is getting a bit full, please consider donating any unwanted items to school. These can then be distributed between class to help children stay entertained during wet breaks. Ideally, quick games such as Uno or Dobble would be best, as opposed to long games like Monopoly. Puzzle books and jigsaws would also be welcome, or quick craft activities like origami.



Late Children

A reminder that unless told otherwise, if you bring your child to school late after the gates are closed, your child should be signed in through the school office. Please do not take them directly to their classroom as lessons will have started for the rest of the class.

Your child should be in the playground by 8.35am for the teacher to collect them at 8.40am when the gates will then close. (Reception class children should walk around to the classroom).

Many thanks.

Football Kit

If your child has a girl's football kit, please could it be returned to the school office on Monday morning.

Many thanks!

Parent Pay Consent Forms

If your child is playing in the football festival on Monday or the home game against Treverbyn next Tuesday after school, please can you make sure that consent has been given on Parent Pay by Monday morning.

If your child is involved in these events, you will have had an email regarding them with all of the information.



Clubs



Thank you for returning the clubs list so promptly, this has enabled us to start clubs next week.

If your child did not gain a space in a club, you will have received a message via Parent Pay with this information. If you have received no messages, your child is in their club/s of choice.

A few clubs still have spaces available.

Day	Time	Club	Places Left	Class
Monday	3.15-4.00	Football	14	5+6
Monday	3.15-4.00	Street Dance (£1 per week)	11	1,2,3,4,5,6
Tuesday	3.15-4.00	Netball	3	5+6
Wednesday	3.15-4.00	Girls Football	3	3,4,5,6
Thursday	3.15-4.00	Kindle Maths	8	2+3

If you would like your child to be first come, first served on the clubs above, please email Mrs Batten on reception@roche.tpacademytrust.org with the following details no later than Monday 9th January at 9am:

Child's Name:

Year:

Club choice:

Medical info:

Emergency Contact Number:

Who will collect at end of club:

Many thanks.

Wellbeing

Beating the Winter Blues

Lots of exciting things happen during winter, but the cold, dark weather can mean that our mental health and emotional wellbeing need a bit more looking after at this time of year. Have a go at completing this sheet, to help you beat the blues.

January Blues

January can often be a difficult month for many people—Christmas is over, the weather is cold with winter stretching ahead of us still and the nights are longer. Many of the things that we do to cheer ourselves up (walks in the countryside, outdoor exercise, playing in the park, enjoying the sunshine ...) are all harder to achieve. However, there are some ways that we can help ourselves beat those 'January Blues'. See the tips below for some ideas to try out and enjoy completing the sheet attached as a family.

Add your happy face below the bobble hat and decorate the hat however you like.



How many positive words can you find in the phrase 'winter blues'? List them on the back of the sheet.

We often send postcards in the summer. Why not design a winter postcard?



Fundraiser

Year 4 are organising a fundraiser this half term for the fantastic local charity 'Prickles and Paws'. They are a charity that support hedgehogs. We have supported them in the past and want to support them again because we have actually had to take several poorly hedgehogs that children have found over the past few years in our school grounds. See below some fascinating facts of what they have done last year!

We would like to organise a special tombola to raise money for their new 'hogspital' that they have recently received planning permission for. Therefore, have you got any unwanted Christmas gifts suitable for children or adults at home that you could kindly donate? (Please do not send in alcohol.)

The deadline to hand in gifts is **Friday 20th January**. Once we know how many gifts we have, we will work out how many tickets we can sell and let you know about our exciting fundraiser!

Many Thanks,
Year 4



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