



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Discussion of the Week

Another busy week in school has flown by! Y5 and 6 children went to Gilbert White's House on Monday on a visit to deepen their understanding about explorers and exploration. The icy cold weather certainly helped them to get into the spirit of what it would have been like for Shackleton and his men on their Antarctic expedition back in 1914 where their expedition unfortunately failed. The children were positive about the visit and have learned a lot which will help them with their writing back in school. I look forward to reading this work! Thank you Y5 and 6 for representing our school so well, and also to parents who came along to help support.

### Class assembly – Y5

Y5 have kicked off class assembly season in style. A large audience of special guests were treated to singing, hustling from the 1970s, handwriting samples and photographs of the children at Runway's End back in September on their residential activities day, amazing writing from their English lessons, along with spectacular knowledge of square numbers. As I anticipated, they ended their assembly by laying down a challenge to all of the other classes to try to be the best one too! I am proud of all of the children for the parts they played in the event; confident, mature and self-assured individuals who have worked hard to produce such a fantastic showcase of what they have been learning since September. Well done Y5!

### Phonics workshops

Thank you for the great turnout to these information events run by colleagues in YR and Y1 this week. It is so important to share what we teach, how and why with you, so that you are able to have a better understanding at home. We have sent the PowerPoint slides out to all of the families in YR and Y1. If you have any questions about what you heard, or what you have read following the meeting, please don't hesitate to come and ask one of us.

### Kings Copse Blog

Hampshire IT, who provide our IT services and security, appear to have blocked our blog hosting website. Therefore Blogger is not accessible and staff have been unable to upload pictures and information regarding their year groups for your perusal. Our intention is to have this sorted and unblocked as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience whilst this is resolved.

### Parent Forum next Friday (31<sup>st</sup> January)


After drop off next Friday morning, if you have half an hour or so to spare and are willing to come along, please be invited to come in for a cup of tea and a chat. What we would value as a school is some insight from you into setting the upcoming agendas for the next 3 meetings until the end of this year, as well as what workshops you would like to have set up before July. Please come along if you can to help us shape how we continue to improve by working together.

Have a good weekend.

*Hayley Ferguson*

### What does resilience look like?

**Birthday of the Week**

	James Watt 1736 - 1819
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**Merits**

**Silver**  
**Amelia (Y2)**

**Well Done!**

**Dates for Diary**

**30<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y3 Class Assembly  
2.30pm followed by work sharing

**31<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Parent Forum 9.00am

**6<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y6 Class Assembly  
2.30pm followed by work sharing

**13<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Y2 Class Assembly  
2.30pm followed by work sharing

**17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb** – Half Term

**24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – INSET DAY

***Be the best that you can be***

Harrison (Y3) brought in several medals that he has received during football matches and other competitions

**Well done!**

**We are very proud of you.**

**This Week's Winning Team**

**BIRCH**