



Star of the Week!

Reception **Teagan Marriott**
 Year 1 **Michael Jones**
 Year 2 **Tori Welch**
 Year 3 **Reagon Atkinson**
 Year 4 **Jaxon Crowe**
 Year 5 **Lana Fitzgerald**
 Year 6 **Rhys Hayes**

This weeks class attendance has been awarded to **Year 6** **98.3%**



School Diary for Week Ahead

Monday 23rd Jan	Year 4 Swimming lesson AM
Tuesday 24th Jan	Year 3 and 6 PE lesson Football after school club 3:15 - 4:15pm
Wed 25th January	Year 3 trip to Oriental Museum Performing arts after school club 3:15 - 4:00pm Parkside football tournament 3:15 - 5:00pm
Thursday 26th Jan	Reception class, year 2 and 5 PE lesson Multiskills after school club 3:15 - 4:15pm
Friday 27th Jan	Year 1 PE Lesson

Information regarding Professional Development (PD) days.

There has been some confusion amongst parents regarding how PD (Professional Development) days are organised in schools. In addition to the normal school holidays there are up to a maximum of 5 additional PD days for schools to plan into the academic year. In 2016/17 we had three PD days to fit into our calendar and these were put into the school diary well in advance so that parents could take these into account when planning child care.

Unfortunately professional development sessions delivered by outside agencies/ professionals cannot always be booked/arranged on these pre-determined PD dates.

When this happens we arrange what we term 'Twilight training sessions' that last from approximately 3:15 till 6 and are in addition to normal weekly meetings. We are entitled to compensate staff for this time on days such as the 3rd January this year when staff could use the day as they wished as they had accumulated more than enough 'Twilight hours'.

If you wish to discuss this matter please contact Mr Cornforth.

School uniform

It is lovely to see our pupils looking smart in their school uniforms. However, some children are still coming to school wearing items of jewellery such as chains or rings. To comply with health and safety requirements the school has a policy of not allowing jewellery except for small stud earrings which must be taped or removed for PE.

Several of our teachers have commented that trainers with flashing lights (some are like a mini disco) are distracting other pupils in lessons. Children love to show their friends and teachers their new things and we have no problem with this. However, once they have shown everyone we would prefer them to either keep them 'for best' and wear other shoes for school, or alternatively, switch off the lights during lesson times.

Your continued support with these matters is always appreciated.



DT Exhibition

As you are aware we started the new year with a focus on design technology. Each year group (year 1 to 6) completed a project around the theme of mechanisms. The children thoroughly enjoying designing and making a variety of cam toys (things such as catapults, motorised vehicles and pop up books). The finale of the project was an exhibition and we are very grateful for the huge turnout of parents and relatives who came into school last Friday to view the children's fantastic work. Our teaching assistants did a super job of displaying the DT projects and the children were extremely proud of themselves when they visited the exhibition and saw how magnificent their work looked. Further photos can be viewed on our website.

