

ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 18th November 2016

Dear Parents,

What's been happening:

Return from Japan

Japan was amazing!. We spent three days in Ogawara Minami School experiencing Japanese school life and culture. We then travelled to Tokyo and had a couple of days sightseeing. Thank you to Harry, Ethan S, Tilly B and Sol in Year 6 and to Ellie and Mia in Year 5 for embracing everything that Japan had to offer and representing our school so well. Thank you also to the parents who accompanied us for being fabulous company. Photographs of our visit are displayed on the board in the 'Quiet yard' - take a look! More information will follow on the school website.

Japanese After-School Club has started and the children and parents are thoroughly enjoying the sessions. There are still places available.

We held our Harvest Assembly on 31st October. Thank you for all your kind donations. We have taken them to the local foodbank.

On Wednesday 2nd November British Gas were in school to deliver a Safety Assembly. Some important messages were given to the children in a child friendly way to help them keep safe at home.

Year 3 are involved in a Gardening Project this year. The project is aimed at developing and sustaining our school garden. The first of the sessions was held on 10th November. The children enjoyed the afternoon and two more are planned for during the year.

On Monday 14th November M & M Productions visited school to perform the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'. It was a wonderful performance as always.

On Thursday our Anti-Bullying Ambassador group delivered an assembly to help us celebrate 'Anti-Bullying Week'. The Ambassadors planned and delivered the whole assembly themselves and did a terrific job. Thank you to all of them; Ruby O'N, Michael B, Jessica O, Kate S, Patrick, Jake P, Nel W, Hope S, Kristen T, Joshua Y and Jack R for being amazing!

Over the last couple of weeks we have held Class assemblies for Years 3 & 5. Year 3 presented their Learning Challenge work about The Stone Age and showed off their excellent writing skills with the stories they have written. Year 5 shared their work on Space, Japan and the Mayans. Year 5 performed really well demonstrating their confidence with such clear voices. Thank you to both classes for working so hard and presenting so well.

Next week On Wednesday 23rd November Year 2 will perform their assembly for parents at 3p.m. We look forward to seeing parents and grandparents then.

Wednesday 16th November, as promised, Dr Tom Robson was back in school to work with our children and to deliver a workshop for parents. Tom has worked with us before on 'learning powers'. His approach encourages children to become confident, focused, independent and resilient learners. We have adopted this approach in school and it is having a positive and lasting impact on our children as learners. I know that parents thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and came away feeling energised by Dr Tom's positive approach to learning. For parents who couldn't make the session, just google 'Dr Tom Robson' and you will be able to see some of his work or ask your children. More information will be available on our website very soon.

Today Friday 18th November Antony Wootten (author) has been in school to work with our key stage 2 classes. Antony started with an assembly with all the children and then delivered a workshop with each class. This is part of our work to help children to improve their writing skills by presenting them with positive role models and providing them with a real purpose for their writing.

Parents Evenings were well-attended this week. Thank you for supporting your children with their learning at home—it really does make a difference!

I look forward to seeing you some of you at The Town Christmas Parade tonight 4-p.m. in the Market place. Even if you haven't signed up, just come and join us—the more the merrier! You will be able to spot us by our Banner!

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff

Although Industrial Action is planned for Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November, school will be open for ALL classes as normal. Breakfast Club will also run on these days. **PLEASE NOTE: This does not mean that we don't value the excellent work that our Teaching Assistants do to support all the children in school. Thank you.**



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

4th November 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	James S
Class 1	Iris C
Class 2	Eden S
Class 3	Ethan R
Class 4	Kiera T
Class 5	Lilia W
Class 6	Tilly B

Superstar of the Week!

*** Eden S ***

Star of the Week Award

14th November 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Elena W
Class 1	Jack R
Class 2	Daniel B
Class 3	Charlie M
Class 4	Joshua Y
Class 5	Mia H
Class 6	Michael B

Superstar of the Week!

*** Michael B ***

Writer of the Week

4th November 2016

Reception	Jacob B
Class 1	Zack R
Class 2	Sophie B
Class 3	Anna T
Class 4	Sophie A
Class 5	Charlotte D
Class 6	Lucy B

Well Done for producing such fabulous writing!

Writer of the Week

11th November 2016

Reception	Kate D
Class 1	Cruz J
Class 2	Thomas B
Class 3	Finley C
Class 4	Amelia D
Class 5	Matthew B
Class 6	Kelsi H

Well Done for producing such fabulous writing!

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

17/10/2016

Year 5

98.2%

Well Done

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Week Beginning:

31/10/2016

Year 4

99.3%

Well Done

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Week Beginning:

07/11/2016

Year 1

99.4%

Well Done