

Newsletter 2

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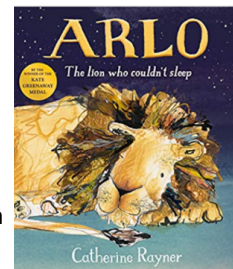
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Recommended reads

Selecting the right type of book for you to enjoy with your child can be tricky, particularly as they get older. The modern day distractions such as electronic devices can detract from book sharing and reading time for many. With this in mind, we will be including 'recommended reads' for you in the newsletter each fortnight. These are books that children may read themselves or which you may enjoy reading with them. Dare I say it, but as thoughts turn to Christmas shopping (eeeeek), this regular item may help you with ideas for a stocking filler.

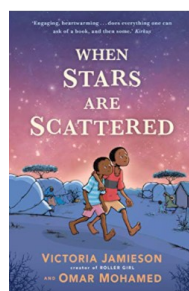
Reception and Key Stage 1—Arlo The Lion who couldn't sleep

Arlo the lion is exhausted. He just can't drop off, no matter what he tries. It's either too hot, or too cold; too loud or too quiet. But then he meets Owl. She can sleep through the day, which isn't easy when most other animals are awake! Will Arlo ever get any rest? Perhaps his new friend has some special tricks she can teach him.



Key Stage 2—When Stars are Scattered

A compelling story of a boy in a Kenyan refugee camp, who is called Omar. Children are encouraged to think about human rights, and migration and this book provides thought provoking content, ideally for children in Years 4-6.



Golden Assembly

Over the past two weeks in school, we have introduced a new weekly assembly, known as 'Golden Assembly'. Golden assembly takes place every Wednesday and is an opportunity to celebrate one child per year group who has demonstrated that they are able to show through their behaviour and learning that they are committed to our behaviour expectation of **RESPECT**. During this time, we have a chance to share achievements and to talk about why they have been nominated. The hard working individuals are recognised by having a golden cape and crown to wear. Over the past two weeks, we have seen children rise to this occasion and to be rightly proud, if they have been nominated by their teacher. You will know if your child has been selected as they will wear a sticker home that day.



Jeans for Genes

This year Jeans for Genes has been very different. We were unable to hold our normal whole school collective worship so each class has learned about the important of Jeans for Genes day through Class Collective Worship. Teachers will be linking this to our core value of respect, along with the realisation that everyone is special in their own way. We have not asked children to wear jeans and pay a pound this year as Covid guidelines make this tricky, so instead of raising money, we are raising awareness.



Pen licence

This week teacher's have started to award Pen Licence points, so well done to the children who have achieved this. To get a pen licence point:

- All letters must be formed correctly in the correct orientation.
- All writing must be on the line.
- All handwriting must be the correct, consistent size and not too big or too small.
- All handwriting must be joined up and cursive where appropriate.
- All writing must be to the best of that specific child's ability.

To be awarded a Pen Licence, the child **MUST** be awarded ten 'PL' points in their writing. This has to be from a range of work across the curriculum. We understand as a school that some children struggle with handwriting and fine motor skills. Therefore the judgement will be taken using the teacher's knowledge of that child and the effort and improvement they have seen will be taken into consideration when awarding the Pen Licence.

Headteacher roll of honour

Zara in Turquoise Class—Zara's attitude to learning has been excellent this week. She has been focussed and her body language has demonstrated that she's always ready to learn. Great work Zara!

Jake in Amethyst Class—Jake has shown attention to detail this week and he was able to explain to me all of his learning in his English work—keep it up Jake and I look forward to reading your writing!

Kacper in Amethyst Class—Kacper absolutely thrived in PE this week. We are proud of his determination and belief in himself. Well done Kacper.

Anti bullying week



Next week marks national anti-bullying week and in school we will be using resources from 'The Big Anti Bullying' campaign to remind everyone in school of the need for mutual respect in our school and community. With them, together we pledge to put an end to bullying, to celebrate diversity and to create communities.

PE kits and jewellery

There appears to be a myriad of PE kits being worn by the children in school—particularly in Key Stage 2. Please be reminded that the children should wear the following for PE:

- Shorts (plain blue)
- t-shirt (blue or white)
- plimsolls or trainers
- A track-suit for winter occasions may be advisable.

Please remember to label/name all clothes with your child's name. Jewellery may not be worn in school. The only exceptions are watches, studs for pierced ears and cultural or religious adornments, which must be removed during lessons involved physical exercise (including swimming). If such items cannot be removed, the individual is not prepared in an acceptably safe way and cannot continue as is, so must take part in modified activity. The school will not accept responsibility for removing or storing studs. Long hair should be tied back.

Forthcoming Dates

- 14th Oct—Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)
- 16th Oct—Harvest celebrations (in school event this year)
- 20th Oct—Parent consultation evening (more details to follow)
- 23rd October—Training day (school closed to children)
- w/c 26th Oct—Half term (children return on 2nd Nov)